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# Working for Lost, Backslidden, Missing People



Ron C. Smith, D.Min., Ph.D. President of the Southern Union Conference

"I will heal their backsliding. I will love them freely," Hosea 14:4.

Christ spent a good share of His ministry here on Earth trying to reach and reclaim the backsliders of His day. In Luke 15, He gave three parables that he intended to teach a needed lesson to the religious leaders, who taught that God rejoiced when a sinner or backslider was destroyed. Christ showed by the three parables that God is waiting for missing people to be found and reclaimed. He said that there is rejoicing in Heaven when one lost sinner is found and rescued.

In Luke 15, Christ talks about three different types of lost, backslidden, and missing people:

• Those who, like the sheep, know they are lost but don't know how to find their way back. Someone has to go and search for them and bring them back.

• Those who, like the coin, don't realize they are lost, so they are unable to do anything about their condition.

• Those who, like the prodigal son, know they are lost, know their way back, but are afraid they will not be received back and forgiven.

Most of the missing from our 290,000 members of the Southern Union will fit into the last category. We need to find creative ways to convey to them positive, accepting messages that our heavenly Father loves them dearly, is longing to forgive them, and that He eagerly is waiting for their return.

Some of the most effective pastors and pastoral evangelists have recognized that lost, backslidden, and missing members who have been recovered are often the best prospects for future leaders in our churches. As a pastor of tiny, mid-sized, and very large congregations of thousands of members, I've experienced recovered missing members of the Church to be the most receptive people with whom I've worked.

There are at least five reasons why we should not neglect lost, backslidden, and missing people:

• With their knowledge, backsliders will have the most to give an account of in the judgment day.

• They know, and most sincerely believe, the Bible messages of truth that we have to share with the world.

• When truly converted, the backslider will be one of the most enthusiastic and dedicated Christians in the Church.

• In most cases, these individuals will not easily be discouraged or need the care that a new convert without their background will need. They have been out in the cold world, and they know that doesn't satisfy.

• With very little instruction, the missing member who has been recovered can accept the whole message of salvation, and in a short time be a powerful help to the cause of God.

Finally, gaining the confidence of lost, backslidden, and missing people is a great contemplation to embrace at the outset of their recovery. Allow them to freely talk about their family and their lives. Instead of condemning or agreeing with the charges or excuses offered by the missing, lost, or backslidden person, listen and be sympathetic to what he/she is saying. You must be neutral because you do not know if what he/she is saying is fact or opinion. You may wish to use two phrases that I have found helpful in response to criticism or bitterness:

• "I'm sorry to hear that," or

"That's too bad."

It's important to not judge the person talking, or to defend the people he/she is criticizing. Let the lost, backslidden, or missing person know that you'd like to become his friend before you start talking about his relationship with the Lord or the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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COVER: Adventist University of Health Sciences, Orlando, Florida, celebrates its 25th year. It opened in 1992 under the name Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences, and the name was changed to its current name in 2012.

# ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES CELEBRAATES 25 YEARS OF ACADEMIC AND SPIRITUAL EXCELLENCE

BY LISA MARIE ESSER

dventist University of Health Sciences (ADU), Orlando, Florida, is celebrating its 25th anniversary, a milestone for a University sprouted from humble beginnings. For more than two decades, the University has been committed to a singular mission, developing skilled professionals who live the healing values of Christ — not only by providing students with a quality clinical education, but by nourishing their spiritual growth in a faith-based setting that prepares them to extend the healing ministry of Christ. From its founding through its transformation into a fully accredited institution of excellence and innovation. ADU has strived to foster leaders who will practice healthcare as ministry.

In 1989 Florida Hospital was looking at the future of healthcare and ways in which their incoming employees were being educated. At that time the hospital offered educational programs in nursing, radiography, and sonography. These diploma schools, however, were changing and starting to phase out in favor of A.S. degrees, which offered a more robust curriculum. In addition, the programs weren't providing enough benefit for the costs involved. Tom Werner, then president of Florida Hospital, saw an opportunity to open a new college that would provide a steady stream of new employees with the education and mission-focused values that Florida Hospital needed.

In 1990 Werner approached David Greenlaw, D.Min., ADU president, and asked if he'd take on the task of determining whether a college would be beneficial to the hospital. Outside consultants were brought in to research the expected costs, the process of accreditation, and obtaining the necessary licenses. An official report was compiled with the recommendation that Florida Hospital start their own college.

Greenlaw accepted the responsibility of establishing and directing the new institution, and right from the start, teaching healthcare as ministry remained the focus. "What was clear from the school's founding was that mission would drive the school as it grew," said Greenlaw, when asked about ADU's beginnings.

In 1992 ADU opened for its first registration under the name Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences. The first degrees developed by the college were based on the four programs the hospital had previously offered, now modified to associate degrees. Within a year of opening, the school increased its original roster with a new degree, an A.S. in radiation therapy. As the school grew and registration numbers increased, it seemed time to look at expanding degree offerings. After considering other options, ADU chose to introduce an A.S. in occupational therapy assistant (OTA), which was in great demand.

In 1998 ADU introduced its first bachelor's program, a B.S. completion degree in nursing. And a decade later, the school introduced its first graduate program in nurse anesthesia. After the addition of the nurse anesthesia graduate degree in 2008, more followed: a master's degree in occupational therapy in 2011, a master's degree in healthcare administration in 2013, a master's degree in physician assistant studies in 2015, and the first doctoral degree in physical therapy in 2016.

In 2001 ADU continued its expansion by becoming one of the earliest schools to enter the online space. Now all students who felt the call to healthcare would have access to ADU's mission-focused education, no matter the distance. Currently, ADU offers online B.A. degrees in radiologic sciences, diagnostic medical sonography, and nursing, and graduate degrees in health administration. Later, a satellite campus location was opened in Denver, Colorado, which currently offers degrees in radiography, sonography, and nursing.

As ADU's online presence grew tremendously, Greenlaw observed that the school's name wasn't as quickly identifiable outside of the central Florida community, where Florida Hospital was a well-known entity. Greenlaw suggested a name change that would be instantly recognizable to prospective students, the Adventist University of Health Sciences. The new name aligned the school closer to the Seventh-day Adventist Church and to its parent organization, Adventist Health System, to reinforce the University's mission. Greenlaw commented that, "Changing our name to Adventist University of Health Sciences did not change who we are; it's simply a better reflection of who we've always been."

As ADU's OTA associate's degree program proved to be very successful, another B.S. degree was added that would bridge that program with one of six occupational therapy master's programs available in the state. Tia Hughes, department chair for the master of occupational therapy (MOT) program, eventually saw an opportunity for the school to develop its own master's program, and proposed its creation to Greenlaw and the school's senior administration.

Compelled by how many students were unable to attend an occupational therapy school due to distance, the program's development was approved in 2009. By 2011, the program had its first class of students. Although the setup was hard work for Hughes and her small team, she says it has "proven to be a huge blessing." And, the program is very popular. "We have been able to hire qualified and dedicated professors ... and my students all get high-paying jobs after graduation."

After the introduction of its first graduate program in nurse anesthesia, ADU made plans to roll out more master's degrees over the next few years. At that time, the University only offered an A.S. in pre-professional studies, and Len Archer, Ph.D., chair for the program, felt the school should develop new bachelor's programs that would fully satisfy pre-requisites for graduate programs and Ph.D. studies. He helped introduce degrees in biomedical sciences and health sciences, which would each focus on preparing students for a variety of pre-professional programs, including physical therapy, physician assistant, occupational therapy, healthcare administration, and pre-med studies. Both programs were created with variability in mind, allowing



David Greenlaw, D.Min. (front, left), with some faculty and staff during ADU's early years.

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ADU's General Education Building, converted from the old Florida Hospital Seventh-day Adventist Church

students to optimize their course selection based on their future professional goals.

As ADU continued to evolve as a preeminent, faith-based healthcare institution, it was important to bring more focus to the mission and vision. To bring clarity to ADU's vision, an on-campus contest was created to choose the four words that would define ADU's core values. The chosen words — Nurture, Excellence, Spirituality, and Stewardship — are key pieces to the school's identity, interwoven into everything that ADU does.

Greenlaw also wanted to create a symbol on-campus that would serve as a constant visual reminder for students to *live* the healing values of Christ. After considering different options, a garden was chosen to represent the University's spirituality-driven vision. The beautiful Garden of Miracles was constructed in 2014 as an artistic expression of the healing ministry of Christ.

One challenge in supporting the mission of the University was bridging faith and learning for a student body consisting of a wide variety of backgrounds. Two years ago ADU's Office of Mission was established to enhance ADU's mission, and help connect students' faith with their clinical work. Its first task is to incorporate campus ministries into the structure of the University. The school's chaplains are part of the Office of Mission, and are vital to reinforcing the faith-based environment of ADU, working directly with students to deepen their relationship with God. The second task involves collaborating with faculty to interweave faith into all courses. This approach to healthcare instruction has been uncommon in higher education, but the Office of Mission is devoted to unifying spiritual development and clinical learning in practical, effective ways.

"To that end, the Office of Mission is also working with the ADU's professional programs to help students bring their faith, in appropriate ways, into the clinical environment," says Don Williams, Ph.D., who was directly involved in the Office of Mission's inception.

Recently, the Office of Mission began a new initiative called Caring Rounds for students, giving them the opportunity to shad-

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The Garden of Miracles, a daily visual reminder of ADU's mission

ow hospital chaplains during their rounds and learn from first-hand experience. This direct contact has allowed students to engage on a personal level with patients, not just as professionals — all with the goal of reinforcing ADU's ethos of *living* the healing values of Christ.

In 2016, ADU opened two new centers of excellence to deepen the University's role in educational research: the Center for Advanced Ultrasound Education (CAUE) and the Center for Population Health Research (CPHR). The University recognizes the importance of utilizing the talents and passion of its faculty in advancing knowledge for the benefit of both the community and students of ADU. The new centers allow students to directly engage with faculty in creative scholarly endeavors.

ADU has made great strides since its founding 25 years ago, and school leaders are excited for its future. As always, preparing outstanding healthcare professionals who are service-oriented, ready to lead, and focused on mission remains the University's highest priority. Plans for more graduate programs are on the horizon, and in 2018 ADU is preparing to offer a doctorate in nurse anesthesia. ADU's vision includes working closely with Adventist Health System leaders in shaping the future of the University.

Even as ADU grows and matures, its mission to develop skilled professionals who *live* the healing values of Christ will remain the guiding force. Edwin Hernan-

dez, Ph.D., ADU provost, says, "We want our graduates to be individuals of extraordinary character that bring purpose and hope to others."

ADU's next 25 years will be filled with exciting academic developments, but its vision is about more than superior clinical education. It's about ensuring that students will see all patients, regardless of diverse backgrounds, as children of God, and themselves as the heart and hands of Christ, demonstrating exceptional compassionate care.  $\bullet$ 

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#### •••••••itiswrittenfeature

# It Is Written Shows Compassion With A MONETARY GIFT to PARK VISTA

BY ANNALYSE HASTY



It Is Written staff Charles Reel (left), treasurer; John Bradshaw, speaker/director; and Jesse Johnson, general manager, proudly display a mock check written to the Park Vista Hotel in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, to help defray some of their employees' expenses.

ildfires ravaged Gatlinburg, Tennessee, on November 28, 2016, four days before It Is Written's final Partnership weekend event at the Park Vista Hotel in Gatlinburg. It Is Written has held Partnership weekend events at the Park Vista hotel for more than two decades, so changing the event location at the last minute was unexpected. "God provided a great alternate location right here in our hometown of Chattanooga, Tennessee," Ellen Metcalf, development director of It Is Written, explained. "Our partners very quickly changed their travel plans. We were blessed with a great, inspiring weekend."

The It Is Written staff and partners who attended the relocated annual event wanted to do something for the Park Vista staff affected by the fire. The hotel itself sustained only smoke and equipment damage, but many members of the hotel staff lost everything. One member of the hotel management shared that the hotel management was purchasing hygiene and clothing necessities. "We have many employees that lost homes and vehicles," she explained.

At the relocated Partnership event in Chattanooga, the Partners generously filled offering baskets with cash and checks. It Is Written made its own contribution, while some people contributed online. "Our Partners were very generous," reported Charles Reel, treasurer of It Is Written. After the initial check was written, even more funds came in. It Is Written is working with the hotel management, and using the funds to provide gift cards for the Park Vista employees. "We missed seeing our friends at the Park Vista this past December," Metcalf said. "We hope this gift helps them rebuild their lives a little quicker."

It Is Written holds seven Partnership events around the country each fall. The weekends are inspirational, faith-building experiences. To find out how you can become involved, visit itiswritten.com/ partnership.

#### adventisthealthsystemfeature

# TERRY SHAW NAMED PRESIDENT/CEO of Adventist Health System

#### BY CHRISTINE STEWART

he Adventist Health System (AHS) board of directors has appointed Terry Shaw as the organization's new president/CEO. Shaw will immediately assume leadership responsibilities for the faith-based health care system, which includes 46 hospital campuses in 10 states, as well as a continuum of integrated care composed of urgent care centers, home health and hospice agencies, physician practices, and skilled nursing facilities.

"It is a tremendous honor and responsibility to be chosen to lead this organization," said Shaw. "I look forward to building on the successful foundation that has been laid, and working with our leaders and employees across the system as we continue our sacred mission of 'Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ.""

Shaw's career with Adventist Health System spans more than 30 years. Immediately prior to being named president/CEO, he served as executive vice president, chief financial officer, and chief operations officer, where his broad understanding and knowledge of health care finance, information technology, and overall operations enabled him to play a pivotal role in defining the organization's vision and direction. Shaw began his career with AHS as a business intern in 1982. He was appointed director at Florida Hospital in 1985, assistant vice president in 1990, vice president in 1992, and senior vice president in 1996. In 2000, Shaw became senior vice president and chief financial officer for AHS.



With more than 30 years of experience with the organization, Terry Shaw will assume responsibilities as president/ CEO of Adventist Health System in Altamonte Springs, Florida, immediately.



AHS leaders come together in a word of prayer asking for God's continued blessings during this change in leadership.

a role he held until 2010 when he gained COO responsibilities.

"Terry has proven to be a great leader through the years, and his keen business acumen has enabled us to become stronger financially. His deep knowledge and passion for our organization will ensure that AHS is well-positioned to honor our Seventh-day Adventist health care legacy and advance our mission," said Don Livesay, Adventist Health System Board chair.

Don Jernigan, Ph.D., who officially retired as Adventist Health System's president/ CEO on December 8, 2016, after leading the organization for more than a decade, will transition to a faculty role at the Adventist Health System Leadership Institute.

"Terry's experience serving as CFO and COO, combined with his breadth of organizational understanding from financial, operations, and clinical improvement perspectives, will serve Adventist Health System well," said Jernigan. "The future is bright for our organization, and with God's guidance and blessings, AHS will be able to provide even more Christian health care in the communities we serve as a clinically effective, fully integrated health system."

Shaw received bachelor's degrees in accounting and computer science from Southern Adventist University, and a master's degree in administration from the University of Central Florida.

He currently serves as vice chair of the Premier, Inc. board of directors and is a member of the Hospital Financial Management Association, American College of Healthcare Executives, and State of Texas Board of Certified Accountants. As a silver level Leadership Society contributor to the United Way, Shaw supports and generously donates to the nonprofit organization, and is also active with several other professional and service organizations.

He and his wife, Paula, reside in Orlando, Florida, and have two adult sons.

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# From Cotton Fields TO MISSION FIELDS

#### BY DOROTHY KNIGHT MARSH

orn in the deep south of Mississippi was a young girl who was eager to find out what life was like outside cotton fields and the mixed-race community in which she lived. This inquisitive young woman was Anna Knight. Always eager to learn, she taught herself how to read and write by watching other children.

At an early age, she left her home in Mississippi and traveled to Chattanooga, Tennessee. There she was welcomed in the home of I. Dyo Chambers and his wife, who introduced her to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The Chambers couple helped her to get an education, and eventually graduate from Battle Creek Sanitarium in 1898 as a self-supporting missionary nurse.

As a dreamer and a visionary, she dedicated her life to changing the thinking of the people in Mississippi, as well as shining the light of Jesus to the people of India. She was the first African-American woman to be appointed a missionary in India, serving more than six years. Never forgetting those she left behind, she returned to Mississippi and continued with the school that she established before going to India.

As a dedicated educator, she was called to the Southeastern Union, which later merged into the current Southern Union Conference, to serve as secretary of education and Young People Missionary Volunteer Society leader, and she helped start the first black YWCA in the city of Atlanta, Georgia.

Several monuments recognize her contribution to education. On the campus of Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama, are the Anna Knight Center for Women's Leadership, which opened in April 2016, and the Anna Knight Education Building, which houses the Education Department. The Historic Adventist



Village in Battle Creek, Michigan, has an exhibit profiling the life of Anna Knight; and, the people in India honored her by naming the Anna Knight Nurses Hostel to house the nursing students at the Giffard Memorial Hospital in India.

Even though she was dedicated to the Adventist faith, others have noticed her compassion for education. The Jones Community College in Laurel, Mississippi, has established a scholarship in her honor, which is given out each year to students who plan to work in the rural areas as a teacher or nurse.

This past summer, a major movie, *The Free State of Jones*, starring noted actor Matthew McConaughey, was released. It is the story of her father, Newton Knight, a yeoman farmer from Mississippi who rebelled against the Confederate Army, and returned to his home to protect the women and children left behind. Several of Knight's family members were cast as extras in the movie. PBS of Mississippi did a feature story on Anna Knight which aired in the summer of 2016. Her life was noted not only in the Adventist family, but the world.

Dorothy Knight Marsh, her great-niece, recently released a book, From Cotton Fields to Mission Fields: The Anna Knight Story, based on Anna Knight's 1952 autobiography, Mississippi Girl.

This woman of purpose, who had no fear, dedicated her life to educating and improving the lives of people around her, no matter who or where they were.  $\bullet$ 

#### georgiacumberland feature

# Cairo Holiday Gala CELEBRATES OUTREACH



EW Dempsey, adult ministries director, with two volunteers from the event



Students and their families from the 3 Point Play Basketball Ministries attended the Holiday Gala Banquet. The event was a joint partnership with the Kenyon Memorial Church and the Conference office.

#### BY LILLIE AND JAMES MELLO

he Kenyon Memorial Church in Thomasville, Georgia, partnered with the Georgia-Cumberland Conference's Pioneer Outreach Ministries and EW Dempsey, Georgia-Cumberland adult ministries director, to provide a Holiday Gala Banquet for the Bible Research students, and the parents of the 3 Point Play Ministries Basketball Camp students and their families from Grady County, Georgia. The Gala was a grand event held Sunday evening, December 11, 2016, in Cairo, Georgia, where about 85 guests from the community of Cairo and surrounding towns came together to celebrate the holidays with the Kenyon Memorial and Colquitt churches.

The banquet hall was elegantly decorated by Lynda Davis and her team. The food, served by Grant Fortune, chef, and his team, was delicious. The program was well organized and implemented by Lillie Witherspoon, program coordinator, along with her team. Latonia Bryant, with the Youth Ministries Department, ushered the guests. Church members served as host and hostesses to each table to ensure guests were well received and engaged with an excellent meal, friendship, and wonderful music. Music was provided by Cynthia Higdon and a local professional musician, Carlton Mills.

Ranada Wyche, photographer, offered families the opportunity to have a professional-style Christmas family photo taken. Dempsey gave a brief, stirring message about the importance of physical and spiritual health. He introduced Ervin Davis and James Mello, pastor, as speakers for the upcoming health seminar and revival series, and each gave a short synopsis of the 2017 events for Grady County. After the program, guests had the opportunity to fill out interest cards. Of the 14 interest cards received, 11 indicated an interest in the Reversing Diabetes Seminar, five requested personal Bible studies, and four hoped to visit the church soon.

It was a wonderful way to celebrate the season of our Savior's birth. All involved were blessed by the event and the opportunity to make new friends. Dempsey shared that this is a model of how a church can follow up work in a pioneer area.

A special service award plaque was given to Dempsey for his wife, Beth Ray, in her absence. Beth Ray Dempsey processes all the Bible Research lessons. She was honored for her 23 years of faithful service to God through the Bible Research correspondence course.

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# MORE HOPE CARAVAN

#### BY MARIEL LOMBARDI



Gerson Sanchez, Gulf States pastor, baptizes a couple that got married before the baptism in Gulfport, Mississippi.

Jose Castillo, Georgia-Cumberland pastor, baptizes candidates at the Knoxville, Tennessee, Spanish Church.

orge was a street man. He was not homeless, but he did not have a family. He rented a room, and, after finishing work, most of his life took place in the streets. His friends were his family. He says, "They were my brothers, parents, nephews, everything — until there was a shortage of drugs. Then, we all competed to have it, and we became our worst enemies." For a time, Jorge went with a family who had invited him to attend the Wilson Adventist Church in North Carolina. There the Spirit began to work on him, though not in a visible way. His life appeared to continue its previous course, with small lapses, until he had an accident. Suddenly, he felt the need to search for the Lord, and it seemed as if God had used the accident to call him. When the More Hope Caravan started, he decided to attend. The old Jorge died, born to a new life that he now enjoys and tries to share with others.

This is just one of the testimonies collected during the Harvest Caravan of More Hope 2016. the initiative was divided into two parts, The Training Caravan, which took place the week of March 18 to 26; and the Harvest Caravan, from

### hispanicministriesfeature



Yhonny Castro and Ezequiel Osorio, Gulf States pastors, at Meridian Camp Meeting in Mississippi, witnessed attendance of more than 1,300; 300 were guests, and 44 were baptized.



Alexandro Bullón preaches in Morristown, Tennessee (Georgia-Cumberland Conference).

August 26 to September 10, which took place in 20 congregations.

In the first phase, the members of 20 pastoral districts of the Union territory were trained and motivated. The churches were visited to demonstrate how the hearts of people can be touched and led to the Kingdom of Heaven by using the method of Jesus. The Hispanic ministries directors of the participating conferences, along

with the district pastors of the churches, concentrated on keeping the flame burning during the following months.

As a result, a large group of people were reached. Church members shared their faith with their acquaintances using the methods learned during the training. One of their primary outreaches was small groups, interacting with those interested in the familiarity of a home. This provided the opportunity to develop friendships and reach their hearts for the Lord.

Among the testimonies collected during the sowing campaign was one of a Hispanic coordinator who commented that one church where the caravan visited was "cold"; the members were never involved in any type of activity. However, as they gradually decided to participate in the campaign, their enthusiasm quick-

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Alexandro Bullón preaches at Emmanuel Church in Tampa, Florida (Southeastern Conference).



Alexandro Bullón preaches in Mount Olive, North Carolina (Carolina Conference).

ly grew as they watched the results. By sharing their faith, their relationship with Christ was increased, and they felt the need to pray more and seek God in His Word. Working for others is healthy for the Christian life, just as exercise is for physical health.

Esperanza TV, represented by its director, Rubén Merino, pastor, participated during the tour in the final harvest stage, which lasted 16 days and covered five states, seven conferences, and a distance of 4,800 miles. Merino used social media to publish photos; baptism video clips; and interviews with newly baptized, pastors, and coordinators who shared what was happening at each location.

As a result of this initiative, 801 people gave their lives to God through baptism, and another 307 made the decision to study and be baptized in the near future. This project has been the most ambitious that the Southern Union Hispanic Ministries Department has carried out in recent years, and the presence of the Holy Spirit was apparent throughout.

**Mariel Lombardi** is the SURF customer service and accounts manager at the Southern Union in Norcross, Georgia.

### hispanicministriesfeature



Fredy Villamil, Carolina Conference pastor (in the baptistry), prepares to baptize a couple in Mount Olive, North Carolina.



Alexandro Bullón gives a call at the Meridian, Mississippi, Camp Meeting (South Central Conference).

## Bartch Transplant House Provides Home, Services to Transplant Patients, Families



The Bartch Transplant House features 24 private rooms, a kitchen, laundry facility, and common spaces for families of transplant patients.

lorida Hospital leaders are excited to announce the opening of the Bartch Transplant House, a new home at the Orlando campus that will provide crucial services to transplant patients and their families.

Each year, more than 135 patients and their families must travel more than 50 miles for each doctor's appointment. The average patient has 40 appointments and stays in the hospital for two to three weeks. For some transplant patients, the hospital stay is months.

The Bartch Transplant House will provide affordable accommodations, and allow families to cook their own meals, reduce expenses such as gas, and stay in a peaceful setting near the hospital.

The three-story, craftsman-style Bartch Transplant House — named after the family who made a significant contribution to the project — is modeled after the original Florida Hospital, opened in 1908. It is 21,000 square feet, and features 24 private rooms, a sprawling porch overlooking Lake Winyah, a kitchen, laundry facility, and common spaces. Transplant patients' families will be able to stay in the house in upcoming weeks.

"Transplant patients and their families are under great stress, not just because of their illness, but also because of the travel required and length of hospital stays," said Barry Friedman, senior administrative director of the Transplant Institute. "Our patients need extensive support from family and friends, and the Bartch Transplant House will help relieve some of these burdens and the financial stress associated with treatment and recovery."

For more than 40 years, Florida Hospital has been committed to saving lives through the Transplant Institute, which offers kidney, liver, kidney/pancreas, lung, and heart transplants.

It is one of the nation's oldest and largest kidney transplant programs, with more than 160 kidney transplants performed annually. Since the program's inception in 1973, Florida Hospital surgeons have performed nearly 4,000 kidney transplants.

"The emotional and physical support of family and friends is vital to a patient's healing," said Robert Metzger, M.D., medical director of the Institute's kidney transplant program. "The Bartch Transplant House is a priceless resource, not just for our patients, but for all of central Florida."

BY FLORIDA HOSPITAL MEDIA RELATIONS

### Hospital Recognized Nationally for Promoting Organ, Eye, Tissue Donation



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Throughout the year, Florida Hospital Fish Memorial led awareness and registry campaigns to educate staff, patients, visitors, and community members about the critical need for organ, eye, and tissue donors, and, by doing so, increased the number of potential donors on Florida's donor registry. The hospital earned points for each activity implemented between May 2015 and April 2016, and was awarded bronze-level recognition through the HR-SA Workplace Partnership for Life hospital campaign. Of the 995 hospitals participating in the campaign, 207 were awarded bronze recognition during this phase of the campaign.

The Workplace Partnership for Life hospital campaign is a special effort of HRSA to mobilize the nation's hospitals to increase the number of people in the country who are registered organ, eye, and tissue donors, and, ultimately, the number of organs available for transplant.

The campaign unites donation advocates at hospitals with representatives from their local organ procurement organizations, Donate Life America affiliates, and state and regional hospital associations. Working together, the teams leverage their communications resources and outreach efforts to more effectively spread word of the critical need for donors.

Florida Hospital Fish Memorial worked

with TransLife on the campaign. TransLife is east-central Florida's federally-designated organ and tissue donation program agency, covering 10 counties and partnering with more than 40 hospitals — a critical link between the hospital, the donor family, and those awaiting the gift of life.

"This national recognition is extraordinary because it is indicative of the strong partners we have in our community who are committed to sharing the message of hope through organ, eye, and tissue donation education," said David DeStefano, TransLife's executive director. "We are proud of the work Florida Hospital Fish Memorial has done to educate our community, and look forward to continuing this shared message of hope in the future." •

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### Radio Went to the Movies



n November 4, 2016, an unprecedented outreach opportunity was presented to the Adventist Church with the release of Hacksaw Ridge, the movie about Desmond Doss. Realizing this, WYEJ Radio, Where You Enjoy Jesus, decided to undertake a project to increase awareness of It Is Written and WYEJ Radio in the community by going into theaters to hand out the John Bradshaw book, The Faith of Desmond Doss. A bookmark was inserted into each book letting the reader know this was a gift from WYEJ Radio and how to hear the station. Permission was received to place books on three tables in two theaters. With the support of the North Anderson Adventist Church and It Is Written, 3,400 books have been handed out so far.

Books were always available for movie-goers to pick up on their own, but church members felt the books would have more value to readers if they were also received from a person. The volunteers report that everyone they talked to, some with tears in their eyes, were very impressed with the Desmond Doss story. One lady stopped on her way into the theater to pray over the books, and even volunteered to come back to help. Another lady said she was going to take the book to her Bible study group. Others requested Bible studies and more information about Seventh-day Adventists. Two visited North Anderson the following Sabbath and have continued to attend. If support allows, WYEJ plans for more projects in the community.

WYEJ is a member-owned Seventh-day Adventist radio station located in Anderson, S.C., on the campus of the North Anderson Church. Since August 2015 it has been broadcasting truth, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, on 106.7 FM to the estimated 123,000 residents within its listing area.

WYEJ is an affiliate of LifeTalk Radio. LifeTalk Radio is a ministry of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, providing programming to about 100 stations nationwide. Speakers such as David DeRose, Dwight Nelson, and Shawn Boonstra can be heard daily. Although most programming is prerecorded, Doug Batchelor's Bible Answers Live is carried live Sundays at 10 p.m. Occasionally other live events such as John Bradshaw's Revelation Today – Mysteries Revealed can be heard.

Here is what Kevin Pires, pastor of the North Anderson Church, says about Life-Talk Radio: "I am blessed by the music and messages, whether about health or the Word of God." In addition to WYEJ, Life-



Talk Radio can be heard on computers@ltr. streamon.fm, on Roku, and on smart phones by installing the Apple or Android app. To learn more about LifeTalk Radio, go to www.lifetalk.net.

WYEJ does what it can to keep costs low. One way of doing this is by foregoing the expense of producing local programming, relying instead on the professional programming provided by LifeTalk Radio. North Anderson is a small church with limited resources, but does what it can to help such as providing power and equipment space. Generous financial donations from the Carolina Conference, and used equipment donations from Tim Mamms and the Greenville (N.C.) Church and WFHC Radio in Fletcher, N.C., have made it possible for WYEJ to go on the air.

So where does the support come from? First and most importantly from God, and secondly from individuals like you who feel led to support this ministry. Does WYEJ Radio have needs? Like most ministries, yes. Currently the antenna needs updating to allow listeners to have the highest quality signal without the interference some now experience. Also needed is to address the cost of the transmitter and the updating of computer technology. The cost of covering these needs are approximately \$11,500. If you feel led to support WYEJ Radio, tax deductible donations can be made through the North Anderson Adventist Church, 3551 North Highway 81, Anderson, S.C. 29621, or online at https://www.adventistgiving.org/?OrgID=ANT8AN. If you have any questions about WYEJ Radio, please contact Larry Johnson at 803-315-9594, or by email at wyejradio@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your support.

BY WYEJ VOLUNTEERS

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### Hilton Head Spanish Church Grows



Leslie Louis, president of Carolina Conference, encourages the members to let the light of Christ continue to shine in their community, before the prayer of dedication for the Hilton Head, S.C., Spanish Church expansion.

he Hispanic Adventist presence at Hilton Head, S.C., began in 1995 with the arrival of spouses Archimides and Gloria Reyes. At that time, there was only the Adventist Church in the United States, which was headed by Rick Howard, pastor.

The Reyes team immediately began to give Bible studies, and, as a result of their work, four individuals were baptized August 1, 1995. In that group of new members were the Adame samily: Guillermo, Silvia, Vanesa, and Alberto Jiménez. These were joined by the Morales and Núñez families, who were very supportive.

The small group grew until the arrival of Moises Sauza, pastor, who was officially assigned to take charge of the group in 2000, and four months later became a company. After three years, on May 19, 2003, the congregation was accepted as an organized church.

With the departure of Sauza and the arrival of Freddy Villamil, pastor, a new inspiration arose for the project of the temple that was recently dedicated. The church thanks pastors Sauza and Villamil for their leadership and their great vision for the growth of the work in Hilton Head.

BY PASTOR ISRAEL MORA

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### St. Augustine Church Serves as Command Center After Hurricane



Students with training and experience in emergency response came from several Adventist academies to join other volunteers in St. Augustine, bringing relief for those devastated by Hurricane Matthew. "I found myself watching unbelievable acts of or-ganization and selflessness," wrote a member of the Graf family. "This group brought back perspective to our much-challenged lives. As we have seen devastation, we have also regained hope for the future because of them."



St. Augustine Church offered its fellowship hall/gymnasium space to house Hurricane Matthew first response teams. The church grounds quickly became the bustling home base and command center for volunteers who came to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus.

The pastor of St. Augustine Church recounts his personal experience.

s Hurricane Matthew approached the east coast of Florida, first responders were notified with the order, "Be ready." Once the hurricane hit, it was immediately obvious that damage was significant, and clean-up would be extensive in St. Augustine, the nation's oldest city.

The majority of destruction hit the downtown historic district and southern shoreline through Palm Coast. Many residents were displaced and devastated with the surge that flooded their homes. After assessing the situation, the members and I knew we had to do something.

Through contact with Conrad Duncan, Florida Conference Adventist Community Services director, I received a call from David Canther, CEO and founder of GR3 (Global Rescue, Relief, and Resilience; formerly ACTS World Relief), who connected us with first responders in Jacksonville. We gave them a status report on the area situation and offered our church as an option to house as many first responders as they could send. Within two days, the church fellowship hall/gym quickly became a command center as Adventist first response teams were bussed in from Tri-City Academy (North Carolina), Heritage Academy (Tennessee), and Fletcher Academy (North Carolina). We were impressed by the professionalism and organization of the faculty and students who came highly trained in the field of emergency response.

It was such a blessing to work alongside these volunteers as they touched so many people in the community with everything from removing fallen trees and yard debris and mucking out homes devastated by the surge, to the very touching moments of praying with discouraged residents, sharing tracts of hope, or just offering a listening ear.

Jim Ingersoll, Southern Union Conference associate director of education, and his wife, Becky, guided volunteers and provided the organizational leadership needed to get as much work accomplished as possible in 10 days, as the students rotated through the St. Augustine Church site. Our church and volunteers came together to be the hands and feet of Jesus in a hurting community.

Ryan Amos, pastor of Jacksonville Southpoint Church, provided experience and resources as he assisted in leading and networking within the community. We were also thankful for a large donation of Little Debbie products from McKee Foods which were distributed throughout the community and several volunteer sites established by the local Emergency Operation Center.

Because of serving the community in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew's devastation, I witnessed friendships develop and a relevance in ministry that I have never experienced before!  $\bullet$ 

BY JONATHAN PAWSON

## Gainesville Community Reached Through Health Fair



Children were given an introductory martial arts lesson.

ainesville Spanish Church held its eighth International Health Fair, October 16, as more than 20 businesses participated with time and gifts for the community.

More than 200 participants learned about health, better eating, and how to make exercise part of their daily life. In addition, various free services were offered: tests for glucose levels and blood pressure, haircuts, eye exams, HIV testing, flu shots, and medical exams by the University of Florida.

A place of prayer was also provided where visitors could pray or ask for prayer. Bounce houses and a face-painting station were available for children, and a free, healthy meal of Spanish food was served to participants.  $\bullet$ 

BY ISABEL TORRES



More than 200 health fair attendees learned about healthy eating and enjoyed a free meal of tasty Spanish food.

## Archil and Vierge Jean Celebrate 60th Anniversary

rchil and Vierge Jean celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 2016. They were married on March 8, 1956, at St. Jules Church on the island of Haiti. Archil was employed as a farmer, and his wife was a merchant.

They were baptized into the Adventist Church in 1979. They are now members of Elim French Haitian Church in Naples, Fla., where their son, Archimede, is the first elder.

Ten children were born into the Jean family, but only four of them presently survive: Archimede, Antoinette, Merilia, and Wilner. Archil and Vierge have 10 grandchildren.  $\bullet$ 



Vierge and Archil Jean

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# Hazekamp Retires With 42 Years of Service



Mitch Hazekamp, with wife Vivian, recently retired after 42 and a half years of ministry service with the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

itch Hazekamp has retired from church ministry after 42.5 years. He says the one thing that changed his life forever took place on June 15, 1968, when he was baptized at Half Moon Lake into the Seventh-day Adventist faith.

Hazekamp grew up in Michigan, and expected to work for Hazekamp Foods, the family business. God had other plans. After his baptism, he felt called to ministry and attended Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University) in Collegedale, Tenn. After college he was employed by the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, where he has spent his life serving.

"Ministry became my life; it defined and changed who I was as a person," says Hazekamp. For the past 14 years, he has served as the stewardship and planned giving director and Association secretary. Feeling great passion for stewardship, he even published a book, *Stewardship & Ev*- erything; Practical Lessons from Scripture and Daily Life.

Hazekamp has worked at churches around the Conference, from Rossville, Knoxville, and Morristown, to Murphy and Savannah. He served as regional ministerial director for the southern region, and built many schools and churches during his tenure. He has fond memories of mission service to Venezuela, Cambodia, Kenya, India, and the Philippines. He even helped rebuild Bass Memorial Academy in Lumberton, Miss., after Hurricane Katrina.

He fondly remembers his first evangelism experience with Perry Green. He also recalls when the people of Kenya thought he was God, due to his evangelism messages and sharing of God's love. "They have nothing, just mud huts and grass roofs. I explained that God was speaking through me," says Hazekamp. Hazekamp went back the next year to pray with and visit Kenyans in their villages, and help with building projects.

Every call he took was only accepted after there was also a position for his wife, Vivian Hazekamp, who served as a principal and teacher. In 2012, Hazekamp experienced a tragic accident from a tree falling. He didn't know if he would ever walk or work again. Thankfully, due to his great health, a loving wife, and a strong love of walking and outdoor gardening, he did walk again and is back doing the things he enjoys.

He joins his wife, who served 40 years, in retirement, and plans to still fell trees, burn brush, garden, and hike with his lovely wife. They recently purchased a new travel trailer, and have plans to visit several locations, including a favorite, the Great Smoky Mountains National Parks.

BY TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER

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### Greeneville Students Aid in Gatlinburg Disaster



The ninth- and tenth-grade students from Greeneville Adventist Academy in Greeneville, Tenn., provided aid two times to those impacted by the fires in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

he ninth- and tenth-grade students of Greeneville Adventist Academy in Greeneville, Tenn., played an active role in the restoration of the fire-ravaged Gatlinburg, Tenn.

On the night of the fire that engulfed the Smoky Mountain region of Gatlinburg, Greeneville Adventist Academy high school students began planning how they could help. The next day they began a donation drive of water bottles and granola bars, and by the following day, December 3, 2016, the students and their principal, Randy Nomura, were on their way to Pigeon Forge, Tenn. There they worked tirelessly to help unload donated water bottles and clothes into trailers which would later be taken to the shelters. Student William Jenkins states, "Because of this event, I was inspired to continue my volunteer work along with my fellow students."

This desire brought students back a sec-

ond time to help the fire victims. On December 13, the students and chaperones went to a food distribution center where they worked alongside other volunteers to help sort and organize donated food, clothes, toiletries, and blankets.

Later in the day, students saw firsthand the destruction of the fire as they went to the site where a church member's cabin once stood. At this location, the students removed trees blocking the driveway. They were shocked by the destruction all around them.

Student Hannah Brass remarks, "It seemed unreal that this happened so close to home."

Sophomore Lexie Dornburg recalls, "I saw melted dolls underneath a torched bed frame, and broken plates with memories written all over them."

Greeneville Adventist Academy students had been previously trained in disaster relief at a Tri-City Christian Academy 2Serve Conference in September 2016, at High Point, N.C. The training was provided by Heritage Academy from Monterey, Tenn.

The students were eager to put their certifications to use by giving back to the Gatlinburg community that is dear to them all. "Service Above Self" is a motto the students use for motivation, and Kyle Miller, sophomore, says, "It was a great experience for me because I knew I was helping others in need."

Students at Greeneville Adventist Academy are determined to help where the Lord calls, and Haley Jenkins, freshman, declares what is in all of their hearts: "I can't wait to help some others again!" •

BY GAA NINTH/TENTH-GRADERS

### Bethlehem Comes to Jackson



he city of Bethlehem came to the Jackson, Tenn., Church for its 6th annual Starry Night Agape Dinner, Dec. 9, 2016. The fellowship hall, foyer, and outside entrance to the church was transformed into a powerful and humble reminder of the birth and life of Christ. Actor Richard Garey, in period costume, started off the night with "A Shepherd's Tale," the story of a humble shepherd who heard the life-changing news of Jesus' birth.

The evening was designed to affect all the senses. Following the one-man performance, a vegetarian banquet was catered by John and Le Anne Baker. At the entrance to the church, lighted Christmas trees, a cross with a crown of thorns, and a manger with straw were the first things attendees cast their gaze upon. The dining hall offered eight Christmas trees bathed in white lights. The church was beautiful as it also offered candles, trees, and lights in abundance. Two full murals, eighteen feet long, depicting an ancient Israeli town and city, adorned the walls of the dining hall.

During the candlelight meal, music, stories, and video vignettes brought the story of Christ's birth to life. A communion service culminated the evening on a prayerful note. This year, as in previous years, many of the attendees were friends from the community. A second agape dinner is planned for a growing group of 24 Spanish speaking interests who are being mentored by Alfredo and Mari Acuna. The January 7, 2017, program was presented in Spanish.

BY JOHN BAKER

### Camporee Witnesses Miracle at Muddy River



ndian Creek Camp was filled to capacity the weekend of November 4-6, 2016, for the sixth annual Kentucky-Tennessee Adventurer Camporee. Four hundred attendees, composed of Adventurers, families, and staff, enjoyed the weekend's programing.

The story of Naaman and the little maid

was performed as a western in a three-act play, "Miracle at Muddy River." Sheriff Naaman was led to God by a Native American girl who had been kidnapped from her village. One of the Camporee's highlights was learning the words and motions to the catchy theme song, "Miracle at Muddy River," written by the Kentucky-Tennessee youth director, Greg Taylor.

On Sabbath afternoon, the Adventurers earned the Horses Award that was developed just for this Camporee. This award was earned by completing activities at learning stations that were set up around camp. In addition to the learning stations, there was a photo opportunity on the set of the play. Adventurers could have their picture taken with Naaman, Little Maid, and mascot Sadie the horse.

An interactive petting zoo with a miniature horse, miniature donkey, cebu, and other animals provided excitement for the Adventurers. Sadie the horse had a very busy weekend as she helped lead song services and visited each cabin to tuck the Adventurers in at night. Saturday night, Ben Roy wowed the Adventurers with a thrilling science show that illustrated several biblical principles. God continues to bless the Adventurers in fun and exciting ways as they learn to live a life dedicated to Him. •

BY HEATH BRYANT KY-TN ADVENTURER CLUB COORDINATOR

### Madison Sabbath School Sponsors Overseas Mission Projects



Andrew Boskind, M.D., points to one overseas missions location. Other locations are indicated by stars.

ore than 15 years ago, a Sabbath School class led by Andrew Boskind, M.D., was held in the balcony of the Madison Campus Church (MCC) in Madison, Tenn. One Sabbath, Boskind suggested that the class consider establishing an overseas mission fund. The class agreed and the Balcony Overseas Mission Fund was started.

Since then it is estimated that more than \$300,000 has been raised to fund overseas projects. Projects include support for local ministers/lay workers, drilling wells, an ultrasound machine, a portable sawmill, eye surgery for cataracts, medical ministry, assisting to build churches and schools, and more.

One project is to mail a box of medication to the Solomon Islands each month containing 3,000 tablets which are used to treat and cure body fungus caused by poor health habits. Those receiving the medication are taught good health habits to prevent recurrence. The health ministry has been invited to many villages where previously they were not welcome. In November 2016 the 57th box of medication was mailed to the Solomon Islands. One in ten Solomon Islanders is a Seventh-day Adventist.

Boskind coordinates the Balcony Overseas Mission Fund and the selection of projects for the class to consider funding each year. Class members and friends of the class find it rewarding to be involved in the worldwide work of the Adventist Church through these projects. The projects for 2017 are the Solomon Islands medication project, medical ministry, and Eyes for India. If you would like more information on this mission opportunity, write MCC, Attn: Balcony Overseas Mission, 607-B Larkin Springs Rd, Madison, TN 37115. ●

BY JAMES CULPEPPER

# Morehead Church Pays Off Mortgage

he Morehead, Ky., Church was organized in 1980. The small group met in the Baptist Student Center on the Morehead State University campus. Church was held there until a building was purchased later that year. The building which was purchased had formerly housed the Nazarene congregation. It consisted of a 100-seat, concrete-block sanctuary attached to an older frame house that provided two Sabbath School classrooms, two single-person bathrooms, a kitchen, and a small space for fellowship lunches or board meetings.

By the early 2000s more space was needed, and plans began for an expansion of the church. The plans included a two-story addition with a large fellowship hall, kitchen, and two large bathrooms downstairs. The upstairs plans consisted of six Sabbath School classrooms and two single-person bathrooms.



Morehead Church

A 15-year loan for \$200,000 was secured from the Southern Union Revolving Fund in May of 2005. This loan was the estimated amount needed to cover the cost of the structure and completion of the downstairs. The upstairs would remain unfinished until members raised the additional funds needed.

An occupancy permit for the downstairs of the addition was received in the fall of

2009. Enough funds had been received to complete the upstairs, and it was occupied shortly after.

Because of the Lord's blessings and the faithful giving of the Morehead Church members, the 15-year loan was paid off in October 2016, a little more than 11 years.

BY LOLA A. BORAM

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### Retired Educators Meet to Support Christian Education



AMARAE (Association of Memphis Area Retired Adventist Educators) is a group of more than 20 who met recently in Memphis, Tenn.: Brenda Renfro (back row, left); Celeste Bell; Marylene Johnson; Elizabeth Perkins; Glenna Gilbreath; Marjorie Lowe; Goldie Harrell; Luch Gholston; Minnie Folsom; Charlie Folsom, Ph.D.; Ocie Yates; Beverly Becton; Larry Dandridge; Annette Dandridge; Brenda Cowan; J. Philip Williams, Ed.D.; Valeria Montague (front row, left); Arnette Montague; Lois Pointer; Elizabeth Martin; Myrtharyne Powell; and Sonya Jackson.

he Association of Memphis Area Retired Adventist Educators (AMAR-AE), is a group of more than 20 who met recently in Memphis, Tenn. They were feted and encouraged to give increased support for the ministry of Alcy Seventh-day Adventist Junior Academy (Alcy). A joyous luncheon was held October 2, 2016, which linked educators from six South Central Conference churches in Memphis.

hile several of the educators taught in the Adventist school system, and some at Alcy, there were also many in attendance who share experience in other private schools, as well as the public school system. J. Philip Williams, Ed.D., current Alcy principal, conceived of the event, and asked Brenda Cowan, former principal, to help organize it. Cowan said, "It was very encouraging to see all but one of the invitees in attendance. The room was filled with more than 400 years (20 people multiplied by 20-plus years) of educational experience — awesome!"

Williams seized the opportunity to honor and celebrate the work of the teachers with a community service medallion. A meal, games, and musical entertainment rendered the gathering memorable. However, the occasion delivered more than just fellowship. Plans for an ongoing organization of retired teachers was laid. Several retirees made generous commitments to give volunteer service to the school.

One result implemented of the meeting is that Alcy has a retired teacher in every classroom at least once a week. Other volunteers are on standby to assist with field trips, science fairs, and physical education. Glenna Gilbreath, a participant and weekly volunteer, said, "The luncheon gave me a sense of a united front and motivation to be part of the solution. And, if we use our collective experience, we will be able to see results that resemble God's plan for our children."

BY MELISSA SWAUNCY

### South Central Hosts "We Value Family" Fall Festival

he South Central Conference Family Life Department had its first "We Value Family" Fall Festival the weekend of November 4-6, 2016, in the Natchez/Fayette, Miss., Church district. Marcus McIntyre, pastor, and his wife, Mishiki, welcomed the attendees with open arms. During the weekend, workshops were conducted, as well as one-on-one counseling sessions for the members and community.

The Sabbath service was outstanding with great music, food, and fellowship. Sunday morning started out bright and early with the whole church embracing the city

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The whole church embraced Fayette, Miss., as the "We Value Family" Fall Festival was launched. D. Renee' Mobley (left), Ph.D., stands with the city official from the police department, and Marcus McIntyre (right), pastor, who spoke in the town square about the importance of family and the love of Jesus.

D. Renee' Mobley, Ph.D., presents at a workshop.



of Fayette as the Fall Festival was launched. It was so moving to observe everyone from the youngest to the oldest collaborating to make the Festival a success. And a success it was: *Steps to Christ* were passed out, and invitations to the evangelistic meeting were shared as cars and pedestrians passed by.

McIntyre spoke in the town square about family and the love of Jesus. Some city officials from the police and fire departments came and shared in the games, food, and community camaraderie. One of the city sorority members came, and prayer was offered for the whole city. God blessed the Festival above and beyond expectations.

> BY D. RENEE' MOBLEY, PH.D., SOUTH CENTRAL DIRECTOR OF FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

Joy, laughter, and inspiration were experienced as the community was served. The day included games, food, and community camaraderie.

### Compassion Leads to Baptism



he Triumphant Church in Natchez, Miss., organized assistance with cleanup of the flooding in Baton Rouge, La., community last year. Marcus McIntyre, pastor (blue shirt), enlisted help, which included two young men from the community of Natchez: Kavoris Harris (gray shirt) and Charles Womack (maroon shirt), who traveled to Baton Rouge to help with the cleanup. Harris was touched as he witnessed the compassion displayed through Triumphant Church's ministry and witness to Baton Rouge. As a result, Harris became a member of the Church through baptism.

BY PASTOR MARCUS MCINTYRE

### Pentecostal Pastor Accepts Three Angels Message



The Eitenne family

ugustin Etienne, a former Pentecostal pastor for 17 years, with his wife and three of their children, was received by profession of faith at Mahanaim Church in Naples, Fla. Etienne grew up in Haiti, and as a young man he was very interested in the proclamation of the Gospel. At the age of 17, he started to preach publicly, not only in his local Church of God congregation, but also in many other protestant churches in the city where he was living. When he was 22 years old, he became very ill. Thanks to prayers, he was miraculously healed. Comparing his healing story to the story of Hezekiah's miraculous experience, he decided to attend Bible school so that he could be fully equipped to proclaim the Holy Word for the rest of his life as a testimony. In 1998, he became an ordained minister actively engaged in preaching and ministering both in Haiti and in the United States.

Israel Jean-Leon, pastor of Mahanaim Church, was holding a 40-days-of-prayer event combined with an evangelism series. A church member invited Etienne to the meetings. He was so fascinated by the program that he only missed a few meetings, and on several occasions his wife and children accompanied him. According to his testimony, one night when one of the preachers, Odalus Estime, pastor, presented a topic on the sanctity of the Sabbath, he was so touched by the clarity of the truth concerning the Sabbath that he wept. From that night on, he decided to observe the Sabbath at any cost.

It was not an easy decision, though. He had to inform his wife and his adult children who, at that time, were not too receptive of the news. Moreover, he had to give up his pastoral role from the church he planted. There were clearly many obstacles in his path. However, he stated that his salvation is more important to him than everything else. When he called his oldest daughter to let her know about his decision, she could not believe what she was hearing. His wife also was reluctant at first. He prayed about it, and later on his wife became even more excited than he was about joining the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Etienne was asked why he joined the Church, as most protestant pastors reject the Sabbath truth. He replied in a single word that summarized every aspect: "Pride." The Etiennes are proud to be members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Their three children are receiving Bible studies in preparation for baptism.

BY VERNE JACQUES

### Women of Progress Village Church Donate Handmade Hats to Cancer Clinic



The women at Progress Village Church deliver handmade hats to the Moffitt Bone Marrow Transplant Clinic in Tampa, Fla.

he women of Progress Village Church in Tampa, Fla., are always busy, thanks to Opal Lattimore.

After contemplating a new project, Lattimore decided to make hats for the Moffitt Bone Marrow Transplant Clinic on behalf of one of their members, Verna Glenn, who is a seven-year multiple myeloma survivor. Lattimore appealed to the women of the church to make her dream come true, and seven women answered the call. Cynthia Oden, Tonya Gainous, Cathy Norton, Pat Wilson, Mary Alice Battle, Verna Glenn, and Beverly James, along with Lattimore, hand made more than 250 hats for the patients of the Moffitt Clinic. Lattimore and two of the women delivered the hats to the clinic to be distributed to the patients. The staff was overwhelmed at the generosity, and the patients were elated to received a heartfelt, practical gift.

BY MARY ALICE BATTLE AND VERNA GLENN

### He Said, "Go! Teach! Baptize!"

t the beginning of the Fall Semester 2016, the Adventist Youth Ministry (AYM) team at Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala., took Matthew 28:19, 20 seriously: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Karsten Rogers, AYM director, with the sponsorship of Marlene King, chaplain in the Office of Spiritual Life, organized a Bible study class called AYM Reveal. This class was directed by Jajuan Sanders, a member of the AYM team. As a result of



Chaplains Howard Weems (left) and Marlene King baptize the candidates.

the diligent labor of the entire AYM team and the chaplains at the Office of Spiritual Life, and the support of Leslie N. Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., M.B.A., eight students were dedicated to Jesus through baptism. The baptismal service took place during AYM at the Oakwood University Church on Friday, December 2, 2016.

BY KIMBERLY MANN

### UNCF's Class of 2016 Interns, Fellows Include 15 Oakwoodites



he United Negro College Fund (UN-CF) recognized its Class of 2016 interns, fellows, and scholars under its Student Professional Development Programs (SPDP) Department on December 9, 2016, creating a new pipeline of highly qualified minority professionals to fill the jobs that are needed in the 21st century.

Nearly all of the 260 interns, fellows, and scholars, including 15 from Oakwood University, are current students or recent graduates of historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs), and successfully completed their internships this past summer.

"Thanks to our supportive donors and partners, we're creating transformational career development opportunities, allowing our students to gain a competitive edge in securing career opportunities," said Taliah Givens, UNCF SPDP senior director. "We received favorable feedback across the board from corporations who had positive experiences with our interns and fellows. Over 86 percent of intern supervisors feel that UNCF interns demonstrated the critical thinking and academic skills necessary to complete their assignments, and showed great interest in learning the field. It is our hope that these relationships turn into fulltime employment after graduation, as our analysis also shows that over 80 percent of supervisors felt that their intern was a great fit for their organization, and that they are happy to maintain ongoing professional mentoring with their intern."

The 2016 interns, fellows, and scholars are among the top-selected recipients in key UNCF pipelines for developing highly qualified college graduates. Of those programs that awarded scholarships, more than \$650,000 was collectively awarded to selected scholars to help them advance their studies.

The Class of 2016 includes the following individuals from Oakwood and their status

as of summer 2016:

- 1. Redmond Bandy Sophomore, Business
- 2. Kenesha Bennett Senior, Education
- 3. Mauricia Clarke Senior, Allied Health
- 4. Darren Daly Junior, Education
- 5. Khristian Edwards-McCoy Freshman, Business
- 6. Laurie Farreau 5th-year Senior, Biology
- 7. Kayla Harris Junior, Social Work
- 8. Sanna-Gay Hird 5th-year Senior, Pre-Medicine
- 9. Derek Lane Sophomore, Engineering
- 10. Deja Langston Junior, Early Childhood Education
- 11. Alice Merelus Senior, Nursing
- 12. Jujuan Sanders Junior, Theology
- 13. Mariah Smith Senior, Chemistry
- 14. Wendell Tavuyanago Junior, Social Work
- 15. Jontaya Williams Senior, Education 0

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### Mock Disaster Provides Valuable Training



Students apply fake injuries in preparation for the disaster simulation.

y nature, disasters are usually unexpected, so in order to be prepared, one must train ahead of time. With the goal of helping nursing and education students be ready for worst-case scenarios in their careers, Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tenn., held a disaster simulation on December 8, 2016, in collaboration with Heritage Academy of Monterey, Tenn. Assistants and observers also came from the Hamilton County Health Department and Erlanger Health Systems.

During this interprofessional collaborative practice simulation, facilitated by the Schools of Nursing, Education and Psychology, and Religion, more than 60 Southern students participated in the drill. The scenario for the simulation involved a classroom shooting, with volunteer elementary education students serving as the "victims" while nursing students served as the "first responders." A religion student acted as "chaplain" to offer emotional support.

"Southern's mission is to provide our students with the best education possible," said Ronda Christman, associate professor of nursing at Southern and coordinator of this event. "Offering evidence-based simulation experiences for our students will help equip them to think better on their feet, and have the critical thinking skills to identify, assess, respond, and provide care. Our goal is to prepare our students to help take care of God's hurting children in a meaningful and professional manner."

Jill Romero, senior nursing major, helped with "triage" during the simulation and was in



During the drill, student "first responders" evaluate the volunteer "victims" and attach colored bands to indicate the level of urgency in treating them.

charge of the immediate care zone, where critical "patients" were taken.

"This gave me an appreciation for the people who do this all the time," she said. As a nurse, Romero does not anticipate being a first responder to a real disaster very often. However, she thinks this will still help her be more successful as a nurse. "If I end up working in an emergency room, this drill will have helped me understand the psychological impact and the mindset of victims when they arrive at the hospital."

In order to increase the realism, elaborate makeup was applied to the "victims" in an art form known as moulage.

Josh Haley, Heritage Academy boys' dean and graduate of Southern's master of social work program, was in charge of the moulage and setting the scene for the "responders." His high school students are experts in the art and have helped with similar simulations across the country, including at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass., where they trained Harvard medical students and professors in the art, and in Orlando, Fla., where they helped prepare 600 "victims" for a training event.

"The purpose of moulage is to give the responders the preparation they'll need to help in a real situation," said Haley, whose master's emphasis was disaster response. "In mass casualties, what do people do? If there's a major emergency, who would help? The point is to train these students to be ready for similar situations."



Following the simulation, participants gathered to debrief with Brooks Kirschmann (standing, right), Southern's Campus Safety officer, leading the discussion.

For one of the "victims," the drill was eye-opening.

"I've never seen an actual wound," said Audrey Lewis, freshman liberal arts education major, "so seeing the moulage gave me a glimpse of what to expect in a real situation. I feel like I have a better idea of what I would see and deal with if something like that happened."

Following the simulation, the participants regrouped for a debriefing time, which allowed the professors and students to analyze and discuss how the drill played out and maximize the learning opportunities. Participants also filled out a survey in which 79 percent said they feel better prepared to assist following a classroom disaster.

Several community members were invited to observe the event and give feedback on the process. Brad Bost, Medical Reserve Corps coordinator in emergency preparedness for the Hamilton County Health Department, was one of these observers.

"It is an excellent experience for university students to do disaster simulation training like this," said Bost, who has more than 15 years of experience in emergency preparedness. "If something happens in the community, these students will be better prepared to help, which would be phenomenal."

Southern plans to continue conducting these collaborative emergency preparedness simulations every semester.

BY JANELL HULLQUIST

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**GENTON, LOLA MARIE**, 88, born June 10, 1928 in Delray Beach, FL, died Sept. 2, 2016 in Franklin, GA. Lola was the eldest of nine children born to the late Montez and Ila Genton.

She grew up in Bradenton, FL, graduated from Forest Lake Academy, and received a B.S. degree in Elementary Education from Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University). She dedicated her life educating elementary students throughout Florida. Six of her 40 years of service were spent in Thailand teaching missionary children in Bangkok.

Lola loved the opportunity she had to travel throughout Asia and the South Pacific as she went back and forth to her mission assignment. She was a talented musician, playing the accordion, violin, piano, and organ. Wherever she went, she passed on a love of music to her students, giving piano lessons to many of them, as well as serving as church organist or pianist.

After retiring, Lola moved in with her elderly parents and was their caregiver until their death. Lola was predeceased by two of her sisters: Jessie Holder and Juanita Rosier. She is survived by five sis-

ters and one brother: Emily Austin of Franklin; Alice (Don) Whitt of Athens, AL; Mary (Robert) Scheibe of Franklin; Dena (Elllsworth) Wery of Phenix City, AL; Marleen (Lloyd) Young of Franklin; and Marc (Velda) Genton of Franklin; a number of nieces; nephews; other relatives; and friends.

HALLOCK, NELSON RAYMOND, 83, born Oct. 29, 1932 in Windsor, VT, died Sept. 12, 2016. He was the son of the late Raymond and Hazel Hallock.



Nelson was a graduate of Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, MA, and also served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He lived and worked in New York City with the Seventh-day Adventist Education Department, totaling 28 years of service, which included serving as the business manager of Greater New York Academy.

Nelson then worked for the State of Vermont in Middlebury as an employment specialist and then as a special needs educator in Bristol, VT, as well.

He had been a resident of Ooltewah, TN, since 2006 and was a member of the Collegedale Church. Nelson was preceded in death by his son, Ralph Allen Hallock in 2001. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 51 years, Concetta "Connie" Hallock; her son, retired USAF Captain Michael (Linda) Revere of Oklahoma City, OK; one brother, Milton (Margaret) Hallock; one sister, Joyce Hiscock; three grandchildren: Angie, A.J., and Cameron; several nieces; nephews; and other extended family members. Nelson's wishes were to be cremated and his cremains are buried in Lincoln, VT.



**HARRIS, RICHARD "DICK" EVERETT**, born July 3, 1924 in Takoma Park, MD, died Jan. 4, 2017 in Flat Rock, NC. He was a member of the Fletcher, NC, Church. He attended Columbia Union College and Andrews University.

He served as a minister of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Virginia from 1944-1945; 1948-1958; 1980-1986; Michigan from 1977 to 1980; a total of 20 years. Religion teacher at Shenandoah Valley Academy, New Market, VA, from 1958 to 1968 (10 years). Editor/writer: Academy religion textbooks from 1968 to 1977 (nine years).

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth "Liz" Harris; one daughter, Susan Newman; one son, Richard E. Harris; three grandsons: Jeremy (Christy) Castetter, Logan Harris, and Jacob Harris; one great-grandson, Addison Castetter; and one great-granddaughter, Audrey Castetter.

**LAWSON, H.D. "CORKY",** 87, born March 20, 1928 in St. Louis, MO, died Nov. 8, 2016. He graduated from Enterprise Academy in Enterprise, KS; received a bachelor's degree at Union College in Lincoln, NE; a master's degree in secondary education, and a doctorate in administration and leadership from Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, CA. Corky was married to Vivian Garnet Lawson on July 25, 1948. He worked as a principal at Highland Academy, Portland, TN; Grand Ledge Academy, Grand Ledge, MI; Pioneer Valley Academy, New Braintree, MA; Thunderbird Academy, Scottsdale, AZ; and Bakersfield Academy, Bakersfield, CA. He then worked as an associate director of education at the Southern California Conference, Glendale, CA. Corky retired in 1990 from the Southwestern Union, Keene, TX, as the superintendent of education. Retirement means something different to each person, and to Corky it meant he had more time to enjoy the activities he loved and spend time with the people he loved. Corky made it a point to serve on committees in each town where he and Garnet lived in order to be a voice for that community, and help make it a better place to live. He was an avid bird watcher, a



huge fan of rollercoasters, and the best father and grandfather his family could ask for. He was a member of the Highland Church, Highland, TN.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Carole Leonard; and brother, Glen Lawson. Corky is survived by his wife of 68 years, Garnet; three daughters: Connie Brandt, Cathie (Bill) Gullett, and Cherie (Craig) Vendouris; one sister, Loraine Carter; and five grandchildren: Krista (Mike) Miller, Cassie Brandt, Patrick Gullett, Ryan Gullett, and Carlie Vendouris.



**MYERS, CLIFFORD ORLANDO**, 89, born April 14, 1928 in Decatur Township, County of Van Buren, Paw Paw, MI, died Oct. 26, 2016 at his home in Collegedale, TN. Cliff attended Cedar Lake Academy in Michigan, where he met Rachel Gutt, his wife of 69 years (married Dec. 21, 1947).

Cliff retired after 25 years as head of security for what is now Southern Adventist University. Cliff was a mason in Michigan, Florida, and Tennessee. He taught brick laying for a college course, and was a locksmith on the side.

He was preceded in death by his parents: the late Alfred and Rose Myers; three brothers: Miner, Carroll, and Richard; three sisters: Evelyn, Ernestine, and Dorothy; and one son, Cliff Myers Jr. Cliff is survived by his wife, Rachel; one daughter, Sheila (Lloyd) Schomburg; one son, Bruce Myers; one daughter-in-law, Bonnie Myers; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. The funeral service was held Oct. 30, 2016, in the funeral home chapel. Burial followed at Collegedale Memorial Park.

SIGSWORTH, "KATIE" CANDIS CAY, 60, born June 4, 1956 in Los Angeles, CA, died Nov. 7, 2016 in Fletcher, NC. She

was a member of the Fletcher Church. Katie and Dean spent their married years working in various church-affiliated institutions, including Wildwood Lifestyle Center and Hospital, Oklahoma Academy, Country Life Vocational Academy, and most recently, Fletcher Academy. Katie used her nursing skills in various settings over the years, including school nursing and hospital-based nursing.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Geraldine Zoe (Goodale); her foster siblings: Ben Seeley and Carol (Seeley) Legate; and stepfather, Jewell Seeley.

She is survived by her husband, Dean Sigsworth of Fletcher; one daughter, Kristina (Wayne) Smith of Jonesborough, TN; one son, Russell (Amanda) Sigsworth of Centralia, MO; three grandchildren: Liberty Sage Smith, Bella Grace Smith, and Aviana Marie Smith; two foster daughters: Myranda and Karissa Smith; her father, Benjamin Calandra; her foster mother, Marian (Davenport) Seeley; her half-brother, Billy Stein; her half-sister, Robin Calandra; three foster sisters: Ruth (Hamilton) Walker, Katie (Seeley) Kerr, Deedee (Seeley) Herman; four foster brothers: Daniel Seeley, Tim Seeley, Steve Seeley, and Scott Seeley; many cousins; and extended family members.





VINING JR., NOBLE BARNES, 98, born Sept. 2, 1918 in Atlanta, GA, died Oct. 3, 2016 in Longwood, FL. After completing his education at Southern Junior College and Emmanuel Missionary College, and then served four years as a medic during WWII. He spent 40-plus years in printing — Stanborough Press, Philippine Publishing House, AUC College Press, Southern Publishing Association, and SMC College Press. Throughout his life, he was an active and faithful church member. During his years at SMC College Press, he was the managing editor of Southern Tidings, a monthly journal that serves the Seventh-day Adventist Church members in eight southeastern states. During his 30-plus years of retirement, he authored several books, The Bible Textionary, The Bible Textionary on Revelation, A 6 Day Creation Week? The Result of an Old Man's Dream, two sets of Bible studies entitled Bible Research and Bible Research II, plus a host of other smaller projects. He was preceded in death by his parents, Noble Barnes Vining Sr. and Nancy Hatcher Vining; his first wife, Joan Lay Vining (m. 1943-1973); his second wife, Katherine Whitman Stromberg Vining (m. 1973-2004); and his younger brother, Briscoe Hatcher Vining. He is survived by one son,

David LeRoy (Ann) Vining, two daughters: Judith Anne Vining (Kirk) Campbell, and Elizabeth Stromberg (Dallas) Williams; six granddaughters: Tammy Williams (Gary) Riegsecker, Jenny Williams (Dan) Werner, Shelley Lynn Campbell (Sam) Leonor, Wendy Faye Campbell, Jessica Shane Vining (Paul) Lower, and Jacqueline Elizabeth Vining (Malcolm) Draper; two grandsons: Dallas (Kristine) Williams II, and Hart Matthew (Julie) Campbell; four great granddaughters: Alexandra Skye Leonor, Danica Pearl Draper, Abigail Elizabeth Draper, and Lena Elaine Campbell; and five great grandsons: Micah Samuel Leonor, Joshua Andrew Lower, Adam David Lower, Dallas James Riegsecker, and Daniel Werner. On Oct. 15, 2016, a Celebration of Life Service was held at the Collegedale Church Fellowship Hall, in the same location where his 90th birthday was celebrated eight years ago. Approximately 200 friends and family attended on both of these occasions. Noble also had the privilege of becoming friends with the late Desmond Doss, and in their later years they would get together and talk about where their lives had led them. Until his death, Noble would occasionally stop by the Collegedale Veterans Memorial Park and pay tribute to his friend.

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BOKOR, ERVIN, 75, born Oct. 28, 1940 in Hungary, died Oct. 13, 2016 at Satilla Care in Waycross, GA, following an extended illness. Ervin traveled to England in 1956 and got a job there. Then in 1959, he moved to live with a cousin in New Jersey, where he graduated from high school. After high school, he enlisted in the United States Army and served in the Vietnam War. He was stationed at Fort Dix, NJ, Fort Stewart, GA (where he met his wife), Germany, Vietnam, Japan, and Korea. After serving for many years, he retired from the U.S. Army in El Paso, TX, as an E5 Specialist. Ervin was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He was preceded in death by his mother, Emma Bokor; his wife, Iris Fave Courson Bokor; and one grandson, Ryan Bokor. HE is survived by three sons: Steve (Lynn) Bokor of Blackshear, David (Deanna) Bokor of Waycross, and Micky (Suzanne) Bokor of Waycross; one daughter, Emma (Dennis) Brown of Panama City, FL; seven grandchildren: Steven Bokor, Austin Randall Bokor, Logan Ervin Bokor, Sydney Bokor, Ashlianne Bokor, Victoria Brown, and Jennifer Brown; and three great grandchildren: Mychal Brown, Nylah Brown, and Baxley Riggons. The funeral service was held on Oct. 17, 2016, at Second Baptist Church. Burial followed in Oakland Cemetery.

BOYLE JR., DR. JOHN WILLIAM, 97, born July 19, 1918 in Atlanta, GA, died June 11, 2016 surrounded by his family. He died from natural causes, just five weeks before his 98th birthday. He was the first child of the late Ida Mae Gates Boyle and John William Boyle Sr., descendants of longtime Iowa farm families. His parents had come to Atlanta, where Mr. Boyle Sr., became steward and storekeeper at the United States Penitentiary when it was built in 1902. John Jr., was born in the farmhouse on the prison grounds where the Boyle family lived at the time. He was a Ph.D. chemistry student at the University of North Carolina at the beginning of 1944, with the World War II draft hot on his heels. A turn in his life came when he was called to the University of Chicago and hired on the spot as one of the first 1,000 scientists for a secret mission, and then sent to the secured, secret town of Oak Ridge, TN, where he was a radiation chemist working on the Manhattan Project. After nuclear research slowed down in the 1970s, he spent the last years of his career at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory heading up the Environmental Impact Team, studying the environmental conditions surrounding the nation's nuclear installations across the United States. For him, life was binary. He loved what he did at work every day. His research mattered. And he loved his family when he came home. He helped his children grow into lives of their own. In his last years, after the loss of his wife, life became unitary. He created a new life

in his mind, thinking about the beginning in the book of Genesis. He always believed in the truth and authenticity of science, and he always believed in God. For him, anyone who couldn't believe in both just hadn't thought about it clearly enough. He was writing a paper integrating the two schools of through when he died. He was preceded in death by his wife, Claudine Willowford Hopkins Boyle; his parents; his sister, Edwina; and his brother-inlaw, Dr. Bill Buchanan. He is survived by three children: daughter, Beverly (Harold) Duckett of Knoxville, TN, son, Dr. J. William (Karen) Boyle III of Kingsport, TN, and daughter, Rebecca (Dr. Gerald) Mitchell of Limestone, TN; one nephew, Brooke Buchanan of south Georgia; one step-granddaughter, Tara (Erik) Petersen of Denver, CO; one step-great-granddaughter, Sydney Petersen of Denver, CO; many relatives in Iowa; and many neighbors and friends at the Knoxville First Church where he was a member since arriving in the area in 1944. Pastors Don Pate and Michaela Lawrence Jeffrey officiated at the graveside service at Highland Memorial in Knoxville, TN.

BURKS, GARY EVERETT, 78, born Jan. 26, 1938 in Tulsa, OK, died March 29, 2016. He was a charter member of the Pikeville, TN, Church. Gary was the founder of Pikeville Auto Parts, Burks Tractor, Life Line Foods, Energy Dynamics, DSW Manufacturing, and Ameritrek Tours. He was also a partner in Gulf Service Station, Burks Construction, and Burks Brothers Farms. He was a man of constant ingenuity and an avid entrepreneur. His mind was always thinking of something that could be done better and of people he could serve. He loved the Lord and strove to follow God's commands. Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Everett and La Vera Burks. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Ann Burks; six children: Lester (Terry) Burks, Twyla (Bill) Landess, Teresa (Billy Frank) Angel, Leland Burks, April (Lee) Whitman, and June (James) Price; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one brother, Larry (Patty) Burks; and one sister, Annette Poulton. Gary is awaiting the voice of the Lord with the trumpet call of God, when the dead in Christ are called to rise. The funeral service was held April 1, 2016, in the Putnam-Reed Funeral Home Chapel in Pikeville, TN.

**DANIELS, HARRY R.**, 57, born March 22, 1959 in Gainesville, FL, died Aug. 19, 2006 in Gainesville. He was a member of the Gainesville Church for 45 years. He is survived by his wife, Beverly; two sons: Matthew and Emmanuel; one daughter, Rebecca Daniels; and his mother, Mattie Daniels. The service was conducted by Pastor Daniel Graham at the Williams-Thomas Funeral Home in Gainesville. The interment was in Gainesville.

**EDWARDS, JANET CAROL DEVINE**, 74, born Nov. 30, 1941, died Oct. 9, 2016. She was a member of Powderly Church in Powderly, KY. She was a graduate of Highland Academy class of 1959. She is survived by her husband, Tommy Edwards; their three children; four grandchildren; and one sister, Martha Devine Heltsley.

FARRAR, PATRICIA B., 72, born Jan. 29, 1944 in Bellville, MI, died Aug. 9, 2016 at ARH Hospital in West Liberty, KY. She was a member of the Prestonsburg, KY, Church, and a fifth generation Seventh-day Adventist. She played piano at church services, was church clerk, and Sabbath School superintendent. She loved gardening and taught school where the children gave her the most joy. The classroom lit up when she entered. She was a graduate of Andrews University in Berrien Springs, MI, and was also trained as a paralegal. She was preceded in death by her father, Forrest Shirley, when he was 98. She is survived by her husband, James G. Farrar; her mother, Wanda M. Bennet Shirley, who is 100-years-old; one son, Brandin Mark Wiley; and one sister, Pamela Sue Ellison.

**FERREE, MARILYN P.**, 63, born July 1, 1953 in Louisville, KY, died Aug. 22, 2016 in Punta Gorda, FL. She was a member of the Port Charlotte, FL, Church for 11 years. She is survived by her husband of 16 years, Frank; one daughter, Skyler (Doug) Meier of Fort Myers; three step-daughters: Dawn, Laurie, and Kristie of Fletcher, NC; and one brother, Artimus Pyle of Ashville, NC. The service was conducted by Pastor Brent Sedgwick at the Port Charlotte Church.

GREER, LOVIE M., 96, born Dec. 4, 1919 in Grenada County, MS, died March 7, 2016. She was baptized into Shiloh Church in Greenwood, MS, at age 16. She served faithfully for many decades as Sabbath School teacher, Dorcas leader, deaconess, usher, and choir member. For at least 50 years, she recited the memory verses each 13th Sabbath, and was Ingathering queen during the annual campaigns. Her philosophy in life was based on Ecclesiastes 9:10, "Whatsoever your hand finds to do, do it with all thy might." She instilled that in her eight daughters as well. Known widely for her expert cooking and hospitality, she kept the doors of her home open to anyone who sought a free meal, and also shared with them spiritually. The impact that she had on others is immeasurable. Her family believes that her youthful appearance, mental clarity, and culinary skills, which never diminished as she neared age 97, were evidences of God's favor for her faithfulness. Preceding her in death were her husband, Perry Greer, and daughters: Helen Davis and Naomi Dotson. Among

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those awaiting that glorious reunion when Jesus returns are daughters: Pearlie (Eddie) Westbrooks of West Point, MS; Lovie L. Greer of Memphis, TN; JoAnn Wade of Olive Branch, MS; Irene Greer of Memphis, TN; and Edith Greer and Marsha Jewel (Jimmy) Smith of Greenwood, MS; 23 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and 25 great-great-grandchildren.

HAYNIE, CHARLES, 94, born Jan. 11, 1922 in Nashville, TN, to Claude and Myrtle Haynie, died Oct. 4, 2016 in Madison, TN. He was a member of the Madison Campus Church in Madison, TN. He is survived by his daughter, Judy Bergstrom (William) Engle; one son, Michael (Gayle) Haynie; one brother, William (Sis) Haynie; four grandchildren: Heather (Todd) Waterhouse, Stephanie (Rodney) Rufo, Ryan (Heidi) Bergstrom, Bradley Haynie; and nine great-grandchildren.

HEWITT, VERA L. NOSS, 96, born March 10, 1920 in Nashville, TN, died Sept. 17, 2016 in Dayton, OH. She graduated from Madison College with a degree in Dietetics. It was here she met her future husband, F. H. (Herb) Hewitt. She and her husband spent 43 years in denominational service. She played the organ and piano and accompanied her husband when he played the trombone. During those years they moved 30 times, including a move to Southeast Asia. The Hewitts' last pastorate was the Cross Plains-Ridgetop, TN, district. Following their retirement, they remained in Ridgetop where they continued to support the church programs, and were an inspiration to fellow church members. A few years ago they moved to Dayton, OH, to be near their daughter. She was preceded in death by her three brothers: Raymond, Virgil, and Glenn Noss. She is survived by her husband of 75 years, Herb Hewitt; one daughter, Carol (Don) Sleeth; one son Fred (Armida) Hewitt; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

KAHLER, CLIFTON R., 60, born June 4, 1956 in San Antonio, TX, died July 26, 2016 in Leon, Iowa. He was a member of Avon Park Church in Avon Park, FL. His denominational employment included eight years of teaching at Hilkrest Elementary School and then as business manager at Dakota Adventist Academy in North Dakota. He is survived by his wife, Yvonne (Elemmer) Kahler; two sons: Brad Kahler from Jamestown, and Tyson Kahler from Berrien Springs, MI; one daughter, Vanessa Kahler from Avon Park; his mother, Joyce Kahler; his father-in-law, Leo Flemmer; three sisters: Geraldine Forbes of Lehr, N.D., Gracie Blair of Orlando, FL, and Tammy Johnson of Kingsville, MO; and four grandchildren. The memorial service was conducted by Pastor George Brown.

**KIMBLEY, KEVIN MICHAEL**, 52, born March 7, 1964 in Owensboro, KY, died July 11, 2016 in Panama City, FL. He worked as a nurse at Vanderbilt Medical Center, and was an active member of the Ridgetop, TN, Church. He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Anna Kimbley; one son, Michael Kimbley; two daughters: Kayla Kimbley and Amber (Josh) Benson; his father, Max (Judith) Kimbley; his mother, Ella (David) Kidder; three brothers: Tony Kimbley, Ryan Kimbley, and Caleb Kimbley; three grandchildren; and a host of friends.

**KURTH, DOROTHY**, 83, born Sept. 19, 1932 in Spiro, OK, died Sept. 6, 1965 in Avon Park, FL. She was an Adventist since 1954 and a member of Avon Park Church. She is survived by one son, Bryan Bishop of Sebring; one daughter, Beth Sager from Avon Park; one brother; Stanley Gee; one sister, Georgia Carell; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Kenneth. The service was conducted by Chaplain Wayne McNutt in the Avon Park Church's Chapel. Interment was in Bougainvillea Cemetery in Avon Park.

#### LANDIS, MILDRED ARLENE ROBBINS

91, born Oct. 30, 1924 in Connellsville, PA, died July 9, 2016 in Huntsville, AL, after a short illness with pneumonia. She was the second of seven children. When she was 13 her mother died after giving birth to the seventh child. Her father moved to the Washington, D.C., area so family could help him raise the children. Mildred attended Takoma Academy for three years. For her senior year, she went to Mount Vernon Academy. Her grandfather, William Robbins, was the Ohio Conference president. They lived across the street from the Academy, so she could see them often. Mildred and her two sisters, Jane and Edith, had a beautiful trio and their grandfather would have them sing often for meetings. Mildred worked at the academy press as a linotype operator. It was there that she first met Merle Landis. She graduated in 1945, a year before Merle. She went back to Washington D.C., and attended Washington Missionary College (now Washington Adventist University). From a very early age, she loved to sing so she took voice lessons along with her other classes, and worked at the college press again as a linotype operator. She won a scholarship for voice lessons her second year. By that time, Merle was at the same college and working at the college press again too. By the end of the year they started dating. A year and a half later, on Sept. 2, 1948, they were married and her grandfather preformed the ceremony for them. A year later, Sherrie was born, and 16 months later, Merlene was born. So Merle had his hands full working part time and

going to college part time, graduating in 1953. Mildred was always a loving wife and mother, and happy anywhere they lived. Merle built two churches in Pennsylvania before moving to Oak Park Academy to teach for four years. And then they moved to Highland Academy where he was dean of boys and teacher for three years. Mildred was like a second mom to the boys. She mended pants, shirts, and fed them during evening study periods if they missed a meal. When they entered the ministry, she was always by his side doing all she could to help - even Ingathering in bars during 30° below zero weather. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Merle Landis of Huntsville; two daughters: Sherrie Landis of Huntsville, and Merlene Pitt of Athens, AL; one granddaughter, Kelley Fowler of Page, AZ; three grandsons: Andy Clark of Huntsville, Tom Tark and Mark Tark of Chattanooga, TN; and six great-grandchildren.

**LUNT, MARTHA MELVINA**, 79, born Dec. 3, 1936 in Kansas City MS, died Aug.19, 2016 in Hendersonville, NC. She was a member of the Fletcher, NC, Church. She was a graduate of Union College, Lincoln, NB. She worked 38 years of denominational service in South Dakota Conference, Missouri Conference, South American Division, and the General Conference in the Communication, Lay Activities, and Biblical Research Departments. She was also a swimming instructor and liked to oil paint. She is survived by two brothers: Joe Lunt of Kansas City, MS; and Martin Lunt of Denver, CO; nieces; and nephews.

**MANN, DR. STEVEN LEE**, 62, born Dec. 28, 1953 in Huntington, IN, died peacefully Aug. 26, 2016 at home surrounded by his loving family, and is now resting in Jesus. He was a member of the Madison Campus Church in Madison, TN. He was preceded in death by his parents: John and Esther Mann. He is survived by his loving wife, Janene Mann; three sons: Alan Stewart, Brandon (Katie) Stewart, and Corey (Nicole) Mann; two daughters: Jennifer Mann and Megan (Chad) Kurzynske; two sisters: Anita (Larry) Bogar and Virginia (Steve) Yancey; four grandchildren: Elijah and Amos Kurzynske, and Hayden and Maddox Stewart; numerous nieces; and nephews.

#### MATHIS, JAMES ALBERT, USAF, RET.,

83, died Oct. 1, 2016 at Mayo Clinic Health Systems of Waycross, GA, after an extended illness. He was a native and lifelong resident of Waycross, except for his military career. In 1972, he retired from the United States Air Force after 20 years of service. His service included the Korean Conflict and Vietnam War. After his military retirement, he was employed by Champion International for

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15 years. He was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Waycross. He was preceded in death by his parents, the late Rayford Chester and Ruby Beatrice Mathis; two sisters: Mavis Stone and Joanell Strickland; and one brother, Donnie H. Mathis. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Patricia Josephine Wynn Mathis of Waycross; four daughters: Pamela (David) Byers of Temple, TX, Janet (David) Leggett of Waycross, Susan (Tony) Smith of Milton, GA, and Diana (Eric) Edwards of Lake Hamilton, FL; one son, MSgt James "Jim" A. Mathis II, USAF, Ret., of Minot, ND; nine grandchildren: Piper (Jon) Landrum, Mindy (Beau) Morgan, Chris (Christy) Leggett, Jimmy Mathis, Colt (Brittney) Myers, Maggie Smith, Maddie Smith, Angela (Randy) Jones, and Jennifer Byers; 14 great-grandchildren; one brother, Rayford "Mac" Chester Mathis Jr., of Statesboro; three sisters-in-law: Norma Jean Mathis, Mary Margaret Smoot, and Emily Stewart; numerous nieces; and nephews. The funeral service was held Oct. 5, 2016, at the Music Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in Oakland Cemetery.

MCGEE. DEBORAH "DEBBY" ANN RIGGS QUEATHEM, 68, born July 3, 1948 in St. Louis, MO, died Aug. 18, 2016 in Bryant, AL, with her husband and daughters by her side. For a time, she attended Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University). Later she graduated from Wildwood Medical Missionary Institute, where she worked for more than seven years. She succumbed to complication from dementia. She loved children, was very involved with Adventist youth for decades, and for years was well regarded in her community as a childcare provider. For more than 40 years, long daily walks in nature were a passion of hers, where she felt the presence of God. She was a member of the Floral Crest, AL, Church. She married Stan McGee on Dec. 19, 1976 at Wildwood Medical Missionary Institute. She is survived by her husband, Stan McGee; one son, Jim (Paula) Queathem; one stepson, Josh McGee; two daughters: Anna Anschutz and Emma McGee; four grandchildren: Alex Queathem, Sage Queathem, Kalani Queathem, and Tristan Anschutz; one sister, Cynthia Krause; and two brothers: Jim Riggs and Bobby Riggs. She was preceded in death by her parents: Edgar Ryerson Riggs Jr. and Helen Flora Riggs; and one brother, Eddie Riggs. A visitation was held on Aug. 23, 2016 at Maple View Pavilion at Nickajack Cave. A celebration of life is planned at the Hearth Room at the Hawkins House in Webster Groves, MO, on Nov. 26, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. CST.

MCKEE, FRED, 87, born March 27, 1929 in Enterprise, MS, died Oct. 4, 2016 in Meridian, MS. He was a member of the Community Church. He is survived by his wife, Miletus McKee; his sons: Rick Griffin and John McKee; his daughter, Sherry Barber, and three sister: June McKee, Mary Speed, and Laura Jolly.

**NEWELL, WALTON HARVEY**, 99, born June 5, 1917, died June 18, 2016 in Whites Creek, TN. Known by his middle name, Harvey, he was a long time member of the Ridgetop, TN, Church. After his service in the U.S. Army, he worked at the Southern Publishing Association in Nashville, TN, and then took training in auto mechanics and welding, and these became his lifework. He is survived by one son, Thomas Calvin; two granddaughters; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of more than 50 years, Ruth; and two sons: Walton Daniel, and infant Jerry William.

**PRALL, JAY EDWARD**, 69, born March 22, 1947 in Los Angeles, CA, died June 5, 2016 in Winchester, TN. He was employed for more than 25 years as a public relations specialist for a non-profit organization. He was a member of the Decherd, TN, Church, and was committed to the renovations being made to the church building. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Kathryn Fagal Prall; two daughters: Wendy Bohna and Michelle (Jeffrey) Renee Martin; one sister, Carolyn (Timothy) Dinkmeier; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and two nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents: Caleb and Wyone (Rogers) Prall; and one son, Brian Prall.

PURPLE, DANIEL R., 80, born Sept. 24, 1936 in Wabash, IN, died Dec. 17, 2016 in Deer Lodge, TN. Dan and his family served as missionaries in the Division Office in Montevideo, Uruguay, after graduating in 1964 from Pacific Union College in California. He was always happy and smiling, and never knew a stranger. He could start a conversation with anyone. He will be greatly missed by his wife of 57 years, Margurete Dougherty Purple; one daughter, Denise Steely; two sons: Stanley and Timothy; four granddaughters; one great-granddaughter; three brothers: Chuck, Thomas, and Jim Purple. The memorial service was held at the Meister Memorial Church in TN, on Jan. 19, 2017, with Pastor Lonnie Cook officiating.

#### RASH, JUDITH "JUDY" ELAINE WOOD,

69, born Nov. 3, 1946 in Madison, TN, died May 13, 2016 at her home in Pikeville, TN. Judy was a licensed practical nurse. She did private duty nursing in Columbus, OH, worked at the Sequatchee County Hospital until it closed, and also at Bledsoe County Nursing Home in Pikeville. She was owner of PRN Nursing Temps for the last 12 years of her career. Judy was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church at the age of 10 and was a member of the Pikeville Church. In 2006, she recommitted her life totally to the Lord. She became an important part of the Seventh-day Adventist Wilderness Fellowship Church, using her talents to provide keyboard music for the worship service and also editing sermons, putting them on CDs to be used by the CD ministry. Judy was preceded in death by her parents: the late Russell Wood and Hank and Ann Abston, and one brother, LeAllen McConnell. She is survived by two sons: Lonny (Linda) Shattuck of Calimesa, CA, and Jeffrey Shattuck of McDonald, TN; one granddaughter, Cecilia Shattuck of McDonald, TN; and one grandson, Michael Shattuck of Calimesa, CA; siblings: Linda (Tony) De Wind of Pikeville, TN, Terry (Jay) Wood of Albany, GA, Dianne (Jim) Jeter of Panama City, FL, Charmavne (Terry) Leard of Dallas, GA, Lori (Jeff) Quick of Pikeville, TN, and Kelli Abston of Petersburg, VA; several nieces; and nephews. Judy loved the Lord with all her heart, and she went to sleep looking forward to the Resurrection Morning, when her Life-giver, Jesus, will call her to life everlasting.

ROBERSON, VIOLA "POLLY," 92, died March 1, 2016, at the Mayo Clinic Health System in Waycross, GA, following an extended illness. She was born in Nashville, TN, but had resided in California before moving back to Georgia. Along with her husband, she was owner/operator of Jim Roberson Carpet Service for many years and a member of Seventh-day Adventist Church. Viola was the daughter of the late James Rice Neblett and Mary Neblett Smalling. She was married to the late James Burton Roberson. She was preceded in death by her son, James C. Roberson; a granddaughter, Michella Rhen Thomas; a sister, Mary Evelyn Smith; and a brother, Jimmy Franklin. She is survived by two daughters, Mary Kay (Earl) Johns of Waycross and Donna Faye (Wesley) McOuaig of Jacksonville, FL; eight grandchildren: Ricky Johns, Randy Johns, James B. (Tracy) Peacock, James C. Roberson, Tammy Edwards, Amy (Rodney) Strickland, Amanda Danielle (Daniel) Thomas, and Melody N. (Jason) Hicks; 15 great grandchildren; and numerous great-great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. A funeral service was held on March 4, 2016, at the Music Funeral Home Chapel. Entombment followed in Greenlawn Mausoleum.

SADOWITZ, JACQUELYN MARIE FULLER, 59, born Oct. 5, 1957 in Redlands, CA, died Oct. 9, 2016. She was the daughter of the late Dr. Laverne and Norma (Meyer) Fuller, and was the fourth of six children. Jacque married Dr. Richard Sadowitz on March 23, 2004. She had two children whom she dedicated her life and love: Chris (Abby) Loeffler and Kelsi (Eric) Loeffler Ashburn. She was blessed to have two precious grandsons, Barrett and Briggs Ashburn. Richard also brought his three children to their blended family: Rebecca, Sam, and Phillip. Her talents were endless. She fashioned amazing spreads for family and friends and hosted numerous showers, parties, and infamously large family reunions. If you knew her, you were likely either enjoying something she organized, catered, hosted, or planned. She lived her life through acts of kindness. She is survived by her siblings: Carolyn (Jim) Fuller Sanderson, Robert (Sue) Fuller, Jody (Gary) Fuller Sheldon, Marty (Terri) Fuller, and Marci Fuller Russell; and by aunts, uncles, many cousins, co-workers, and friends.

SCHNEIDER, DR. WILBUR D., 99, of Ellijav, born Dec. 29, 1916 in Clinton, MO, to the late Chester C. and Katherine Ewert Schneider, German immigrants, who became medical missionaries in South America, died Oct. 31, 2016. He was a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army, serving as a medic in WWII. He was a family doctor until he was 84 years old, frequently rendering his services for free. In this way, he served as a missionary in his own community. Dr. Schneider was Citizen of the Year in 2000, and a life-long member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He is survived by his wife, Sue Coffey Schneider; sons and daughters-in-law: Don and Mickie Easley Schneider of Ellijay, Douglas and June Schneider of Kingston, and his daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Randy Teague of Jasper; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; several nieces; and nephews. The funeral service was held Nov. 3, 2016 in the chapel at Bernhardt Funeral Home with Pastor James Peel and Judge Roger Bradley officiating. Eulogy by Mickie Easley Schneider, and prayer by Minster Butch Jones. Music was by Rae Rita Peel and the congregation, led by Gina Teague. The pallbearers include: Doug Schneider, Austin Schneider, Sean Rynearson, Jared Baze, Lamar Fendley, James Boggs and Tony Schneider. Honorary pallbearers include: Judge Roger Bradley, Bruce Newlon, Leonard Tessier, Joe Boggs, Rayson Chance, and Minister Butch Jones. Interment was in the Ellijay Seventh-day Adventist Cemetery with graveside rites by the North Georgia Honor Guard.

**SHUCK, PAUL WILLARD**, 62, born May 24, 1954, died Aug. 25, 2016. He was a member of the Louisville, KY, First Church. He was preceded in death by his parents: Claude and Nellie Shuck; two sisters: Norma Brown and Christine Lamb; and two brothers: Herschel and Ed Shuck.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Vicki (Gaddie) Suck; three brothers: Richard, Jerry (Nancy), and David Shuck; five sisters: Shirley Goodman, Mary Carey, Linda (Eddie) Dennis, Brenda (Dwight) Yates, and Judy (Lenny) Douglas; and his mother-in-law, Liz Stanford.

SKAGGS, HAROLD DONALD "DON," 80, born Feb. 3, 1936 in Louisville, KY, died May 23, 2016 in Ashland City, TN. He was the son of Harold and Christine Skaggs, and the oldest brother of Wayne, David, and Daryl Skaggs. On Sept. 18, 1955, while attending Madison College, he met and married his wife of 60 years, Carole Dionne Cantrell. During the next several years they were blessed with four children. He worked at the Southern Publishing Association in Nashville, TN, for 25 years, which included relocating to Hagerstown, MD, for eight years. He retired to Georgia, and worked in several fields until he and Carole ventured out in missionary work spending close to five years at "A Key Encounter" in Key West, FL. Don enjoyed every minute of it. With his "gift of gab," he enjoyed talking to all the vacationers as they came in to see the birds and the nature show, as well as the planetarium. He especially became fond of the birds. When he became, ill he moved back to Ashland City, TN, where he died. He is survived by his wife, Carole Dionne Skaggs; two sons: Gary Skaggs, and Craig (Madeline) Skaggs; two daughters: Denise (JD) Phillips, and Janann (Wayne) Langston; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

**SKAU, KATHERINE DORA**, 90, born June 7, 1925, died June 3, 2016. She is survived by one daughter, Sondra (Lyle) Spiva; two sons: Dr. Randall (Melinda) Skau and Dr. David (Helen) Skau; and many grandchildren. A graveside service was held in Molalla, OR.

**SMALLING, REBA JEAN,** 73, born March 3, 1943, died July 6, 2016. She was a member of the Madison Campus Church in Madison, TN. She is survived by three sons: Troy (Lisa) Smalling, Lee (Dawn) Smalling, and Jason (Angela) Smalling; two daughters: Kimberly Goodwin and Candace (Stefano) DiMaggio; one sister, Rebecca Hanson; 10 grandchildren: Corey Smalling, Erin Smalling, Austin Smalling, Tanner Smalling, Mia Smalling, Sophia Smalling, Frankie Goodwin, Ashley Harmon, Britney Frashier, and Blaire Frashier; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rabon Young Smalling.

**SMITH, BETTY JO**, 89, died Oct. 19, 2016. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Smith; one daughter, Ann Bieber; and parents: Ollie and Ester Spencer. She is survived by two grandsons: Perry and Todd Bieber; two sisters: Jewell Roley and Lorene McCain; two brothers: Ollie and Donald Spencer; one niece, Jackie Ferguson; several great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; and great nieces.

**ST. CLAIR, MARILYN L**., 75, born June 23, 1941 in Brunswick, MD, died Aug. 4, 2016 in Ocala, FL. She was a member of the Dunnellon Church. She is survived by her husband, Donald; two daughters: Kelly While of Smithville, VA, and Ricei Koneg of Fernandina Beach; and four grandchildren.

STILWELL III, GEORGE MYRON, 71, of Madison, TN, born July 4, 1944 in Cleveland, OH, to the late Dessie and George Stilwell Jr., died April 22, 2016. After the age of 12, he grew up in the home of his grandparents, the late Muriel and George Stilwell Sr., in Tallahassee, FL. He graduated from Fletcher Academy, Hendersonville, NC, in 1962 and attended Madison College where he obtained knowledge about the printing business until the college closed in 1964. He married his college sweetheart, Deanna West, in Wytheville, VA, SDA Church on Dec. 20, 1964. The couple lived in Madison for 51 years. George was active in the church and community during this time. He served as a deacon and sang in the church choir as well as volunteered at the Adventist Community Services Center & Thrift Store in downtown Madison. He was the former owner/ operator of Print Quik, a member of the Madison Chamber of Commerce, and was always supportive of local businesses. George also did a lot of work for the Madison College Alumni Association (MCAA), from overseeing the production and mailing of the Madison Survey to helping set up for the annual alumni gatherings and maintaining the Heritage House. He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Deanna Stilwell; three daughters: Treva (Leslie) Overstreet of Madison, TN, Dawna (Tony) Roberts of Goodlettsville, TN, and Laura (Samir) Patel of Carmichael, CA; two brothers: David (Connie) Stilwell of New Albany, IN, and James (Pamela) Stilwell of Three Rivers, MI; two sisters: Barbara (George) Lower of Alachua, FL, and Marylin (Robert) Sawyer of Sylva, NC; five grandchildren: Christopher (Amber) Roberts, Matthew Roberts, Duncan Patel, Harley Patel, and Alex Overstreet; several nieces; nephews; and many other loving family members.

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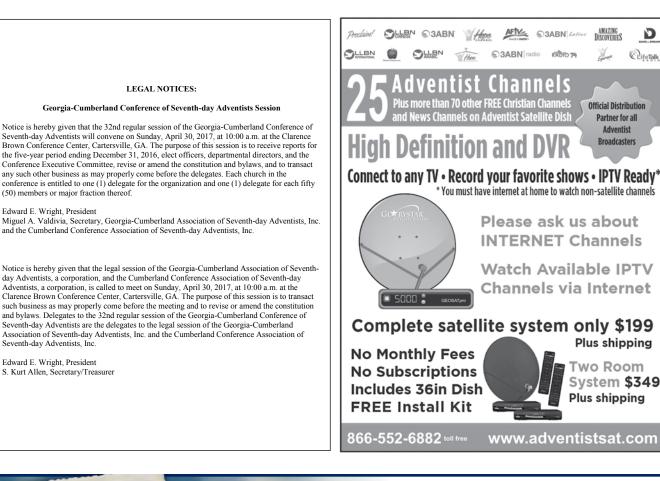
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### CAROLINA

ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL WORKSHOP -Feb. 11. Monroe Church.

ENGLISH ROMANCE @ THE RANCH - Feb. 10-12. NPR.

HISPANIC ROMANCE @ THE RANCH - Feb. 17-19. NPR.

KOREAN ELDERS' RETREAT - March 3-5. NPR. PATHFINDER WORKBEE - March 17-19. NPR. MPA MUSIC FESTIVAL - March 30, 31. MPA. ELDERS'/DEACONS'/DEACONESSES SUM-MIT CERTIFICATION - March 31-April 2. NPR. ALIVE YOUTH RALLY - March 31-April 2. Spartanburg, SC.

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.

### FLORIDA

**COMPLETE CALENDAR ONLINE** – floridaconference.com/events

NEW FLORIDA CONFERENCE OFFICE HOURS
Feb. 3. Starting date for office closure on Fridays, followed by expanded operating hours
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FLORIDA ADVENTIST BOOKMOBILE SCHED-ULE – 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.

SEX, LOVE, AND RELATIONSHIP RETREAT - March 3-5. Pine Lake Retreat, 21725 FL-33, Groveland. Age-appropriate Adventist information on real-life issues, suitable for ages 11-35. Cost: \$35. Registration: conta.cc/2gEUpMI MEN'S MINISTRIES CONVENTION - March 10-12. Camp Kulaqua, 23400 NW 212 Ave., High Springs. Theme: Boots On the Ground. Featured speakers: Frank Gonzalez, Robert Hines, Newton Hoilette, Gervon Marsh. Cost: \$31-\$236.75 depending on meal/accommodation/commuter choice. Details and registration: kulaqua.com/2017-sda-mens-retreatat-kulaqua-retreat-and-conference-center SHOWCASE FOR 2017 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL OPTION - March 11, 3-6 p.m. Florida Conference office, 351 S. State Road 434, Altamonte Springs. Featured VBS programs: Cactusville, Making Fun Factory, Peru, Rome, DoDad's Lab. Guest presenters: Group Publishing, DoDad's Lab, and Into the Wild Nature Ministries. Cost: free. Details: judy.smith@floridaconference.com

FOREST LAKE ACADEMY ALUMNI WEEKEND – March 17, 18. 500 Education Loop, Apopka. Honor years: 50+, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007. Cost: free with meals available for \$10. Details: forestlakeacademy.org/wp/alumni, alumni@forestlake.org, or 407-748-8888.

FOREST LAKE ACADEMY ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT - March 17, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Red-Tail Golf Club, 26026 Member Lane, Sorrento. Supporting Forest Lake Academy's Panther Athletic Ministry. Scramble format tournament. Cost: \$125 individual, \$500 foursome (\$100 foursome discount if registered before March 10). Sponsorships available. Details: forestlakeacademy.org/wp/golf, kellerm@forestlake.org, or 407-748-8888.

**ADVENTURER FUN DAYS** – Theme: Healthy Living Through Nature. Cost: Adventurers, \$10 online or \$12 on site; adults, no charge.

March 19. North Area Zone A. Gainesville Spanish Church, 12909 NW 39th Ave., Gainesville. Check in begins 9 a.m. Registration: conta.cc/2eQid0B March 26. Central Area. Forest Lake Church, 515 Harley Lester Lane, Apopka. Check in begins 8 a.m. Registration: conta.cc/2fzt3vc April 9. North Area Zone B, Tampa First Church, 822 W. Linebaugh Ave., Tampa. Check in begins 9 a.m. Registration: conta.cc/2eQjOU3

123RD ANNUAL FLORIDA CAMP MEETING - April 20-23. Camp Kulaqua, 23400 NW 212 Ave., High Springs. Theme: Filled With His Spirit. Featured speakers: Dave Smith, Dana Edmond, Mike Cauley. Cost: varies depending on meals and accommodation choice. Details: floridaconference.com/campmeeting

**CAMPESTRE HISPANO -** April 28-30. Camp Kulaqua, 23400 NW 212 Ave., High Springs. Guest speaker: Frank Gonzalez. Cost: varies depending on meals and accommodation choice. Details: floridaconference.com/campestre

### **GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND**

OASIS HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT - Feb. 3-5. Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Crandall, GA. CONSTITUENCY PRE-SESSION MEETING (DISTRICT 3) - Feb. 4. 4-5 p.m. Everyone welcome. Calhoun Church, Calhoun, GA. CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES CONVENTION - Feb. 10-12. Theme: Turning Hearts (Malachi 4:6). Speaker: Andrew Shurtliff. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.

CONSTITUENCY PRE-SESSION MEETING (dis-

trict 4&5) – Feb. 11. 4-5 p.m. Everyone welcome. Chattanooga First Church, Chattanooga, TN.

WILL CLINIC WITH JEFF WILSON - Feb. 12. Collegedale Church, TN.

**PATHFINDER TEEN EVENT -** Feb. 17-19. Cost \$45, deadline to register Feb. 1. Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Crandall, GA.

**HISPANIC COUPLES RETREAT -** Feb. 17-19. Register by Jan. 31, 2017. Winshape Retreat Center, Rome, GA.

**PRAYER CONFERENCE** – Feb. 17-19. Presenter Allan Walshe, associate professor of Christian Ministry and Director of the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Program at Andrews University. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.

**CONSTITUENCY PRE-SESSION MEETING** (DISTRICT 6) – Feb. 25. 4-5 p.m. Everyone welcome. Knoxville First Church, TN.

CONNECT: ADVENTIST CHRISTIAN FELLOW-SHIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE - March 3-5. RACHEL KEELE, NATE DUBS, AND KY-MONE HINDS WILL EACH PRESENT ON OUR THEME, "LIFE AFTER SCHOOL." - Online registration will end Feb. 17. Details about this weekend of fellowship, worship, and discipleship, go to acfgcc.org/connect. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.

HISPANIC CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES CON-VENTION - March 3-5. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.

**HEALTH RALLY WITH EW DEMPSEY -** March 4. 2-5 p.m. Cleveland, GA.

HISPANIC WOMEN'S RETREAT - March 17-19. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA. REGENERATE (YOUTH FESTIVAL) - March 18. The Church at Liberty Square, Cartersville, GA.

HEALTH AND PERSONAL MINISTRIES LEAD-ERSHIP TRAINING WITH EW DEMPSEY – March 18. 3-6 p.m. Powder Springs Church, Lakeview, GA.

PRECISION DRILL EVENT - March 19. Cost is \$6 per drill team member/instructor. Deadline to register is March 1. Soddy Daisy High School, TN. HOW TO CONDUCT A REVERSING DIABETES SEMINAR/LEADERSHIP TRAINING - March 19. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Chattanooga First Church, TN. Some events require pre-registration; details at registration.gccsda.com.

### **KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE**

COUPLES GETAWAY – Feb. 11. Indian Creek Camp. PATHFINDER 7-UP CAMPOUT – Feb. 17-19. Indian Creek Camp.

**WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE -**Feb. 26. Conference Office.

EASTERN KY CAMP MEETING - March 10, 11. Prestonsburg, KY.

MUSIC FESTIVAL – March 16-18. Highland Academy. LOUISVILLE FESTIVAL OF FAITH – March 24, 25. Louisville, KY.

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -** April 4. Conference Office.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION -** April 6. Conference Office.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY CONFERENCE - April 7, 8. Indian Creek Camp.

**TEACHERS' IN-SERVICE –** April 13, 14. Conference Office.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT - April 21-23. Indian Creek Camp.

HIGHLAND ACADEMY DAYS - April 21, 22. Highland Academy.

### SOUTHERN UNION

**SOUTHERN UNION PBE PLAYOFFS** – March 25. Georgia-Cumberland Academy.

### SOUTHERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY

**GRADUATE SCHOOL FAIR** – Feb. 22. Get face time with faculty and administrators running Southern's graduate school programs, some of which can be completed entirely online. The event lasts from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the University's Dining Hall. For more information, call 423-236-2585 or visit southern.edu/graduatestudies.

**SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT –** March 19. Southern's Symphony Orchestra presents an evening of classical music, including *Symphony No. 2 for Organ and Orchestra*, op. 91 by Alexandre Guilmant, among other pieces. Starting at 7:30 p.m., the concert will be held in the Collegedale Church and is free and open to the public. You can also view it live at southern.edu/streaming.

**PREVIEWSOUTHERN –** March 23, 24. Students are invited to take a campus tour, discuss majors with professors, sit in on financial aid workshops, and enjoy a fun activity in Chattanooga. For more information, call 1-800-SOUTHERN.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW FLORIDA CONFERENCE OPERATING HOURS - Effective Feb. 3. Florida Conference transitioned to extended operating hours Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., with lobby doors opening at 8 a.m. The office is closed to the public on Fridays. These changes DO NOT affect A Better Choice Adventist Book Center hours and days of operation. The action to begin a four-day work week was voted Dec. 4. 2016. by the Florida Conference Executive Committee for the following reasons: (1) extended working hours Monday through Thursday to better serve constituents; (2) most local conference offices, as well as unions, North American Division, and the General Conference, follow this practice; and (3) to provide more time for office staff to prepare for customary weekend speaking appointments.

#### FLORIDA KEYS CAMP MEETING - Feb. 17-19.

Camp Sawyer (Boy Scout Camp), Mile Marker 34. Free to ALL! "Fill My Cup, Lord," presented by Jeremy Arnall. Baritone Michael Harris will bless us in concert. For camping information, call Laura: 423-972-7694. For all other information, email Pastor Juanita: prayingks@gmail. com. Attendees are asked to bring food for Sabbath lunch/supper potlucks. Wooden chairs are provided, bring your own pillowed comfort. Camp Sawyer was remodeled in 2013 with 20 new individual bathrooms and showers.

100TH 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.

### OKLAHOMA ACADEMY "ACADEMY DAYS" -

**April 7-9.** 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.oklahomaacademy.org.

MARANATHA VOLUNTEERS INTERNATION-AL EVENT - April 8. Everyone is invited to "Go Maranatha!" a missions Sabbath in Chattanooga, TN, featuring Adventist leaders from Africa, India, and Cuba, and stories from the mission field. ICCM Theatre & Event Center, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free admission. 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. Email: ea.gpa.alumni@hotmail.com or call 620-640-5740.

UNION COLLEGE HOMECOMING - April 6-9. Honor classes: 1947, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1977, 1987, 1992, 1997, and 2007. 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.

COLLEGE PRESS CELEBRATES 100TH ANNI-VERSARY - 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@ Isakl2.com; 951 351-1445 x244; www.lsakl2.com.

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