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A young woman walked out her back door, across her back yard, and into her neighbor's yard. As she crossed into the neighbor's back yard and approached the back door, she prayed for an opportunity to find a Bible study. She knocked on the door and a young mother answered. After a gentle greeting between the two women, she said, "I really love studying my Bible. If you are interested, I'd love to study the Bible with you." The young mother of two, whose husband was gone most of the time working and playing, heard those words. She smiled and agreed that she would like to study the Bible.

The Bible study began with them sitting down together in the young mother's home at her kitchen table. The young mother smoked and unknowingly put her cigarette in an ashtray right under the nose of the woman who was giving the Bible study. Never one time did the woman complain or say anything about the cigarette smoke. After completing the Bible study series, the woman invited the young mother to come to her church. So, one Sabbath that young mother got her two daughters cleaned up and dressed, and off to church they went.

When the husband of the young mother came home from work, he saw a difference in his wife. She had experienced Christ, and it changed her life. The husband wanted the peace and joy that he saw in his wife.

The two daughters loved Sabbath School. They sang the songs at home and were excited that they'd made new friends. One Sabbath morning the girls approached their dad and begged him to come to church with them. The young father, feeling guilty, said that he would go with them that day.

After parking their car, the young family walked together to the front door of the Seventh-day Adventist church. The husband had never been there before. In fact, he hadn't been in a church for 12 years. His throat was dry and his hands were wet. The front door opened, and a woman with her arms wide open and a smile even wider greeted the young family by hugging each one with a long, powerful hug. The young husband was shocked at the display of "welcome." He broke out into a sweat. He hadn't hugged anybody but his wife for years. Not knowing how to protest, he was reluctantly hugged by this stranger. Once seated in the church, the young husband and father was very uncomfortable during the church service, worried if he was going to get hugged on the way out. After the service ended, the deacons came to usher the people out of the church. The young mother and the two daughters went toward the foyer and the front door. The husband panicked and could not force himself to go back toward the foyer and be invaded by the hugger. He went in the opposite direction to a doorway at the front of the church that he had not entered before. As he opened the door and entered a hallway, a gray-haired woman was coming toward him. He held his breath and wondered if she, too, was a hugger. She extended her hand and said, "You're Teresa's husband, Dave, aren't you?" He nodded his head and said, "Yes, I am." Cradling his hand with a gentleness he had never felt, she said, "I've been praying for you. I hope you'll come back and visit us again." He felt touched by God.

She was so sweet and so kind that this moment became embedded in the young father's heart and mind. I know this because I was that young father. My heart was hardened by the world I lived and worked in, but God used this woman to crack that hardness. I went back to the church the next week so I wouldn't disappoint this special gray-haired woman. I've never stopped going to church from that time. Her name was Carol Hainault. She passed away a few years ago, but I will never forget her.

I wonder who will take her place when the next young family walks into our church? 🙏



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Bessie Chambers (left) and Essie Hutton of Gulfport, Mississippi, look at a section of the Gulf Coast they have claimed for Jesus. Chambers sent *Steps to Christ* to each home, and now she and Hutton go door-to-door to pray with and “encourage people to pray.”



# Personal Ministry: GETTING OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE

BY LUCAS L. JOHNSON II

*“Personal ministry is not about always knowing what to say. It is not about fixing everything in sight that is broken. Personal ministry is about connecting people with Christ so that they are able to think as He would have them think, desire what He says is best, and do what He calls them to do even if their circumstances never get ‘fixed.’ It involves exposing hurt, lost, and confused people to God’s glory, so that they give up their pursuit of their own glory and live for His.”*

—Paul David Tripp, pastor and best-selling author

The Holy Spirit never ceases to amaze me. One Sabbath not too long ago, the pastor at the church I was attending told his members — in the most respectful yet direct way possible — that they needed to be more than just pew warmers. He wasn’t mean or flippant, didn’t have a tone. He just wanted them to step outside their comfort zone and look for ways to attract people, not necessarily to the Church, but to Christ. He wanted them to consider some type of personal ministry. Well, I have to admit, he reached me. For a while, I’d been thinking of things I could do to reach people outside the Church, to win souls. Indeed, the pastor’s sermon moved me. But, after recent conversations with four personal ministry leaders, I was convicted even more to do something.

What **Bessie Chambers** did in 2013 might seem out of the ordinary to some, but she didn’t really care what anybody thought, because she said she was working under the

auspices of the Holy Spirit. Chambers took more than \$5,000 from her savings, and, through the program PROJECT: Steps to Christ, had Christian literature mailed to everyone living in her zip code. She could have chosen a mailing route, but Chambers said she wanted to reach as many people as possible in Pass Christian, located in the Mississippi Gulf Coast region. Now, according to the 2010 census, Pass Christian had a population of a little more than 4,600, which meant Chambers essentially mailed literature to everyone in the city. She said part of her motivation for the mailings came from reading Ellen G. White’s *Testimonies for the Church*, volumes 1-9.

“In almost every volume, she encourages evangelism or witnessing, or some sort of mission work,” Chambers, who attends Maranatha Church in Gulfport, Mississippi, said in a recent interview. “And so, it really convicted me to do that.”

Chambers continues to do mass mailings, but now has the help of her church to pay for them. She has also started what she calls a community prayer ministry. Chambers said her objective is to “encourage people to pray” because of the perilous times in which we live.

“There are so many things going on in the world, so much corruption and school shootings. I told them if they would like, they could give me any concerns they have, and we can pray for them right now; or, if they didn’t mind, I could come back every two weeks.”

Chambers said her ministry has been well received, with numerous follow-up

visits to people in her community. She recalled one woman to whom she gave a *Steps to Christ* book.

“She took it on a flight,” Chambers said. “She came back, and I ended up having to give her an entire case of them. She wanted to give them to everybody.”

In Alabama, **Billy Pickett** is very aware of the impact *Steps to Christ* and other Christian literature can have in teaching people about God’s love and the difference He can make in their lives. That’s why he keeps literature in his truck and passes them out or places them anywhere he can.



PHOTO BY: R. STEVEN NORMAN III

**Billy Pickett** of Pell City, Alabama, is very aware of the impact *Steps to Christ* and other Christian literature can have in teaching people about God’s love, so he keeps a supply of literature to distribute anywhere he can.

"I'm all over the state of Alabama," said Pickett, a member of Pell City Church. "When I stop to get fuel, I leave them at the gas pump."

He said one place he and several church members enjoy passing out literature is at the Talladega Superspeedway, NASCAR's biggest track, with a capacity seating of 78,000. He said twice a year, they work the campgrounds near the track, or set up near the track entrances. Despite some rejections, Pickett said many people receive the literature. He said the first step is putting it in their hands, and the Holy Spirit will do the rest.

"We're called to spread the Gospel, spread the Word," said Pickett. "His Word doesn't come back void."

**Jasper Musgray** of Tallahassee, Florida, knows firsthand what it's like to tangibly receive God's Word.

After serving a tour in Vietnam in 1966, Musgray said he ended up on the streets, and turned to drugs and alcohol as a way of escaping the horrors of war and a nation that couldn't care less about his well-being. But, Harold Anderson, an elder at a local Seventh-day Adventist Church, did care, and he let Musgray know each time he saw him.

"When he saw me, he'd give me a hug, and say, 'Jasper, we miss



PHOTO BY: C.C. THOMPSON

**Jasper Musgray** of Tallahassee, Florida, is a fisherman who maintains an open invitation to his neighbors to fish with him on his 21-foot boat. Through these relationships, he fishes for men while fishing.



PHOTO BY: R. STEVEN NORMAN III

**Yaime Cordova** (second from left), a former Cuban lawyer, now represents Christ every chance she gets. Standing with her are Robert Williams (left), elder; Fidel Hernandez; and Nohora Bryan, elder.

you," recalled Musgray, his voice cracking with emotion. "Hope to see you soon.' He would never condemn me; I don't care how drunk I was. It meant so much."

Musgray said it was the nonjudgmental concern of Anderson, and his praying mother, that eventually drew him back to the Church, and to a relationship with Christ.

Today, at 74, Musgray said he and his wife, Willie Mae, have their own unique personal ministry that they use to win souls. They give vegetables from their garden to people in their community, and Musgray, who is a fisherman, maintains an open invitation on his 21-foot boat. Whether passing out vegetables or enjoying a fresh breeze out in the gulf, they both find a way to embrace those around

them, and to witness.

"One of the best things I can think of is just the pure fellowship," said Musgray, who attends Maranatha Church in Tallahassee. "God blessed me to be able to bless others."

**Yaime Cordova** of Atlanta found her ministry through a blessing God gave her. A native of Cuba, Cordova practiced law there before coming to the United States. Because she'd have to start over with a law degree here, she became a paralegal, a job she eventually left because her schedule conflicted with the Sabbath. However, God blessed her with another job. And last year, she became an elder at Atlanta First Hispanic Church.

"They challenged us to bring one person to Jesus in that year,

## REFERRING PEOPLE TO JESUS: THE BEST MINISTRY

“Every true disciple is born into the Kingdom of God as a missionary. He who drinks of the living water becomes a fountain of life. The receiver becomes a giver. The grace of Christ in the soul is like a spring in the desert, welling up to refresh all, and making those who are ready to perish, eager to drink of the water of life,” *Christian Service*, page 9.

We are born again as laborers together with God. Therefore, in the spirit of Jesus, we are to “be about our Father’s business.” Our Lord and Savior made it clear to his mother and Joseph, that nothing would deter Him from His main mission, “To seek and to save those that are lost.”

As we begin this second quarter 2018 and look forward to 2019, the Southern Union Conference Year of Evangelism and Lay Evangelism, there are a number of materials available through the Adventist Book Center and AdventSource.

For those whose hearts are not as concerned for the lost as in days gone by, pray and ask God to stir up both their hearts and yours, and ignite a flame that will shine brightly for His glory in the midst of utter darkness. The Adventist Book Center has a number of Bible studies that can assist in helping others to understand God better and lead them to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. One example is *Search for Certainty* by Mark Finley. The Adventist Television Ministries has some newly-released Bible study guides from Amazing Facts, Breath of Life, It Is Written, and Voice of Prophecy.

The Adventist Book Center also has a number of small booklets that can be acquired for less than one dollar each. These booklets cover a wide array of subjects on health, last day events, personal finance, etc. There are even better discounts that are given if larger quantities are purchased.

AdventSource also is a great reservoir of evangelism materials. They have some materials that can be very useful for group study after new converts come into salvation. A favorite item of many churches for preteens is *Bible Adventures for Young Readers*, which is full of life lessons. AdventSource also has a Bible study for teenagers, which is titled “Be Bold.” Seth Pierce, the author, identifies and covers principles that help young people recognize that in Christ Jesus they can be overcomers. Therefore, when Jesus comes again, they will hear the words, “Well done thou good and faithful servant.”

In the small book, *The Radical Prayer*, by Derek Morris, he challenges church members to pray another prayer that Christ taught His disciples to pray. In Luke 10:2 NJKV, it says, “The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.” May God help us to pray for more laborers in the harvest and in doing so may we join those who labor for the lost. —David Long, director of personal ministries at the Southern Union

Visit <http://store.sharewaves.org/?product=impediments-to-power> to obtain a prayer outreach book that has touched 55,000 people. As members pray with people in the community, they give this book to them to empower their own prayer lives. —Carl McRoy, communication director at the South Atlantic Conference

and I accepted that challenge,” recalled Cordova.

She decided Bible study would be a good way to win a soul, and prayed to God to send her someone. Cordova said she prayed for months, but didn’t encounter anyone.

Then one day Fidel Hernandez, who had been attending her church, approached her and said someone told him she could probably help him. He needed advice that she could likely provide because of her experience as an attorney. What happened was nothing but the work of God.

In the midst of the legalese, Cordova said she and Hernandez somehow started

talking about Jesus, which eventually led to her giving him Bible study. She said there were 14 lessons, but by lesson seven, Hernandez surprised her.

“You know what, Yaimé? I want to get baptized,” she recalled him saying. “I know we haven’t finished the Bible study, but I want to get baptized.”

And, he did. Today, Hernandez is a deacon, and works diligently to try to bring people into the Church.

“He’s serving,” Cordova said. “He’s not just sitting on a pew. That’s a wonderful thing.”

Since Hernandez has been active witnessing and serving, he has been im-

pressed by the Lord to become a pastor. Antonio Quinones, first elder at Atlanta First Hispanic Church, gave him the contact information for Enrique De la Rosa, pastor at the South Jonesboro Hispanic Church in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, who shared with him the steps to make his dreams come true. ●

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# New Study Underscores Adventist Health System's FOCUS ON PHYSICIAN WELL-BEING

BY MARIO ROBERTS



**Adventist Health System has been providing programs and resources to prevent and treat physician burnout since 2004.**

While we rely on physicians to diagnose and treat the ailments and health issues of their patients, many physicians find themselves dealing with the effects of this demanding line of work in the form of burnout. For more than a decade, Adventist Health System (AHS) has been on the leading edge of efforts to prevent and address physician burnout. A recent national study published by Medscape underscores AHS's persistent focus on physician well-being.

The National Physician Burnout and Depression Report, part of Medscape's annual Physician Lifestyle Report, surveyed more than 15,000 physicians from 29 specialties. It found that 42 percent of physicians reported burnout, and 15 percent reported experiencing either clinical or informal depression.

Though these latest revelations may be surprising to some, Adventist Health System has been focused on physician well-being through the identification and treatment of burnout since the early 2000s. Under the leadership of Ted Hamilton, M.D., senior vice president of mission and ministry and chief mission integration officer, the organization approaches physician well-being in the same way it cares for patients. And,



**Adventist Health System physicians care for the whole person — mind, body, and spirit — by offering prayer, kindness, and compassion to every person, every time.**

true to its culture of whole-person health, Adventist Health System provides support services and resources for physicians that care for mind, body, and spirit.

"At the end of the day, health care is about people taking care of people. Our patients depend on our physicians to care for them, and we have put the onus on ourselves to care for our physicians so that they can live abundant, fulfilled lives, and also deliver the best care possible for patients," said Hamilton.

A catalyst for this effort is Adventist Health System's Center for Physician Well-Being (CPWB). Formed in 2004, the CPWB offers confidential counseling, as well as preventative and therapeutic services. This includes family counseling, seminars, retreats, and training. All of these emphasize health, balance, and self-

care practices to help prevent, identify, and mitigate burnout while promoting overall wellness.

In addition to resources provided through the CPWB, Adventist Health System has begun administering a yearly physician well-being survey, and also hosts its annual Physician Well-Being Conference. The conference is a multiday gathering of physicians from across the organization featuring speakers, research, sessions, and best-practice sharing.

Adventist Health System is also working to help encourage wellness among physicians on a broader scale. As a founding sponsor of the Coalition for Physician Well-Being, it has joined with others to promote the professional, personal, and spiritual fulfillment of physicians. Members are able to take part in monthly webinars, an annual national conference, and other offerings that cover a broad range of topics pertinent to understanding physician well-being. The Coalition also created the Medicus Integra© Award, which formally recognizes hospitals and health care institutions that demonstrate a significant, purposeful, and ongoing commitment to the well-being of physicians.

"Everything we have done to enhance the well-being of physicians reflects our desire to foster wholeness as an extension of our mission of Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ," added Hamilton. "Through the work we have done in our system, as well as what we are doing alongside other organizations with the Coalition, we believe lasting impacts can be made that ultimately enhance the overall health and wellness of individuals, families, and communities." 🕊

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# CHAMPIONS OF PERSONAL MINISTRIES

BY **AMALIA DESHAY**

Breath of Life Ministries is dedicated to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the context of the Three Angels' Messages of Revelation 14 from a contemporary, urban perspective. And, though most of this is done through the production and distribution of Christ-centered television, radio, satellite, and online programs, more is done through the heart and hands of personal ministries than many may know.

Public evangelism has always been a vital part of Breath of Life's ministry, and as the most hands-on aspect of our outreach, remains the one most grounded in personal ministries.

Because we recognize that ministry does not end at the pulpit or on a television screen, Breath of Life is reaching out to those who need physical healing, spiritual healing, and hope. In partnership with our broadcast home church, the Oakwood University Church in Huntsville, Alabama, Breath of Life is feeding the homeless, distributing clothing, and visiting the incarcerated.

While Breath of Life continues to expand its global reach through social media, the Internet, smartphones, radio, and television, it's the personal, one-to-one work that brings the most satisfaction and direct results for the kingdom of God.

## Church Planting

It takes many volunteers who are committed to personal ministries to plant a church, but this is exactly what has happened in three communities during the last five years. Volunteers — working long hours in Bible study and friendship evangelism, using Breath of Life Bible study guides, CDs, DVDs, and other resources — have raised up Breath of Life churches



in Stamford, Connecticut; San Antonio, Texas; and Las Vegas, Nevada.

At our live evangelistic meetings, we often ask, "How did you hear about this event?" Many tell us it was a friend who invited them. That's personal ministries.

## Water

One initiative that truly represented this was Breath of Life's trip to Flint, Michigan, to distribute more than 20,000 water bottles to residents who were plagued by Flint's water contamination crisis. But, why would individuals from an internationally-broadcast preaching and teaching program give away water? Personal ministries.

From its humble beginnings, Breath of Life has been called to go beyond the walls of the Church, and into the boundless community to minister as Jesus did: to care for people's needs, win their confidence, and then bid them to follow Him. What touched residents' hearts was that people they didn't even know came to their city to alleviate suffering. From these visits, I have no doubt that many new viewers in these areas will now receive the "Water of Life," and be drawn to Jesus Christ through Breath of

Life broadcasts.

Breath of Life's partnership with church members in the Southern Union has been blessed by the hard work of a dozen or more regular volunteer Bible workers engaged in personal ministries.

## Phenomenal Results

During the last 24 months, nearly 1,000 individuals have been baptized through Breath of Life efforts in various cities across the globe! Praise be to God!

Beginning nearly 45 years ago, with founders Walter Arties and the late C.D. Brooks, former speaker/director; next through the ministry of Walter L. Pearson Jr., former speaker/director; and then today with Carlton P. Byrd, D.Min., speaker/director, Breath of Life has placed the highest value on its partners' participation through personal ministries.

You, too, can join the Breath of Life personal ministries volunteer team. Use our resources in your community, or consider joining our team that goes ahead of the evangelism presentation team, and offers Bible studies in communities across the United States.

To support Breath of Life through your volunteer efforts, or to make a financial contribution to support evangelism, please call us at 256-929-6460, visit us at [www.breathoflife.tv](http://www.breathoflife.tv), or mail your gift to P.O. Box 5960, Huntsville, Alabama 35814. Every gift, large or small, provides millions of lost souls with the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, and prepares them for His Second Coming. 📞

**Amalia DeShay** is the manager for the Breath of Life Ministries in Huntsville, Alabama.



# YOUR STORY TOO

BY JOHN BRADSHAW

Jesus' instruction was clear: "Go therefore and make disciples," Matthew 28:19.

In preparation for a major evangelism outreach taking place this month in Kansas City, Kansas, "Ed and Cathy" decided to take Jesus at His word.

Working with three conferences and many churches, extensive preparation work has been carried out in Kansas City, including the mailing out of thousands of Bible study interest cards. Hundreds of cards were received from people asking for Bible studies.

Although Ed and Cathy had held virtually every position in their local church, they had never given a Bible study. Eager to support the Reach KC initiative, they volunteered to follow up interest cards and study with people who had requested Bible studies.

They knocked at a door and were warmly welcomed. After becoming acquainted with the family, they left five copies of an It Is Written Bible study, and promised to be back a week later.

From that time on, Ed and Cathy met on Saturday evening with a family eager to learn more about the Bible and the God of the Bible. The studies were enthusiastic, participatory, and fun, and afterwards they would answer questions by text until as late as 10:30 in the evening.

"Seeing this family of five baptized and watching them grow into active church members has been a wonderful blessing," Cathy said. "And, I want people to know that our story can be their story. There are many more people just waiting for someone to open the Bible with them." And best



**John Bradshaw is the speaker/director of It Is Written.**

of all? "Best of all has been what this has done for us. Studying with people wanting to know the Lord has changed our lives."

We continue to see that when God's people offer themselves to be used in His work, God does great things. As we look toward the culmination of a city-wide evangelistic outreach in a major North American city, we are seeing God work powerfully. That's what God does. It's our privilege to be able to work alongside Him.

A key part of this outreach has been the It Is Written Bible Study Guides. Developed two years ago, they are now being used extensively in the United States and around the world as an effective soul-winning tool. One pastor commented on the It Is Written website, "I have used many Bible studies over the years, but these are by far the best I have ever used. They're clear, to the point, and Christ-centered, while kindly presenting the great truths of the Bible." Another

pastor told me, "We have more than 40 people taking the It Is Written studies right now. Many people are being baptized."

But, no Bible study is effective if it isn't used. It isn't uncommon to find boxes of unused resources stored in cupboards in churches or homes. Jesus never said that a shortage of resources would hold up His work, but a shortage of laborers.

I've seen again and again that when God's people make themselves available — as Ed and Cathy did — people are inevitably reached with the Gospel. Jesus promised us this would be so.

One day as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus made Simon and Andrew a promise that if they believed, it would radically alter the church. He said to them in Matthew 4:19, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

God will use anyone who believes that promise — that He would make you a winner of souls — to bring people for whom Jesus died out of the ocean of sin, and onto the shore of faith and hope.

Whether printed Bible studies, DVD presentations, or other methods of sharing Jesus, God wants to make you a "fisher of men." If you believe that the promise made to Simon and Andrew is a promise made also to you, you can expect God to use you to reach others, just as He used Ed and Cathy. And, when God has used you to impact another person for His kingdom, you'll be able to say as Ed and Cathy said, "The Lord has changed my life." ❶

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# ITALIAN BANKER

## *and Family Baptized in Tennessee*

BY JOEL BARRIOS

Giorgio Chiesa is the son of an influential family in Italy. He was baptized in St. Paul's Cathedral (in the Vatican), in an ecumenical ceremony, by Pope Paulus VI, and a Muslim man. As a child, he remembers several times Karol Wojtyla (John Paul II) visiting his mother at her house.

When Giorgio was 12, he attended a Catholic school. On his first day in religion class he asked the priest, "How can you demonstrate that God exists?" He was immediately asked to leave class, with the teacher saying, "You do not question! You have to believe by faith!"

When the principal told Giorgio's father about his son's unbelief and questioning, he answered, "If my son cannot ask questions in your religion class, then he will not attend." Giorgio became agnostic. He grew up going to the best schools and universities in Europe, studying law and international business, and thinking that religion was a human invention and God was not real.

In 1999, while on a round-the-world trip between jobs in London, he met his future wife in Spain. Alejandra was born into an Adventist family in Colombia, but left the church in her late teens due to a family crisis. She then moved to Spain to live with her brother. After dating for some time, Giorgio and Alejandra got married and moved to London where she started attending the local Adventist church. While Giorgio took his wife to church, but he did not participate, as "Church was not for me." After eight years and two children living in England, they moved to Switzerland. There Alejandra met an Argentinean Adventist woman, and they became very good friends.

Four years later they moved to Buenos Aires, Argentina. While there, Giorgio's dearest sister passed away from an aggressive cancer. Giorgio and Alejandra were devastated. While in grief, Alejandra's Argentinean friend recommended they watch the video of an Adventist pastor at the Spanish-American Church in Collegedale, Tennessee. Religion



Alejandra Chiesa and her husband, Giorgio Chiesa, are now baptized members of the Spanish-American Church in Collegedale, Tennessee. They found Jesus online while living in another country.



Joel Barrios, pastor, welcomes Giorgio and Alejandra Chiesa to the Spanish-American Church in Collegedale, Tennessee.

started to make sense to Giorgio.

Three years later the family relocated for work reasons to the Bahamas. They began to watch the Collegedale Spanish-American worship service online almost every Sabbath for several years. One day they called Joel Barrios, pastor of the Spanish-American Church, to invite him to come to the Bahamas. He stayed at their home, where he gave them four or five Bible studies that he has previously given to agnostic and atheists. It was a miraculous experience. When Barrios left the Bahamas, the family was not only happy, they were spiritually united.

In December they skyped with Barrios to continue studying the Bible. They then went to Colombia for the holidays, with plans to go skiing in Canada in February. While their ski equipment was being sent from Colombia to the Bahamas via courier, it was stolen. Giorgio told the family that they would buy new equipment and go to Canada anyway. While return-

ing from Colombia, Giorgio fell at the airport and broke his right arm, preventing them from going skiing. The family was saddened, as they loved skiing.

A few days later, Barrios called Giorgio to invite the family to an evangelistic meeting in Tennessee. By a miracle of God, the dates for the meeting coincided with those of the skiing trip, and the family agreed to travel to Tennessee.

The family, and Giorgio in particular, were impressed with the practical topics of Roger Hernandez, speaker for the evangelistic crusade and Southern Union ministerial director. He was amazed that his 12-year-old son, who is always complaining about attending church with his mom, was excited with his new church friends. During the week, Giorgio made the decision to get baptized, and on that Friday, Alejandra decided to be rebaptized.

Giorgio and Alejandra will be the first online members at the Spanish-American Church, requesting to be members in Tennessee.

It is pretty amazing how God works with planting seeds with friends and disappearing ski equipment. Giorgio and his family are excited about their newfound faith in God, and their new online church family. ☪

**Joel Barrios** is the pastor of the Collegedale Spanish American Church.



## Gulf States

# HOLDS SEEDS CONFERENCE

BY SHANE HOCHSTETLER

Every church that exists today is because of church planting, said Anthony WagenerSmith, associate director at the North American Division Evangelism Institute (NADEI). WagenerSmith was joined by pastors from around the Division at the SEEDS Conference in Birmingham, Alabama, February 9-10, 2018. Some of the visiting presenters included Sergio Quevedo from Boston, Massachusetts; Godfrey Miranda from Castle Rock, Colorado; and Richie Halversen from Clinton, Mississippi, among others. Each presenter shared their experience with church planting, and encouraged attendees to take a closer look at their own experience and how a church plant may have positively influenced their relationship with God. In WagenerSmith's presentation, he sought to clarify the misconception of what church planting is by showing what church planting has always been. As it turns out, Adventists have been planting churches since the very beginning of their history, though they haven't always called it that. In fact, one would be hard-pressed to find any record of "church-planting" if searched using those terms. The reason it would be difficult is that church planting is the natural process by which the Gospel is shared; it isn't just a term or ideal.

WagenerSmith referenced an Indiana newspaper article from 1886, where a local Adventist leader was questioned about how their church was growing so quickly. The response was that their church operated from the leadership of the local elders; their pastor started the church, but was then off to new territory beginning new groups that would eventually become churches as well. During the Adventist denomination's early years, planting wasn't just a phrase or buzz word; it was the normal operating procedure. WagenerSmith went on to explain that in the book of Acts, it was primarily the work of unknown people that brought about sig-



PHOTO BY: SHANE HOCHSTETLER

Attendees respond to the appeal of taking part in a church plant in their local area.



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**Richie Halversen, Gulf States church planting director, passionately presents the Sabbath morning message.**



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**Evgeni Kovachev, pastor of Grace Oasis, is interviewed by Steven WagenerSmith, associate director of NADEI.**

nificant growth of God's Church. In essence, in Bible time and recent Church history, the responsibility for church growth and sustainability wasn't resting only with the pastor or regional leaders, but with each Christian.

The reality is that in the present time, we have all of the training and resources needed to win souls for Jesus successfully. What is lacking are faith and effort. But, according to Halversen, it doesn't need to stay that way. In his Sabbath morning message, "Leaving the Drought," Halversen called for our lackadaisical relationship with Jesus to be changed for the better, and our service to Him renewed. Instead of fearing or assuming the worst about church planting, we should embrace the positive impact it is having all over the world. In most situations, church plants don't hurt the parent church; in fact, it helps. Within five years of planting, the mother church regains those they've

lost to the plant, and often gains more. In a later interview, Halversen explained that birthing a new church is by far a more natural process than attempting to resurrect a dead one. Perhaps our energy would be better spent trying to bring new life.

Gulf States presently has six to eight church plants, either planted or slated to begin within the year. Last year a church was planted in Tupelo, Mississippi, and this year the Conference will be planting in Hattiesburg and Oxford, Mississippi, and Port St. Joe, Florida, and hopes to plant five churches in the Birmingham, Alabama, area in the next two years. If you are interested in planting a church or supporting this effort, contact Richie Halversen at [rhalversen@me.com](mailto:rhalversen@me.com).

**Shane Hochstetler** is the communication director at the Gulf States Conference.

# Students Study on Shackleford Island



PHOTO BY: BECKY CAIN

Myrtle Beach students dissect fish as part of their educational trip to Shackleford Island.

They know the truth about God because He has made it obvious to them. For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see His invisible qualities — His eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God,” Romans 1:19-20 NLT.

Students in grades 5-8 at Myrtle Beach Adventist Christian School experienced this text firsthand. During the early morning hours of October 19, 2017, a group of staff and students loaded up vans and headed to Beaufort, N.C. Here they boarded a ferry to Shackleford Island for a four-day, three-night camping trip. Carrying everything they needed for the trip on their backs and in their hands, the 10 of them hiked 1 1/2 miles to set up camp on a site that had no electricity or running water. For the next four days they enjoyed activities such as hiking, fishing, dissecting, worshipping, shelling, and exploring the magnificent island.

Each morning began with worship on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean, and every evening closed with student-led worship around a blazing campfire. Throughout the day the students learned more about God through His second Book: nature. They worked on the Pathfinder shell honor; learned the external and internal parts of a fish through dissection; observed the night sky for constellations and meteoroids; and walked many miles exploring sand dunes, unique trees, winding shorelines, and marshy areas. The staff followed Ellen White’s advice to “let the child from his earliest years be placed where this wonderful lesson book shall be open before him. Let him behold the glorious scenes painted by the great Master Artist upon the shifting canvas of the heavens, let him become acquainted with the wonders of earth and sea, ... and, in all His works, learn of the Creator. In no other way can the foundation of a true education be so firmly and surely laid,” *Education*, pp. 100, 101.

Upon their return, the students were

asked, “What was the most important thing you learned from this trip?” Fifth-grader Randalyn responded, “We don’t need electronics to stay alive.” Several others replied, “Getting closer to God through His second Book, nature, was the most important thing I learned from this trip.” During this trip the foundation of a true education was “firmly and surely laid.”

All those involved — staff and students — returned home feeling a closeness to God and a greater appreciation for His creation. Evelyn, an eighth-grader, concluded that “the most important thing I learned is that God provides amazing adults that we rely on to learn and grow, who become like family to us.” It is because of willing volunteers and staff that the students at Myrtle Beach Adventist Christian School had this opportunity to clearly see God’s invisible qualities as displayed in nature. ①

BY BECKY CAIN, HEAD TEACHER, MYRTLE BEACH ADVENTIST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



# New Children's Story Podcast Launched

Do you remember listening to Your Story Hour with Uncle Dan and Aunt Sue on the radio? Many people have fond memories of the stories they've heard over the years. So, when the Carolina Conference Communication Department began looking for ways to increase the Conference's podcast presence, they immediately noticed that there was a type of programming missing from their offerings: Christian stories for children.

The current Conference podcast channels — Walking Free (for young men); Carolina Conference Camp Meeting; and a general channel, Carolina Conference, which hosts audio files from events around the Conference — are already proving to be a great success. These channels have allowed the Conference to reach listeners in countries all over the world. In September 2017 channel analytics showed that there were more than 24,000 listeners worldwide. This is definitely an avenue for outreach that the Conference felt needed to be utilized more.

Kathy Russell, director of children's ministries for the Conference, was approached with the idea for the new podcast, and Kathy's Kids Storytime was born. These short weekly podcasts are for children ages 3-12 (or the child within you), in which "Miss Kathy" tells stories that convey life lessons and teach Christian values.

Since launching this podcast channel, there has been a steady increase in subscribers. After listening to all the stories recorded so far, one 8-year-old told her mother, "Children are going to LOVE these, Mommy!"

Everyone involved with the production of these recordings solicits your prayers that this channel not only blesses Carolina Conference members, but also is shared with others, touching the heart of every child who listens. 🙏

BY COURTNEY HEROD

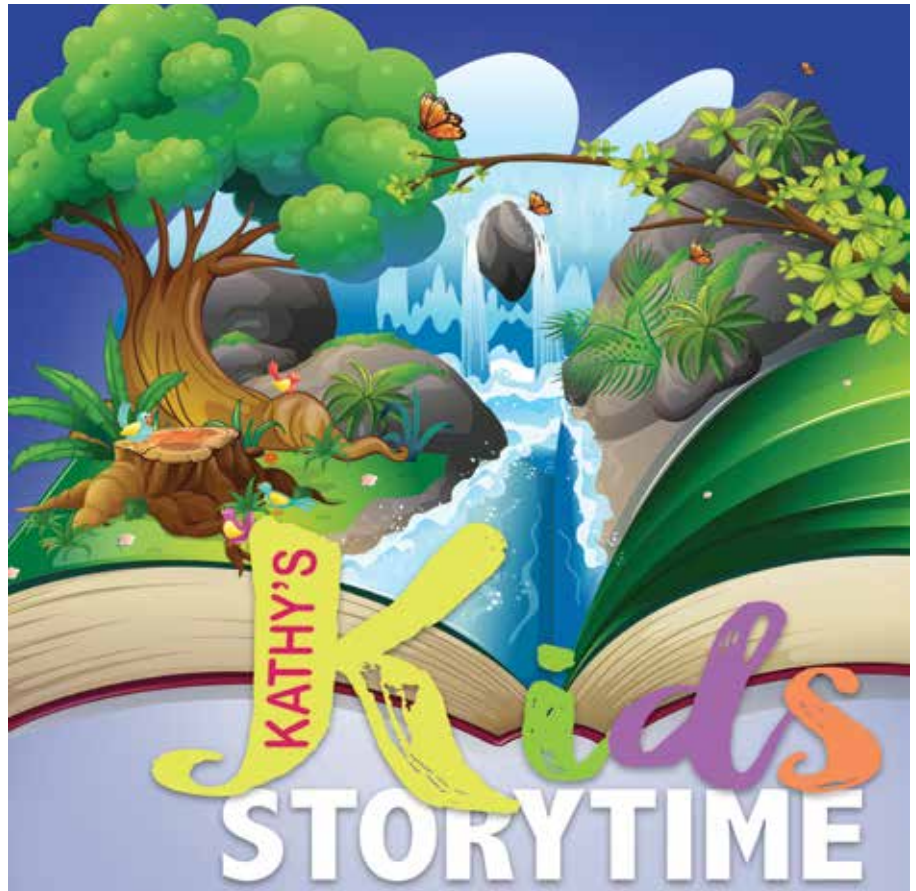


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Courtney Herod, associate communication director, and Kathy Russell, children's ministries director, record upcoming episodes of Kathy's Kids Storytime.

# Ambassador Church Hosts Prayer Summit

Ambassador Church members and their pastor, Valtricts Binns, from Lauderdale Lakes, Fla., hosted a Prayer Summit on January 27, 2018. Representatives from throughout Florida Conference came to participate in a day filled with praise and worship.

The theme for the Summit was “Speak Lord, Your Servants Are Listening.” Guest speakers presented seminars and sermons about spiritual growth and having a stronger connection with God:

- Dana Edmond, associate pastor of Hillcrest Church, Nashville, Tenn.
- Jo Ann Davidson, Ph.D., professor of systematic theology, Theological Seminary, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Mich.
- James Black, director of prayer ministries, North American Division, Columbia, Md.

Many prayers ascended heavenward throughout the day. Prayer coordinators assisted in intercessory prayers and thanksgiving with all those present for families, Florida Conference, women’s ministries retreats, and most importantly, for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Young and old alike were thankful for the blessings they received, as evidenced by their comments:

“I was kind of confused, but now I have a clear understanding of what God needs from me,” came from a young man.

“I am so glad I came. The whole day has been a blessing. Each seminar and sermon has spoken to me in a different area that I needed. I’m ready to face my world,” said a young woman.

“When is the next one? I need to invite others to participate,” said an older woman.

Even the presenters felt spirit-filled, and, at the end of the day, they were thankful for the invitation to come to the Prayer Summit. Guest speaker James



Black was especially thankful to be able to preach since it had been two years since he gave his last sermon due to health issues.

People left with many books and resources to enable them to hold small groups for study and prayer groups. ❶

BY ANNIE PÉREZ, PH.D.



# Forest Lake Academy's Biomechatronics Group Partners to 3D-print the Future



Members of the Forest Lake Academy Robotics and Innovation Lab assemble the E-nable designed prosthetic hand that they 3D printed. Pictured are Megan Parker (left), Tatiana Barros, José “Sam” Johnson, Robert Henley III, Alyssa Forde, Taimane “Tai” Henley, and Erich Machado.



PHOTO BY: ROBERT HENLEY

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Robert Henley III, a member of the FLA Biomechatronics Group, is testing the group's mechanized prosthetic hand prototype. The electrode of the Myoware device converts electrical activity of the skeletal muscle into digital, activating the servos which cause the hand to open and close.

Forest Lake Academy (FLA) Biomechatronics Group in Apopka, Fla., has partnered with E-nable (*enablingthefuture.org*) to provide 3D printed prosthetic devices to children in central Florida who suffer from amniotic band syndrome. The syndrome is a congenital amputation disorder causing children to be born without an arm or hand below the elbow. According to the Amputee Coalition, one out of every 1,000 children in the U.S. is born with the disorder.

As an E-nable partner, FLA will 3D print, assemble, and distribute the assistive devices designed by E-nable to children in central Florida who suffer from the disorder. A professionally made prosthesis can cost between \$6,000 and \$10,000. Unfortunately, making the decision to purchase a prosthesis for a growing child is one that many are

not willing to make. The cost to produce the E-nable designed “robo-hand” is only \$35.

“What our students are doing is transformational, and it embodies the essence of our mission and vision,” states Frank Jones, FLA principal. His vision for STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) at FLA has paved the way for the formation of the biomechatronics group.

The biomechatronics group has begun designing an original mechanized prosthetic device utilizing Arduino and Myoware technologies. Currently, the prototype is going through its second iteration. FLA offers four courses in robotics that equip the student roboticists with the skill set needed to develop the devices: foundation of robotics, robot design, robot programming, and advanced robotics.

The biomechatronics group is one of several STEM interest groups that operates out of the FLA Robotics and Innovation Lab (RIL). Launched in August of 2014 as a robotics club, RIL is a STEM initiative that is designed to allow students to pursue their passions, and to develop within each participant the STEM competencies (resilience, STEM knowledge, and STEM identity) needed to successfully pursue a STEM career.

Other RIL groups include the Applied Robotics Group, the Brain Computer Interface Group, the Information Technologies Group, and the FLA Junior Robotics Group. The lab is composed of a maker space, a tech center, and an ideation space. ●

BY ROBERT HENLEY



# DiscipleTrek Could Change Everything



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SUBMITTED BY COHUTTA SPRINGS YOUTH CAMP

**Cohutta Springs Youth Camp is excited to introduce DiscipleTrek Camp beginning this summer. It is designed for 15- to 18-year-olds who want to take the next steps as true disciples of Christ. During the three weeks dedicated to this journey, the framework of truth Seventh-day Adventists treasure will be presented, experienced, and valued.**

This new program might be the most exciting thing Cohutta Springs Youth Camp has ever set out to do! For several years an optional Spiritual Bodybuilding Bible study has been offered after lunch for teen campers. It has been a real blessing to a lot of teens and the staff that have been leading it. Knowing that so many campers have been expressing the desire to go deeper with their understanding of God's will and their commitment to Him, Cohutta Springs is now offering a new three-week journey into Jesus' life and His radical truth. It is called DiscipleTrek.

Campers and Trek staff will explore the incredible biblical truths God has revealed about Himself in His Son, Jesus. What are the most important things the Creator God wants young people to know about Himself and themselves? What is going on at this time in Earth's history? By the end of this three-week adventure, campers and staff will know. That is why camp leadership believe that this could be the most important three weeks of a young person's life, and are excited about it.

Each day will be filled with all the good things of Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, including world class recreational opportunities, solitude in the natural wonderland of camp, and daily progress in understanding the great mysteries of God through dynamic, active experiences. What could be more fulfilling and deeply fun than this? For campers who have been moved by the Friday night plays, this three-week DiscipleTrek camp is for them. It is designed for 15- to 18-year-olds wanting to take the next important steps of becoming a true disciple of Christ. During the three weeks dedicated to this journey, all the truth that members of this Church treasure will be introduced and valued.

What will a day be like on this journey? Teens will learn two of Jesus' RAD Truths each day that will become a personal rock solid foundation. They will not just discover truth, but will experience truth in the power of music, conversation, and active learning. A special binder, journal, and many more memories will be the takeaways. With God's help and for His glory, they will come

with questions and leave with biblical answers. A carefully crafted daily schedule, along with incredible staff, will aim to make this the most unique and mind-awakening experience youth have ever had at camp.

Kaleigh Bengel, serving as chaplain at Highland Academy, will be the DiscipleTrek director. Special guests, including Ricky Schwartz, Southern's religion department staff, and collaboration with It is Written, will all add up to make this a powerful, spiritual opportunity. Each teen who wants to participate will apply by writing a one-page description of why they want to participate, and have at least one recommendation from a pastor, teacher, Sabbath School teacher, or Pathfinder leader.

What an opportunity this will provide for the many Adventist teens attending public school, or even for those who have been learning truth for a grade and not because they have made the choice to go deep on their own. A maximum of 40 participants will be accepted into the 2018 DiscipleTrek program, and will be on a first-come, first-application basis.

Cohutta Springs Youth Camp looks forward to summer 2018! 🙌

BY ROB LANG

# Chattanooga Hispanic Churches Hold “We All Have Problems Hope” Evangelistic Series

Intentionality is the key to accomplish any goal. This was demonstrated with the evangelistic series, We All Have Problems Hope. All of the Hispanic Adventist churches in the greater Chattanooga, Tenn., area worked together to share hope in Jesus this past February. More than 60 people were baptized, 100 more are having Bible studies, and 70 more have already made decisions for Jesus prior to the February meetings.

Directed by the Ministerial and Evangelism Ministries departments at the Southern Union, and the Latin-American Ministries of Georgia-Cumberland Conference, the events focused on Hispanic communities, and were carefully planned in 2017. The event involved pastors and their congregations from Calhoun, Ga., north to Cleveland, Tenn. Church members were key, holding meetings, workshops, and trainings month after month until everyone was ready to fulfill their part of the plan.

Intentionally, the church members established relationships within their communities through a Season of Service. Surveying the need in their respective areas, members impacted their communities, rendering services from cleaning houses to feeding the homeless to visiting nursing homes. With a T-shirt that identified them as members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, they knocked on neighborhood doors and offered to help. In disbelief, people asked why they were helping; their response was, “Because Jesus loves you, and so do we.”

Today these communities know who the Adventists are, where their closest church is, and what they did and are still doing. Hector Hernandez, pastor of the Cleveland, Tenn., Hispanic Church, brought breakfast on cold mornings in January to immigrants waiting at stops to get hired. One has visited his church and another, who used to be an Adventist, decided to return to church.



PHOTO BY: MIGUEL TIRADO

**Mileydis Gonzalez was baptized by Samuel Garcia, a retired Georgia-Cumberland Conference pastor, at the We All Have Problems Hope evangelistic series. All of the Hispanic Chattanooga-area churches joined forces to intentionally witness and serve to their friends and neighbors, pray for this event, and tell the amazing news of hope in Jesus.**

Bible workers were then brought in to introduce Bible studies to these newly made friends, and dozens and dozens of studies were initiated.

Next came 40 Days of Prayer. Forty days before the week of the evangelistic series, prayer warriors connected early in the morning, every day, to pray for specific campaign needs — prayers for the invitations, the computers, and the audiovisual equipment. More prayers were given for the Holy Spirit to touch non-believers’ hearts and compel them to attend the series, as well as prayers for the guest speakers. Every day pastors and church members joined through a conference call to pray. Diego Jimenez, coordinator of the 40 Days of Prayer, said, “It was such a blessing to be part of the prayer call every day, and meet with very spiritual pastors and members pursuing the Holy Spirit, and share how God led us to open doors that had been closed and accept Bible studies.”

Finally, the evangelistic series started at each church, with different guest speakers from Sabbath to Wednesday. Thursday to Sabbath more than 1,100 people gathered

in a facility in Chattanooga. The children had a program with leader Jorge Quintana, pastor of the Chattanooga Hispanic Community Church. He said, “Hundreds of children were served and taught about the fruits of the spirit, but the church itself was the most blessed, and now they are motivated to keep intentionally working with the children’s ministry and other church ministries as well.”

Roger Hernandez, director of Southern Union ministerial and evangelism, was the main speaker for the last four nights joint meeting in Chattanooga. Special music was provided by Jose Medina and Maribel Soto. Through the theme “Jesus is Greater than Your Problem,” Hernandez attracted people to Jesus as their only Hope.

This event was a part of the 2018 Georgia-Cumberland Conference initiative to have simultaneous meetings in all churches. Please continue to pray for the people who have made decisions for Jesus, and those who are still searching. 🙏

BY WALESKA GONZALEZ



# Sean Day Ordained in North Bay

Sean Day was ordained to the Gospel ministry on January 27, 2018, during a special worship service at the North Bay Church in Southport, Fla. He was joined by his wife, Jennifer Day, and children Eamon, Anna, and Morgan, along with the administrative team from the Gulf States Conference.

After two years of marriage, the Days began ministry when he accepted the call to a Bible worker position in the tiny town of Superior, Mont., where, shortly thereafter, his wife gave birth to their first child, Eamon.

This two-year appointment became two and a half years when the Lord made it clear that the work in Superior, and in Sean and Jennifer Day, was not yet complete. In His time, the Lord opened doors for them to move to the beautiful area of Sandpoint, Idaho, where he served as a Bible worker coordinator, and she gave birth to their second child, Anna.

The Lord worked through the Days as they claimed His promises, saw His miracles, and exercised their faith. After almost two years in North Idaho, the Lord called Day to pastoral ministry in the deep south of Alabama and Mississippi in the Shoals district of Gulf States Conference, where their



Brian Danese (back row, left), vice president of pastor and church development; Deon Johnson, pastor of Maranatha and Greenwood churches; John Stanton, Upper Columbia Conference personal ministries and discipleship director; and Dave Livermore, Gulf States president, stand with Jennifer, Anna, Morgan, and Sean Day.

third child, Morgan, was born.

The Days continue to follow the Lord's leading, which has brought them even farther south to their current home in Southport, where they are happily serving the North Bay district.

John Stanton, personal ministries and discipleship director for the Upper Colum-

bia Conference, gave the morning message. Stanton and Day served the same church during Day's time in Upper Columbia, Stanton as pastor and Day as the Bible worker coordinator. 📞

BY SHANE HOCHSTETLER

# Michel Rodriguez Ordained to Gospel Ministry

Michel Rodriguez was ordained to the Gospel ministry on February 17, 2018, during an afternoon service at the Clanton, Ala., Church. Rodriguez was born in a little city in San Antonio de Los Banos, Havana, Cuba, in 1984. He was raised in a Seventh-day Adventist home by his parents, Marta and Miguel Rodriguez. In 2006 Rodriguez came to the United States in a homemade raft with 15 other people; it took them 27 hours to travel from Cuba to Florida. This gulf crossing wasn't his first at-

tempt; two previous endeavors were halted by the police. But, he didn't give up. In 2008 God opened a door to attend Southwestern Adventist University (SWAU) in Keene, Tex. While at school, he sensed the call to dedicate his life to pastoral ministry and graduated in 2012 with a B.A. in theology.

In August 2012 he married his "friend, girlfriend, and love of his life," Elizabeth Rodriguez. He says his ministry would not be what it is without her. In 2015 another gift arrived from Heaven, a baby! Emma brings

love and joy to the family, and even offered a song of praise near the conclusion of the ordination service.

Rodriguez has a passion for preaching about Christ; for him nothing is more important than the Gospel. He had a dream when he accepted the call to serve Christ — to baptize many people, and prepare them to see Jesus. God has made his dream come true. In the last six years, God has used him to bring more than 300 people to the feet of Jesus.





PHOTO BY SHANE HOCHSTETLER

**Dave Livermore (left), president of Gulf States; Michel Rodriguez; Elizabeth Rodriguez; Brian Danese, vice president of pastor and church development; Stan Hobbs, vice president of education**

After his graduation from SWAU in 2012, he started his ministry at the Birmingham First Church as youth pastor. One year later, he was called to serve as a full-time minister in the Montgomery Hispanic and Clanton churches, a bilingual district.

Rodriguez's mentor and former senior

pastor of the Birmingham First Church, Karl Doerner, presented the afternoon message. Acknowledgments were offered by both Brian Danese, vice president of pastoral and church development; and Benjamin Vargas, Hispanic coordinator. Rodriguez's ministry to both Spanish and English-speak-



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**Karl Doerner, retired pastor, presents the ordination message to the Rodriguez family.**

ing congregations required translation for the afternoon presenters from English to Spanish and Spanish to English, with Ruwie Vazquez-Juarez, executive assistant, providing live translation. ❶

BY SHANE HOCHSTETLER

# Rick Blythe Retires After 40 Years of Service



**Rick Blythe poses with his wife and ministry partner, Ginger.**

**R**ick Blythe was born Donald Richard "Ricky" Blythe in 1951. When just a tiny baby, his little country grandmother prophesied over him that he would one day be a minister of the Gospel. He was raised by a cruelly abusive father and a kind and godly mother, with five younger siblings. When he was just 17, he left home to join the Navy and make a better life for himself. During his early

years as a Navy electronic technician, he met and married his lifelong love and best friend, Ginger Fitzpatrick. He didn't know at the time that she would be a powerful instrument to bring him to God.

While stationed in San Diego, Calif., and then in Guam, Micronesia, the Blythes were introduced to the Seventh-day Adventist message, joined the Church, and then decided to enter the ministry. They headed to Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University) in Collegedale, Tenn., where he studied to be a pastor, and she worked three jobs and cared for a toddler and a new baby. They were privileged to help plant a church, which planted a seed in their hearts — a burning desire to see a Seventh-day Adventist church in their hometown of Piedmont, Ala.

The Blythes and their three girls ministered in Marion, Evansville, and Bloomington, Ind.; Birmingham, Ala.; Majuro, Marshall Islands; and then back to Evansville, to work as an Adventist nursing home chaplain and plant another church. Their dream was finally realized when



**Melanie Troxell, daughter of Rick and Ginger Blythe, presents them with a map of heartfelt congratulations from friends around the world.**

they moved back to Piedmont, and with a team that became lifelong friends, started a lovely Seventh-day Adventist church to shine as a light in their favorite little corner of the world!

As of January 2018, they have retired after 40 years of full-time service. They still spend their days serving and loving the people around them, and enjoying their children and grandchildren. ❶

BY MELANIE TROXELL

# Indian Creek Camp Has New Climbing Wall, Zip Line, Giant Swing



New Indian Creek Camp climbing wall



Caiden Warren enjoys the zip line.

Summer camp provides a safe place for young people to make new friends, connect with Christian camp staff, and experience God in nature. Campers spend the week unplugged from their electronics and plugged into Jesus. Indian Creek Camp (ICC) has exciting new ways to learn in nature.

It started off simply as an idea. Last summer, an appeal was made to the fam-

ily campers for a climbing wall. During that appeal, the camp director shared why he thought “every summer camp should have a climbing wall.” Only a few months later this became a reality!

The wall has been built, inspected, certified, and is ready to go at ICC. Thanks to the quick partnership of Edgie Designs, and the wonderful support of Herb and Chris White, as well as Ben Warren,

the new addition has been constructed in record time. In addition to the climbing wall, a zip line and giant swing have been added to the ICC experience.

One of the most exciting elements of this new addition is the life lessons that it can teach, lessons such as faith, conquering fears, and trusting others. Jose Alba, who will be serving as the climbing wall director this summer, is very excited about the lessons that can be learned about God from these new elements at ICC!

If you are interested in being a part of this summer camp adventure, register soon at [indiancreekcamp.com](http://indiancreekcamp.com), as space is limited. Please continue to keep this incredible evangelistic effort in prayer this summer. 🙏

BY GREG TAYLOR



# Pastors Lead by Example



Bryan Banos (left), Carlis Clinton, Vadim Butov, and Pavel Goia

Pavel Goia, pastor of the Lexington, Ky., Church, announced that he would be leaving in October 2016, because he had accepted a position in the Ministerial Department at the General Conference. During the time that Goia was pastor, God blessed the congregation by doubled attendance, many baptisms and recommitments, an average of 200 Bible studies given each year, ownership of a radio tower that broadcasts 24/7, an active web page with numerous media download activity, live streaming of church services, an evangelistic campaign each year, and many other blessings. Goia taught the congregation that prayer and trust in God are vital.

Bryan Banos came to the Lexington Church in December 2016 to serve as the associate pastor, a plan already in the works before Goia's news of departure. Banos has a heart for evangelism, discipleship, small groups, and youth ministries. After a series of planning sessions, three charter groups began. A youth life group was also started and is led by

Banos. At least eight small groups and life groups are anticipated to be operating by spring 2018.

An evangelistic series, *Amazing Discoveries*, began in May 2017. The speaker was Vadim Butov of Avondale College in Australia. The series was a tremendous blessing to the church, as approximately 70 guests attended along with a large number of church members. Six pastoral students from Andrews University seminary joined prior to the meetings to assist in preparations. These students completed their evangelism course, assisted in preparations for the meetings, and helped begin follow-up visits with guests following the series.

Carlisle Clinton arrived as senior pastor in April 2017. Following the *Amazing Discoveries* series, Clinton led a series of four additional meetings, "Storacles," to help engage the meeting participants in additional studies. At the time of this writing, the church was beginning another evangelistic series, *Revealing Revelation*, with Clinton as the speaker. He has

a heart for the Three Angels Message, and the truth that Adventists offer.

The Lexington Church has been blessed by many pastors. Each pastor has shown a focus area of ministry God has placed on their hearts. Whether it be trusting God and prayers of surrender; loving kindness and connecting with people through the avenues of small groups, evangelism, and discipleship opportunities; or a focus on the special role Adventists have in this time in history, know that when God is allowed to lead, He rewards beyond what could ever be imagined. Even in difficult times in a troubling world, no matter what is faced, the battle is already won! 🕊

BY CYNTHIA WILLEY



# Jay James Named Teacher of the Year



**Jay James, elder at the Wrens, Ga., Church was named “Teacher of the Year” for the McDuffie County, Ga., Public School System for 2017-2018.**

Jay M. James, elder at the Wrens, Ga., Church, was recognized as the “Teacher of the Year” (TOTY) for the McDuffie County, Ga., Public School System for 2017-2018. James teaches business and computer science at Thomson Middle School in Thomson, Ga. He was first selected as TOTY for his school, and then at a special honors dinner for all County School TOTY candidates, James was unanimously voted to represent McDuffie County as its Teacher of the Year!

Acknowledgement honors were also given to him by his home church in Wrens,

as well as his former church, Canaan Heights in Thomson. James is the third member of Wrens Church to receive the honor of County Teacher of the Year.

James gives credit to God and thanks to his parents, Julian and Maggie James of Augusta, Ga. He also says he couldn’t have done it without the supportive partnership of his wife, Betty Ellis James, who is also a teacher. She is currently homeschooling their three children, twin sons Jayden and Bryce, and daughter Bethany. 📞

BY CHRISTINE LEWIS

# Wrens Church Holds “Better Living” Revival

The “Better Living” Revival in Wrens, Ga., started by literally whetting the community’s appetite with a healthy cooking demonstration, followed by a full-course Sunday dinner. All attendees received a folder with healthy recipes and additional information. The revival was held October 15-28, 2017.

The preaching portion of the revival began the next night at 7 p.m. Guest evangelist Wesley Bruce is a retired pastor from the Southeastern Conference. His ministry truly revived many of the members, and they remember when Bruce assisted Emmanuel Jackson, pastor, with a crusade in 1979. That meeting helped build up the Wrens Church, and led to the baptism of many members who still faithfully attend today.

Many were blessed by the musical ministry of Bruce’s wife, Toni Bruce, and were moved as she shared her personal testimony: “What happens when a woman leaves God.” The power of the Holy Spirit blessed the Bruces’ ministry to lead nine attendees to commit their lives to Christ in baptism.

Preparations for the meeting included a mass mailing of *The Great Controversy* to every residence in Jefferson and Burke counties in Georgia. That was followed by an eight-



**Stephan Davis, Wrens Church pastor, baptized a new member during the Better Living Revival.**

week CREATION Health seminar in Waynesboro, Ga. Follow-up activities included a letter and tract mailed to each visitor, and a telephone invitation to “come worship with us again.”

The host pastor, Stephan Davis, is greatly appreciative for the teamwork from various area churches that helped bring it all together. The collaboration included first elders Henry Lewis Jr. (Wrens) and Clinton Jones (Ebenezer/Augusta); Bible workers Shirley Johnson (Ebenezer/Augusta) and Christine



**Wesley Bruce, retired Southeastern Conference pastor, was the guest evangelist for the Better Living Revival.**



**The Better Living Revival healthy cooking team included Shirley Johnson (left), Maria Scarlett, and Beverly Scarlett.**

Lewis (Wrens); and cooking school instructors Maria Scarlett (Wrens health leader), Beverly Scarlett (First Augusta Church), and Shirley Johnson (Ebenezer/Augusta). Gwen Jackson, Maria Beard, and Annie and Denise Walker, assisted with kitchen preparations. Jay James, elder, was the camera man, while his sons, Jayden and Bryce, handled event registration. 📞

BY CHRISTINE LEWIS

# ADU Bioethics Courses Teach Moral Discernment to Future Healthcare Workers

**W**e can do it, but *should* we?" This is a question Andy Lampkin, Ph.D., associate professor of bioethics at Adventist University of Health Sciences (ADU), often considers.

Bioethics is concerned with ethical issues in healthcare, ranging from abortion to healthcare policy. Through his teaching of bioethics at ADU, students are exposed to a broad range of moral dilemmas that may be faced by a healthcare provider, and given the tools to work through and provide the best solution for the patient without compromising their values and beliefs.

Lampkin challenges students in his classes by introducing current issues in bioethics, and helping them understand the arguments from multiple perspectives. Utilizing the Socratic method, Lampkin keeps the discussion going by asking questions that force them to think about different positions, not just their own, and by pushing them to think past their initial reaction.

Lampkin stresses the importance of not simply telling students what to think, but rather *how* to think through a situation, as the circumstances will be different every time. In doing so, Lampkin helps the students develop a moral framework for issues they may encounter in their healthcare careers.

Lampkin is passionate about the idea of moral discernment and the ability to think ethically. As healthcare technology continues to develop, students will encounter new bioethical dilemmas. Through moral discernment, students will be able to ethically work through complex issues they didn't encounter in



**Andy Lampkin, Ph.D., is associate professor of bioethics at Adventist University of Health Sciences.**

the classroom. Students are then able to make decisions supporting the mission of extending the healing ministry of Christ.

In addition to teaching, Lampkin has participated in two Adventist Bioethics Conferences, with a third planned for May 2018. The conferences bring Adventist bioethicists and leaders from the five North American healthcare systems together with leaders of the Adventist Church to discuss current ethical topics

and concerns in health from an Adventist perspective.

"As a faith community, we should have a distinctive voice that will clarify and advance the Adventist position on various ethical issues," said Lampkin. To reach that goal, he's working with members from the conference to form an official Adventist Bioethics Consortium to provide guidance, so Adventist healthcare systems can respond consistently to common ethical issues. The Consortium would also provide continuing education, consultation, and training for Adventist bioethicists.

Through teaching his students moral discernment, Lampkin is giving back to the community. "What does this practice say about my faith commitment? How am I living out my deeply held religious values, my cherished commitments?" Lampkin asks. The future patients of his students can trust their provider will make the best decisions for them in a way that supports the values of everyone involved.

With a mission-focused institution like ADU, it's about teaching students what those moral and theological dilemmas will look like in the real world — in their future careers as healthcare providers. Developing skilled professionals who *live* the healing values of Christ means teaching them both compassion and critical thinking, the central lesson of Lampkin's course. 🕊

BY RACHEL BOGGS

# First Church Gives Away Bikes to the Community



PHOTO BY: ROGER R. WADE

This young man smiles as he chooses his Christmas bike gift from First Church in Shelbyville, Tenn.

At the First Church of Shelbyville, Tenn., this past December, the community received a Christmas gift that made Christmas 2017 the best Christmas ever for many families. Vandon Griffin, First Church pastor, shared a vision to give away 50 bicycles to families in the community. He challenged the members to purchase the bikes; however, the idea gained traction, and as he shared the vision with colleagues and personal friends, hearts were moved.

Eighty bikes were donated by Sunday, December 17, 2017. All sizes and colors were lined up as the community arrived for the first ever Bike Give-Away in the history of First Church. The sanctuary was filled to standing room only. Every space filled with enthusiasm and excitement. After singing a few Christmas songs, Griffin

inspired the congregation with a message about the gift God gave.

Michael France, First Church head elder, was pleased with the way the day unfolded. He shared that the church has a strong history ministering to the community youth. "First Church has sponsored trips over the years to the museum and aquarium in Nashville and Chattanooga. However, this bike give-away has upped the game and allowed us to not only minister to the children, but the whole family," commented France.

As parents and children chose their bikes, smiles as wide as the Grand Canyon were seen. One woman riding her bike out said, "This is a wonderful gift. Now I can go ride with my two sons!"

BY ROGER R. WADE

# New Life Church Holds Literacy Factory Conference

More than 250 women attended the Literacy Factory-organized free conference themed, "Being Loved through Confidence in God: Healing Comes From Being Loved and Heard!" hosted by Carolyn Douglas Jordan, women's ministries leader at New Life Church in Huntsville, Ala., on Saturday, January 13, 2018.

The theme of the conference has ties to "Woman Helping Women Heal," an ongoing support group for women in the Huntsville area. The conference's featured speaker was Kitty Bey from New York City. Bey is the author of the book *Crossover*, which has been adapted into an ESPN E60 mini-series. Her presentation used a topic from *Crossover*; "flags vs. red flags," and ways to cope with unhealthy behavior in relationships.



Carolyn Douglas Jordan (left), Conference organizer, and Kitty Bey, featured speaker

Bey explained that, "Flags are individual preferences and therefore are negotiable, while red flags are always non-negotiable."

Bey's frank discussion about her story of abuse inflicted on her by her ex-husband, and how it shattered her self-esteem, was well received by those in attendance, for it provided hope. Bey also conducted a special session just for college women to help them learn how to avoid being victims of domestic violence while away from their families at school.

One conference participant shared, "...This conference had a purpose, and I gained knowledge from each breakout session that I attended."

BY DANA WILCHCOMBE, LITERACY FACTORY FOUNDER/DIRECTOR



# Greater Memphis Adventist Academy Starts Wind Ensemble

In a time when many publicly-funded schools are downsizing or eliminating music programs, Greater Memphis Adventist Academy, a grades K-8 school, has recently started a school wind ensemble for its upper-grade students. The school joins many other Adventist schools offering musical training. For six months, Philip Williams, Ed.D., principal, sought donations of wind instruments and/or monetary donations to be able to put an instrument in the hands of the 13 students.

Research has found that learning music facilitates learning other subjects, and enhances skills that children inevitably use in other areas. Playing an instrument in an ensemble is a fun group activity that enhances social and spiritual development.



**Two GMAA students are pictured with the famous African-American saxophonist, Branford Marsalis (center).**

The students at Greater Memphis Adventist Academy are getting their chance at these positive benefits. The new instrumen-

talists attended the annual Young People's Concert, a concert for students exploring the expressive nature of music, presented by the Memphis Symphony Orchestra. Further assisting in their musical growth will be music mentors from local churches and the University of Memphis. Two students, who are learning the saxophone, have been the guests of the world-renowned IRIS orchestra in Germantown, Tenn., to hear the famous African-American saxophonist, Branford Marsalis, whom they met backstage after the concert.

Last February, the wind ensemble planned their first public performance. ❶

BY PHILIP WILLIAMS, PRINCIPAL

# South Central Holds Annual Youth Ministries Summit



**Dana Edmond preached during services at the Youth Leadership Summit.**

Let it snow! It will not stop this show, the Annual Youth Ministries Summit!" That was the thought of more than 70 individuals who braved the winter weather to attend the 2017 Summit at Camp Alamisco in Dadeville, Ala. Churches sponsored Adventurers, Pathfinders, and youth leaders to attend where they participated in training.

Dana Edmond, former South Central Conference youth director and president, inspired the group at each general session. Edmond, who now serves as the senior pastor of the New Life Church in Nashville, Tenn., challenged the listeners to put God to the test and trust Him!

The Adventist Youth (AY) track was fired up by Vandeon Griffin, former youth director, who now serves as the associate youth and young adult director for the North American Division. Griffin taught the AY leaders to meet the needs of their youth through relationships, not programs and events. "Imagine your stu-



**Vandeon Griffin did a presentation for the AY leaders.**

dents drawing close to God because you were relational in your ministry with them," Griffin said.

The youth are already gearing up for the next level of ministry. Make plans now for the 2018 South Central Conference Youth Ministry Leadership Summit, December 7-9, 2018, at Cohutta Springs Conference Center in Crandall, Ga. ❶

BY ROGER R. WADE

# North Miami Church Feeds 900 Families



PHOTO BY: MICHAEL LOUIS

Gerly Germaine, pastor, and Jerusalem members distribute food to the North Miami community. More than 900 families were served during a recent food drive.

There are more than 14,000 family households in the North Miami area.

Though not yet officially organized as a church, the 200 members of Jerusalem II French ministry group began a campaign to reach the hearts and minds of the community around them with their own food drive.

A food distribution truck delivered enough food to feed 2,000 people on December 29, 2017, in the neighborhood near the church. Jean-Nelet Joyeux, elder and community service leader, made arrangements with Gerly Germain, pastor, and contacted Florida State Senator Daphne Camp-

bell about a food drive on the church's property. Campbell arranged to have a variety of crops provided to the community: asparagus, okra, sweet potato, artichoke, and watermelon. The community service team and church members, under the direction of Andy Francois, collaborated to serve the community.

Jerusalem II French recently settled in the present location. Thus, the food drive served as a show of goodwill to more than 900 families and local neighbors. Local ABC news affiliate WPGL also provided news coverage of the event. The fledgling

new group has committed to service to their new neighborhood, and has now decided to make similar community events a norm.

This event was in an effort to follow Ellen White's reminder that Christ's method was to first minister to the needs of the community, and then to bid them to follow him. This food drive is just a first step in the direction toward truly transforming the community residents into followers of Christ by first ministering to their needs. ❶

BY MICHAEL LOUIS



# Activist Challenges Southeastern Youth

Youth gathered for the Southeastern Conference (SEC) Youth Convocation on January 26-28, 2018, to reconnect with God at SEC's Camp Hawthorne. Directed by the theme "The Time is Now," Prince Lewis, SEC youth director, and the youth ministry team spent the weekend training and equipping attendees.

One surprise seminar was given by Marissa Alexander. Alexander became a national figure when she was wrongfully convicted for firing a warning shot to protect herself from attack from her then-husband, Rico Gray. After her conviction in 2010, courts ordered a new trial which led to her 2015 release. Since then, Alexander has become an advocate for social justice, and shared with the SEC youth about her journey to justice. Alexander's story brought awareness to the mistreatment of minorities, by shedding light on the injustice

that she experienced. She shared how her faith in God grew despite the unlawful charges against her, and how the power of community and those who rallied behind her helped to ensure that justice was eventually served. Alexander shared the importance of standing up for your rights while standing on your faith. SEC youth responded with a standing ovation.

Attendees also participated in a variety of seminars covering relevant subjects for youth, as well as a community service project at neighboring nursing homes. Finally, the youth closed the Sabbath with a bonfire worship and testimony service. An evening concert featured gospel recording artists Jonathan McReynolds and Ashaala Shanae, to encourage the youth with uplifting music. The weekend culminated in a Sunday funday filled with sports, recreation, and community building. ①



PHOTO BY: CHRIS LOU

**Marissa Alexander challenges SEC youth to be advocates for social justice. Alexander became a criminal justice activist after her wrongful conviction was overturned in 2015.**

BY DANIELA JEAN

# Miami Union Celebrates 100 Years

The Bethany Church was established in the Overtown area of Miami, Fla., more than 100 years ago. Bethany members determined to provide the youth of the community with a quality alternative to public school education that would reflect the values of the church's community. In 1917, a school was established on 14th Street and N.W. 4th Avenue in Overtown, which they named Bethany Academy. The school began in a section of Bethany Church, with 40 students ranging from first through eighth grade.

Years later, the church relocated to NW 50th Street and 25th Avenue in Brownsville, and Bethany Academy, which had outgrown its church accommodations, moved to a building across the street from the church. In 1963, Bethany Academy became a constituent school, and the name was changed to Miami Union Academy (MUA). A few years later, ninth and tenth grades were added, and by 1980, the enrollment had climbed to 400 students. This increase in enrollment demanded a larger facility.

Through prayer, persistent effort, and a positive attitude, a location was identified and the move was made to a larger facility called the Mueller Building in Allapattah. The Allapattah location was shared with another school



**Miami Union Academy offers quality Adventist education to students age 2 through 12th grade. This year, the Miami Union family celebrates 100 years of excellence.**

and church. This place met the needs of the school for a few years, but then the physical condition of the building and the environment began to deteriorate. The school board felt that it was time to purchase a school home, a permanent place for Miami Union Academy.

In 1988 the move was made to a two-story building on Okeechobee Road in the city of Hialeah Garden, where, under the leadership of Rupert Ryan, Ph.D., the school opened all 12 grades. And finally, in 1997, a purchase was made which enabled MUA to offer education for students from age 2 through 12th grade.

During the past 20 years, MUA has continued to grow and changed to meet the varied needs of the community. Today, MUA continues to seek ways to add a much-needed gymnasium to the already excellent academic and spiritual program it provides.

Geographically, the school is located in the North Miami area, but students have come from as far north as West Palm Beach, and as far south as Homestead, covering an area of almost 110 miles. In addition, MUA reflects the general population of south Florida, accommodating students from the Haitian and Hispanic communities, as well as several islands of the Caribbean and West Indies.

This year, the MUA family celebrates 100 years that will culminate in a special weekend celebration that will take place June 8-10. The MUA family will celebrate the past accomplishments of the institution, as well as provide opportunities for partnership toward strengthening the future legacy of MUA.

For more information regarding the 100th year celebration and how to participate, donate, or attend, contact Edwin M. Silié, principal, or Joseph Butts, alumni president. ①

BY MIAMI UNION STAFF

PHOTO BY: MUA ARCHIVES

# Oakwood University Honors Community Heroes



PHOTO BY: CANDACE THOMPSON

Colwick Wilson, Ph.D., provost of Oakwood University; Prudence Pollard, Ph.D., vice president for faculty development and research at Oakwood University; Hernandy Ulsaint, Miss Oakwood; Hundley Batts, honoree; Audrey Robinson, J.S. honoree; Victoria Joiner, Ed.D.; and Leslie Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., M.B.A., president of Oakwood University

During its celebration of Black History Month, Oakwood University introduced the honoring of community heroes for their dedicated, innovative contributions to Huntsville and Madison County, Ala.

**William Hampton** is the founder of the popular Huntsville Revisited Facebook page. The Huntsville Revisited feature is also broadcast on WJOU 90.1 FM every weekday at 7:40 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Moments in history are shared, as well as profiles of history makers, some famous, others not so famous.

**Virginia Caples, Ph.D.**, was the first female interim president of Alabama A&M University. She not only led the university once, but was chosen twice to stabilize and provide continuity during years of transition. Alabama A&M has honored her commitment to excellence by creating the Virginia Caples Lifelong Learning Center on the campus of Alabama A&M University.

**Hundley Batts** is a Huntsville native

who has leveraged his business prowess to uplift and empower his community. His work as an entrepreneur has provided jobs, internships, and financial advice for thousands of families, and has garnered him recognition and trust in the banking and finance industries.

In 1984, Batts and Caples were joined in marriage, and purchased WEUP Radio station. Overall, they purchased five radio stations in the region, and created the Broadcast One corporation. For years they have supported the African American community with the annual Black Arts Festival, cultural events, and numerous other endeavors for the Tennessee Valley.

**Audrey Robinson**, Class of 1986, has the distinction of being the first African-American woman to hold the office of chief counsel of NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala. In fact, she is the first black woman to hold the chief counsel position at any of NASA's centers. Robinson is often the only person of color and the only woman in many meetings in this world of science and

technology. However, one of her proudest achievements is her son, Matthew.

**Captain Marion (J.R.) Bulluck** is well-known throughout Madison County for his caring spirit, his ethical dedication to his call, and his love for the citizens he serves. Beginning his career in 1987, he has progressed through the ranks of service, and was promoted to the rank of Captain, Uniform Patrol Division Commander of the Madison County Sheriff's Office in January 2015. Bulluck has conscientiously and purposefully served the citizens of Madison County with a community-oriented mindset that impacts all of the projects with which he is involved. He is married, and the father of six adult children. 📞



PHOTO BY: MICHAELA LOTT

Honoree William Hampton with Colwick Wilson, Ph.D.; Prudence Pollard, Ph.D.; Victoria Joiner, Ed.D.; Leslie Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., M.B.A.; and David Richardson



PHOTO BY: ANTHONY CHORNES II

Melvin Harris, chief of Oakwood University Police Department, surprises honoree Marion (J.R.) Bulluck, captain, by calling him to the stage.

BY STAFF WRITERS



# Interactive Arboretum Experience Coming to Southern

Biology students at Southern have worked for the past year and a half to identify, locate, measure, and tag tree species on campus. The project, headed by the Biology Department and Landscape Services, received external funding through the University's Campaign for Excellence in Faith and Learning, allowing students to earn credit while working as they contribute to a bigger cause — the establishment of an arboretum on campus.

According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, an arboretum is “a place where trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants are cultivated for scientific and educational purposes.” Southern's arboretum will primarily be located in the central part of campus in order to be easily accessible to both students and the community. In addition to tagging existing trees, the team is also planting new species.

“This project will help us develop a horticultural plan and increase the diversity of the trees we see on campus,” said Ben Thornton, Ph.D., biology professor and co-orchestrator of the project. “We want to create a place where community groups can come on campus and have an interactive experience with trees.”

Part of that interactive experience will include QR codes that will be placed on tree tags, leading users to a series of photos and diagnostic characteristics of the different tree species.

At this stage, having tagged each of the 1,100 trees in the designated area, students are using high-precision GPS technology to capture coordinates for each tree. By the end of the school year, the data will be translated into maps that allow users to explore the different types of trees, and see the exact location of the various species on campus. As of March, there have been 76 different species identified.

Eventually the arboretum will expand to include part of the University's exten-



As part of the arboretum team, McKenzie Martin, junior biology major, measures a tree at chest height and enters the information in a database.



Trees are a prominent part of Southern's campus; now, in addition to providing shade and beauty, they will also contribute to learning.



Last year Southern added 125 new trees and shrubs in honor of its 125th anniversary.

sive trail system as well. Along the trails in Fenton Forest, the team will tag trees with QR codes that are slightly different than those in the center of campus. By scanning the code, the user will be prompted to guess the species of the upcoming tree; the answer will be revealed on that tree, creating a fun, interactive activity that anyone can take part in.

Students who have worked on the proj-

ect, such as sophomore biology major Vanessa Gonsalves, are appreciative of the learning opportunity they have had.

“This project has changed the way I look at trees on campus,” Gonsalves said. “I hope that others will be able to make good memories using the arboretum, the same way that I have.” ●

BY OKSANA WETMORE

# Ancianos y Diáconos Ordenados Para Servir



El sábado 10 de febrero la iglesia de Saint Paul's presenció un emotivo programa en el que los ancianos Onésimo Carrillo, Octavio Bravo y José Moreno, y los diáconos Heriberto González, José Luis Cruz y Miguel Ángel Cárdenas, fueron ordenados al ministerio. José Moreno es actualmente

es el director y líder religioso del nuevo grupo de Lumberton. Por medio de la imposición de manos, como lo instruye la Palabra de Dios, les fue dado el privilegio de desempeñar actividades espirituales y administrar con profunda reverencia los ritos sagrados de la iglesia.

La ceremonia estuvo oficiada por el

pastor Elías Sandoval, asistido por el pastor Ninrod Acosta y ancianos locales ordenados. Que el Espíritu del Señor los acompañe y llene sus corazones de amor a fin de hacer crecer su obra. 🙏

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ELÍAS SANDOVAL, PASTOR DEL DISTRITO

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## Señor Transfórmame

El Salvador Jesucristo habla a sus hijos a través de su Palabra y ellos tienen el privilegio de comunicarse con Él a través de la sublime oración. En su Sagrado Libro se descubren hermosas perlas atesoradas y se puede percibir el inmenso amor que Dios está dispuesto a regalar. Sin Jesús, la vida está vacía. “Señor Transfórmame” debe ser el grito de auxilio que emerja de lo más profundo del corazón.

Del 14 al 20 de enero se llevó a cabo

una semana de fortalecimiento espiritual bajo el lema Señor Transfórmame. La misma fue organizada minuciosamente por la directiva de la Escuela Sabática, liderada por Ruth Vázquez. La oradora fue la psicóloga y evangelista Magaly Minaya de República Dominicana. Minaya invitó a los presentes a hacer un recorrido virtual por las calles de Jerusalén junto a Cristo y descubrir las enormes verdades que vino a revelar a este mundo, a los efectos de que sus hijos puedan decir desde lo

más profundo de sus corazones “Señor Transfórmame.” Miembros de iglesia y personas nuevas pudieron experimentar la invitación del Salvador a recibirlo para ser transformados a su imagen y semejanza, y fue reconfortante ver a toda la congregación aceptando este llamado amoroso. 🙏

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# Dadles Vosotros de Comer

Familias e Indigentes Reciben Ayuda” fue el encabezado del artículo publicado por el periódico oficial del condado de Cumberland. Este periódico de circulación local destacó la noble y amorosa tarea que los miembros de la iglesia de Fayetteville realizan. Las palabras de Jesucristo relatadas en el Libro de San Lucas 9:13 “Dadles vosotros de comer” resuenan en los corazones de la congregación.

El interés profundo de Jesucristo no estuvo focalizado únicamente en proveer el alimento espiritual, sino también

en suplir la necesidad de pan, y dejó un ejemplo a seguir. Muchas personas y familias están carenciadas de las necesidades básicas. Con la actitud de Cristo en mente, cada primer domingo del mes, organizados como un verdadero escuadrón de Jesús un buen grupo de miembros de iglesia se reúnen a muy tempranas horas y después de pedir la bendición y dirección de Dios preparan con amor y esmero más de 140 cajas de alimentos de excelente calidad, para ser distribuidas entre quienes los necesiten. Pero la tarea no se limita sólo a eso. En

adición cocinan y entregan 70 almuerzos para personas sin hogar que deambulan por las calles de Fayetteville. En total, se distribuyen entre 2,800 a 6,000 libras de alimento mensuales.

No es una tarea sencilla, pero la satisfacción de ver esperanza y alegría en los rostros de quienes reciben la comida, estimula a continuar. Dios bendiga grandemente a quienes motivados por el amor de Cristo responden: “Nosotros les daremos de comer.” ❶

ELÍAS SANDOVAL, PASTOR DEL DISTRITO

# Inverness, Flamante Congregación



Flamante congregación de Inverness, frente al templo en el que se reúnen

La asociación de la Florida fue bendecida con la creación del grupo Inverness. Bajo el liderazgo del pastor Byron Rivera, secundado por Sergio LuZunaris, pastor laico, este

grupo se caracteriza por un ambiente de cálida camaradería cristiana. Se reúnen no sólo para adorar a Dios y testificar de sus bendiciones, sino para almorzar, o pasar momentos cultivando la amistad.

Los miembros están ansiosos por ver al grupo crecer, y piden que Dios los ayude en su tarea de testificación. ❶

MARIEL LOMBARDI, EDITORA

# Motivando a los Pequeños en la Misión



Pequeños participantes de un gran evento

Desde el sábado 2 hasta el 9 de diciembre los niños de la iglesia hispana de Mableton lanzaron un programa de evangelismo titulado “En la Casa de mi Padre”. Cada noche fueron los protagonistas del programa. Oraban con gran entusiasmo, dirigirían las alabanzas y uno de ellos presentaba el mensaje con una aplicación inspiradora y apropiada. Fue emocionante verlos activos participando de la misión de la iglesia de ir y predicar el Evangelio.

Por medio de un ejército como el que los niños y jóvenes representan, guiados y motivados, Dios podrá hacer una gran obra. Estos niños estarán mañana al frente de las iglesias para terminar la obra de Dios en esta tierra. Es por eso que el apoyo y la confianza que les demos hoy, los preparará para tomar el relevo del estandarte mañana. ❶

RICHARD URDANETA, PASTOR DEL DISTRITO

# “Mis Caminos Y Mis Pensamientos Son Más Altos Que Los De Ustedes.”

La iglesia Hispano-Americana de Collegedale, en el campus de la Universidad Southern, continúa trabajando en el proyecto “Su Casa Church” que comenzó hace aproximadamente un año y medio. La meta es construir un templo más grande que pueda albergar al número de miembros y estudiantes que llegan a adorar cada sábado. La asistencia ha crecido al punto de ya no poder recibir a todos los que concurren en un solo turno. Si bien esta meta es necesaria, el principal objetivo del proyecto es hacer de este santuario un centro de misión que incluya el entrenamiento de discípulos, la producción de material audiovisual, la creación de herramientas de evangelismo para ser utilizadas localmente y en el extranjero, y

la movilización “orgánica” de los creyentes. Para esto se organizan diferentes actividades de recaudación de dinero

A los efectos de coleccionar fondos para el proyecto “SU CASA Church”, Barrios, junto con Daniel García, director del proyecto, y John Younberg, activo colaborador del mismo, hicieron una cita con un posible donante que iba a asistir a un evento al que ellos asistirían también. Antes de dirigirse a la reunión, oraron fervientemente para que Dios interviniese en el encuentro. Al presentar la idiosincrasia del proyecto, la respuesta del donante no fue la que ellos esperaban: “voy a donar dinero” dijo, “para plantar una nueva iglesia. No para construir un nuevo templo en reemplazo del que tienen.” El pastor y los ancianos



Celebración del Año Nuevo Chino

no se desanimaron. Salieron de la reunión convencidos de que ellos habían orado, y esa era la respuesta a su oración.

Unos 20 minutos luego de la reunión





Pastor Roger Hernández, de la Unión del Sur, en una de las reuniones de los viernes de noche con el grupo chino.



Desfile chino típico

con el donante, este grupo debía asistir a un almuerzo al que estaban invitados. Tenían una mesa asignada, pero uno de ellos aprovechó la ocasión para sentarse en la mesa de su hermano, dejando su silla vacía. Un joven de nacionalidad china que estaba buscando un lugar vacante se sentó con ellos. Como se acostumbra, el grupo comenzó a presentarse. Dennis, el joven chino, comentó que es un empresario en China, pero decidió estudiar teología en la universidad Southern, a donde llegó en el año 2016. Cuando el pastor Barrios se presentó, el joven se mostró sorprendido, ya que alguien le había aconsejado que hablara con él sobre un proyecto en el que está trabajando. Comentó que cuando llegó a estudiar, notó que había muy pocos estudiantes chinos en la universidad. En 2017, decidió congregarlos y con ellos, se propusieron buscar a las familias chinas existentes en la comunidad. Al hacerlo vieron que muchos de ellos se sienten solos, y están ansiosos de encontrar amigos con los cuales sentirse en casa. También descubrieron a personas que no asisten a la iglesia, pero tienen miembros

de familia que son adventistas. Dennis y sus amigos organizaron reuniones en su casa, en las que compartían comidas, cosas típicas de su cultura, y conversaciones espirituales. El grupo fue creciendo y ya no tienen lugar para reunirse, así que deseaban hablar con el pastor Barrios para ver si la iglesia Hispano-Americana podía ayudarlos. Se formó inmediatamente un diálogo ameno, en el que todos daban testimonio de cómo Dios los estaba ayudando en la ganancia de almas. Debido al reducido espacio de la pequeña iglesia, el pastor le ofreció a Dennis que trajera a su grupo los viernes a la noche y usaran las instalaciones para sus reuniones. Inmediatamente pusieron el plan en marcha. “La iglesia nos acogió con mucha alegría”- fue el comentario de Dennis en una conversación telefónica que sostuve con él. El flamante grupo respondió a esto con cariño. La misión de Dennis se convirtió también en la misión de la iglesia Hispano-Americana quienes colaboran entusiastamente en las actividades del nuevo grupo. Siempre los asisten con el sonido, y el pastor está presente en sus reuniones de los

viernes para ayudar en lo que necesiten. A su vez el nuevo grupo hizo suyo el proyecto “Su Casa Church” y también colaboran en la recaudación de fondos y otras actividades pertinentes. Treinta personas se reúnen todos los viernes a estudiar la Biblia con este grupo, y se preparan para formar una nueva iglesia. El 18 de febrero organizaron la celebración del año nuevo chino en el parking de la iglesia. Asistieron al evento profesores de la universidad, alumnos, miembros de iglesia con sus amigos y miembros de la comunidad china, con la que se quiere estrechar lazos. Todos pudieron disfrutar de un interesante espectáculo cultural en la soleada tarde de domingo.

Los caminos de Dios son más altos que nuestros caminos, y sus pensamientos más que los nuestros, dijo Isaías. Si al hablar con el donante el grupo de la iglesia Hispano-Americana se hubiese sentido desanimado porque el resultado no había estado de acuerdo con sus pensamientos o planes, la historia a lo mejor hubiese sido diferente. En cambio, el grupo sintió que Dios les estaba respondiendo de acuerdo a Sus pensamientos, y aceptó el reto. Como siempre, Dios habilita a quienes llama. El donante está en el proceso de comprar una iglesia, para que mientras el nuevo templo de la iglesia Hispano-Americana se construye, y el grupo chino crece, ambos puedan reunirse todos los sábados sin problemas de espacio.

La iglesia Hispano-Americana se encuentra feliz con la experiencia, y ha decidido que en el proyecto Su Casa, se va a destinar un salón para plantar iglesias. En él van a acoger grupos que estén formando nuevas congregaciones durante el proceso de inicio, hasta que tengan un lugar de reunión propio. Esta será una actividad ideal para que participen los estudiantes de Southern, y reciban la colaboración de los miembros de la iglesia.

Porque mis pensamientos no son los de ustedes, ni sus caminos son los míos. — afirma el Señor—.

Mis caminos y mis pensamientos, son más altos que los de ustedes; ¡más altos que los cielos sobre la tierra! Isaías 55:8-9 NVI

MARIEL LOMBARDI, EDITORA

## Investidura de Guías Mayores



Flamante grupo de Guías Mayores con el pastor Greg Taylor, extremo derecho, pastores de León y Pinto, centro, y directivos del Club de Conquistadores

Entre las actividades de cierre de año del departamento hispano a fines de diciembre, tuvo lugar una ceremonia en la que 6 jóvenes fueron investidos como Guías Mayores. Estos jóvenes están deseosos de formar parte del ejército de obreros del Señor, y todo el cielo los apoyará en su tarea. Tendrán el privilegio de enlistar a los más pequeños en las filas de Jesús.

Entre otros, se contó con la presencia del director del Departamento de Jóvenes de la Asociación, Greg Taylor, y el pastor de la iglesia Carlos Pinto. ①

ARMANDO DE LEÓN, DIRECTOR DE  
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## Nueva Congregación en Lawrenceville

Al comenzar el 2018, el 6 de enero, se organizó una nueva congregación en Lawrenceville, Georgia.

Esta compañía es fruto del trabajo de la iglesia de Doraville cuyos líderes apoyaron la salida de un grupo de miembros para trabajar en esta área.

La nueva congregación será una más en el distrito del pastor John Newlove, quien está al frente de las iglesias de Chamblee, Roswell, Doraville y Marietta.

El pastor Efraín Poloche fue designado por la asociación para dirigir la ceremonia de apertura y testificó que Dios le permitió también ser parte de la apertura de la que es ahora la iglesia de Doraville.

Las iglesias saludables son las que trabajan y dan a luz nuevas congregaciones. Se espera que con la ayuda de Dios esta compañía dé frutos de salvación y pronto se vea con alegría que nuevos hijos de



Miembros de la nueva congregación junto al pastor Poloche, primera fila, extremo izquierdo

Dios se unen para esperar el glorioso regreso de Jesús gracias al trabajo de los miembros.. ①

EFRAÍN POLOCHE



# Quema de Hipoteca en Iglesia del Este



Grupo de fundadores de la iglesia.

El sábado 6 de enero la iglesia del Este en Georgia, celebró con agradecimiento la quema de la hipoteca del templo. El secretario de la asociación pastor David Smith, se hizo presente al evento.

Fue emocionante escuchar las anécdotas de los miembros pioneros acerca de los comienzos de la congregación, así como la

forma en que lograron completar el pago de la hipoteca de 226,000 dólares. Estas historias alimentaron sustanciosamente la fe de los asistentes, al ver la notoria bendición de Dios a lo largo de esta trayectoria. ①

EFRAÍN POLOCHE, DIRECTOR DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO

## Bautismos

### Cartersville

El pastor José Reyes, quien tiene a su cargo el distrito de Georgia Norte comprendido por las iglesias de Dalton, Calhoun, Adairsville y Cartersville, Georgia, tuvo el privilegio de llevar a cabo una ceremonia de 4 bautismos el pasado 16 de diciembre en Cartersville. La misma fue la corona de un esfuerzo evangelístico a cargo del evangelista Jose Moral.

### Wilmington

La iglesia de Wilmington, Carolina del Norte, fue bendecida con el bautismo de 2 personas, bajo el oficio del nuevo pastor de distrito Kircio Mota. La ceremonia se llevó a cabo el 16 de diciembre como regalo de navidad para honra y gloria de Jesús. El distrito de Norte Carolina, comprende



Grupo de candidatos de bautismo

las iglesias de Seven Springs, Warsaw, Clinton, Goldsboro, Burgaw, Wilmington y Wallace.

### Clinton

El 2 de diciembre, la iglesia de Clinton tuvo la alegría de ver que 11 personas entregaron sus vidas a Cristo manifestándolo por medio del bautismo. El mismo estuvo a



cargo de Kircio Mota, pastor del distrito.

Cabe mencionar que las instalaciones de esa iglesia fueron recientemente remodeladas, y es notable el cambio que se ha operado en la apariencia del lugar. ①

EFRAÍN POLOCHE, DIRECTOR DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO

# Entrenamiento de Líderes Juveniles

Desde el 1-3 de diciembre, más de 100 líderes juveniles participaron de un entrenamiento en Orangeburg, Carolina del Sur. En el grupo se encontraban Guías Mayores, y dirigentes de Conquistadores y Aventureros. Los mismos recibieron instrucción sobre la forma de mejorar las actividades de sus respectivos clubes haciéndolas interesantes y atractivas, y sobre el proceso y campaña para abrir nuevos clubes donde todavía no existen.

Elizabeth Chaparro organizó el evento y organizó un grupo de "Whatsapp" para que los jóvenes reciban información útil sobre



Vista parcial de la asistencia al evento

diferentes actividades juveniles que organiza la iglesia

El pastor Ismael Uribe fue el capellán del

evento y el pastor Newlove uno de los instructores del fin de semana, junto a Roberto Alago, Hernán Zuniga, Amobrosio Salcedo y otros.

El pastor Poloché tuvo a su cargo la coordinación general y proveyó los equipos de sonido y los video proyectores. Varios líderes afro-americanos hicieron acto de presencia para animar a los jóvenes hispanos a seguir creciendo y triunfando. ①

EFRAÍN POLOCHE

## Otra Forma de Testificar

La asociación de motociclistas Adventistas, visitó la iglesia de Portcharlotte. El orador de este encuentro fue el evangelista internacional Heber Orellana, quien es miembro de la asociación. Esta organización tiene como principal objetivo ganar almas para Cristo mediante este pasatiempo. Se compartieron testimonios y todos pasaron un momento ameno, viendo cómo la actividad de testificación no se circunscribe sólo a los sábados de tarde, sino que es algo que envuelve todos los actos de nuestra vida.

“Si pues coméis o bebéis o hacéis otra cosa, hacedlo todo para gloria de Dios.” 1 Cor 10:31

ROGER ÁLVAREZ, DIRECTOR DEL  
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Grupo de motociclistas

## Plantando una Nueva Iglesia en Tampa Bay



Grupo de candidatos de bautismo antes de la ceremonia

El viernes 23 de febrero 10 personas se graduaron del curso “La Fe de Jesús.” Por la gracia de Dios, 7 de ellas tomaron la decisión de bautismo, y junto a otra persona que ya había estado tomando estudios bíblicos, se bautizaron el sábado 24. Este grupo pertenecerá a la nueva congregación que está en el proceso de organización, que se llamará Tampa Bay Renacer. La feligresía que trabaja en el proceso de plantar esta nueva iglesia está animada, y feliz de ver los primeros frutos de su trabajo.

ROGER ÁLVAREZ, DIRECTOR DEL  
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# Preparando los estudiantes para una vida y carrera de bienestar

Los trabajos de investigación han demostrado que los estudiantes universitarios usualmente terminan sus carreras en un estado físico menos saludable que cuando comienzan. Southern Adventist University está luchando activamente contra esta estadística, ayudándolos a que puedan mantener o mejorar sus niveles de salud durante los cuatro años que pasan en la universidad. Se esfuerza no solo en desarrollar las capacidades mentales, sociales y espirituales, sino también las físicas. Los estudiantes de primer año toman una clase llamada “Salud para la vida universitaria.” En adición, cada año pueden escoger varios tipos de cursos que desarrollan maneras de mantenerse activos. Entre ellas, hacer excursiones como mochileros, jugar tenis, e ir de buceo.

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“Salud para la vida universitaria” establece una base sólida para el cuidado de la salud física, mientras que la materia “Sé apto para el servicio” promueve una guía para una mejora constante” dijo Sloan. Esta clase cuenta con la colaboración de empleadores locales que ofrecen charlas, y Sloan espera que los estudiantes extraigan perspectivas valiosas en referencia a la vida y lugar de trabajo.

“Siento que la clase me proporciona consejos profesionales positivos que



me van a ayudar cuando me gradúe y empiece a buscar trabajo,” dijo Brandon Beneche, estudiante de Inglés de último año. “Poder aprender acerca de lo que los empleadores están buscando en sus empleados fue valioso. Estoy contento de haber podido participar.”

En adición, se ofrece una certificación que resulta de completar requisitos adicionales en el área de salud. Esta

posibilidad enriquece el currículum del estudiante, demostrando al empleador que está mental, emocional, y físicamente preparado para el ambiente de trabajo.

En conjunto, este programa de salud enseña y habilita a los estudiantes a mantener una vida de salud y bienestar. ①

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## CAROLINA

**WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SUMMIT** - April 7. Charlotte Spanish Church. Speaker: Dr. Phillip Samaan.

**ADVENTURE FUN DAY** - April 8. Nosoca Pines Ranch.

**HISPANIC CAMP MEETING** - April 20-22. Nosoca Pines Ranch.

**MPA ALUMNI WEEKEND** - April 20-22. Mount Pisgah Academy, Candler, NC.

**MPA ACADEMY DAYS** - April 27-29. Mount Pisgah Academy, Candler, NC.

**PATHFINDER COUNCIL** - April 27, 28. Nosoca Pines Ranch.

**ELDERS' RETREAT** - May 11, 12. Nosoca Pines Ranch.

**MPA GRADUATION** - May 18, 19. MPA.

**LAKE JUNALUSKA CAMP MEETING** - May 27-June 2. Maggie Valley, NC.

## FLORIDA

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**124TH ANNUAL FLORIDA CAMP MEETING.** April 5-8. Camp Kulaqua, 23400 NW 202 Ave., High Springs. Theme: Legacy of Hope. Cost: depends on meal and accommodation choice. Free to attend. Details/registration: floridaconference.com/campmeeting.

**CAMPESTRE HISPANO (SPANISH-LANGUAGE CAMP MEETING).** April 13-15. Camp Kulaqua, 23400 NW 202 Ave., High Springs. Theme: Legacy of Hope. Cost: depends on meal and accommodation choice. Free to attend. Details/registration: floridaconference.com/campestre

**RED ZONE** - May 25-27. Camp Kulaqua, 23400 NW 212th Ave., High Springs. Annual year-end activity for Pathfinders and Adventurers. Theme: I Am Loved...by the Good Father. Cost: \$7. Details: floridaconference.com/events/red-zone

**PATHFINDER/ADVENTURER LEADERSHIP CONVENTION.** July 27-29. Miami DoubleTree (Hilton Airport Hotel), 711 NW 72nd Ave., Miami. Cost: \$129 if registered by March 29, \$149 afterward or \$169 on site. Includes all meals. Accommodation fee additional (reserved directly with hotel). Details/registration: floridaconference.com/events/leadership-convention-0

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES CHILD EVANGELISM TRAINING** - July 28, 8 a.m.-6:15 p.m. Miami DoubleTree (Hilton Airport Hotel), 711 NW 72nd Ave., Miami. Partnering with the Pathfinder/Adventurer Leadership Convention for this one-day certification in child evangelism. You must attend all seminars to receive a certificate. The schedule will match the seminar schedule for the Leadership Convention. Discounted rates at DoubleTree Hilton are available through July 13.

## GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

**LEARNING TO LIVE GRATEFULLY: FIRST STEWARDSHIP RETREAT** - April 6-8. Featured speakers: Bonita Shields and John Matthews. Register by March 22. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.

**REPURPOSED WOMEN'S & TEEN GIRLS' SPRING RETREATS** - April 12-15. God in Shoes Outreach, April 12, 13. Speakers include: June Price, women's; April Hobbs, teen girls' (ages 14-17); Nyasha Dunkley, teen girls' (ages 11-13). Music with Gale Jones Murphy. Final registration deadline is March 19. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.

**PATHFINDER CAMPOREE** - April 19-22. Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Crandall, GA.

**COHUTTA SPRINGS FOUNDATION WEEKEND** - April 20-22. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.

**FATHER-DAUGHTER SPRING WILDFLOWER CAMPOUT** - April 20-22. If you're a man who has a young daughter (ages 6+) and loves the outdoors, you won't want to miss the Father-Daughter Spring Wildflower Campout. Register at: [http://blueprintformen.org/?event=father-daughter-spring-wildflower-campout&event\\_date=2018-04-13](http://blueprintformen.org/?event=father-daughter-spring-wildflower-campout&event_date=2018-04-13). Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Gatlinburg, TN.

**COHUTTA SPRINGS FOUNDATION WEEKEND** - April 20-22. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.

**ALUMNI SABBATH FOR ATLANTA ADVENTIST ACADEMY** - April 21. 3 pm Down Memory Lane with Harold Cunningham; 5:30 p.m. dinner; 7:00 p.m. Coming Home; 8:00 p.m. volleyball and basketball games. 3870 Cascade Road, Atlanta, GA.

**PERSONAL MINISTRIES DAY WITH EW DEMPSEY** - April 21. 2-5 p.m. Rock Spring Church, GA.

**SINGLE'S MINISTRY, FALL CREEK FALLS SPRING RETREAT** - April 27-29. Featured speaker, Curtis Fox. Registration required. Fall Creek Falls, TN.

**SUMMER IS COMING!** To get the early bird discount at Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, register by April 30. <http://www.cs-yc.com/> Crandall, GA.

**HOW TO CONDUCT A MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM** - May 5. Presenter Tuwan Ussery. An educational program for leaders who want to learn how to conduct mental health outreach in their community. This training is free, no registration. Adults-only event. Knoxville, TN, First Church.

**HEALTH RALLY WITH EW DEMPSEY** - May 5.

2-5 p.m. Lenoir City, TN.

**ADVENTURER FAMILY FUN WEEKEND** - May 11-13. Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Crandall, GA.

**HEALTH RALLY WITH EW DEMPSEY** - May 12. 2-5 p.m. Atlanta Kenyan Upendo Company, GA.

**COLLEGE DALE CAMP MEETING** - May 30-June 2. Theme: "Be the Gospel." Guest speaker: Dan Jackson, North American Division president. Collegedale, TN.

## GULF STATES

**CAMP MEETING-ALAMISCO** - April 6-7. Camp Alamisco. Forgiven to Forgive with Dr. Darold Bigger, Andrew Collins & Jameel McGee, and Chef Melody Caviness. [www.gscsda.org/campmeeting18](http://www.gscsda.org/campmeeting18)

**HOMECOMING AT SHOALS CHURCH** - April 21. Florence, AL. Guest speaker: former Pastor Barry Mahorney. Special music: Ashlyn O'Rourke, harpist.

**ADVENTURER FAMILY FUN WEEKEND** - April 27-29. Camp Alamisco. [www.gscsda.org/youth-ministry](http://www.gscsda.org/youth-ministry)

**PATHFINDER FAIR** - May 4-6. Camp Alamisco.

**CAMP MEETING-BASS** - May 24-26. Bass Memorial Academy. Forgiven to Forgive with Dr. Darold Bigger, Dr. Robert Folkenberg Jr, and Chef Mark Anthony. [www.gscsda.org/campmeeting18](http://www.gscsda.org/campmeeting18)

**SOUTH AFRICA MISSION TRIP** - July 16-31. Help us Share Him! Contact the Youth Dept. at [tcasey@gscsda.org](mailto:tcasey@gscsda.org)

**CAMP ALAMISCO 50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT** - Camp Alamisco - October 6.

## KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** - April 3. Conference Office.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION** - April 5. Conference Office.

**CAMPUS CATALYST** - April 7. Lexington Church, Lexington, KY.

**HISPANIC PASTORS/ELDERS' RETREAT** - April 13-15. Indian Creek Camp.

**PASTORS/ELDERS' RETREAT** - April 20, 21. Indian Creek Camp.

**HIGHLAND ACADEMY BOARD** - April 26. Highland Academy.

**YOUNG ADULT RETREAT** - April 27-29. Indian Creek Camp.

**CAMP MEETING** - May 25-June 2. Highland Academy

**HISPANIC CAMP MEETING** - June 8-9. Highland Academy.

## SOUTHERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY

**WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT** - April 8. Southern's Wind Symphony will present a concert titled "World Tour," at 7:30 p.m. in the Collegedale Church. With Ken Parsons conducting, the ensemble will feature pieces such as Gustav Holst's "Suite No. 2 for Military Band," and Johan de Meij's "African Harmony: Songs

from Mama Africa." This event may also be viewed at [southern.edu/streaming](http://southern.edu/streaming).

**SOUTHERN'S CHOIRS AND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT - April 27 and 28.** With Gennevie Brown-Kibble and Laurie Redmer Minner conducting, Southern's chorale ensembles and Symphony Orchestra are offering two options to hear their joint performance: April 27 at 7:30 p.m. and April 28 at 4 p.m. at the Collegedale Church. This and many other musical events are also broadcast at [southern.edu/streaming](http://southern.edu/streaming).

**SUMMER CLASSES BEGIN - May 7.** Numerous online courses are available for both undergraduate and graduate curriculums. Prospective students must apply and be accepted before registering. Start the process at [southern.edu/apply](http://southern.edu/apply).

**ACADEMIC SUMMER CAMPS - June 18-20.** Southern is hosting camps for high school students in automotive repair, business entrepreneurship, creative writing, filmmaking, fine arts painting, photography, pre-med, psychology, social work/missions, strings chamber music, vegetarian culinary arts, and women and minorities in civic engagement. Registration is \$150 for day campers (\$200 if housing is needed). For more information or to register, visit [southern.edu/camps](http://southern.edu/camps) or call 423-236-2781.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**UNION COLLEGE HOMECOMING - April 5-8.** Honor classes: 1948, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1978, 1988, 1993, 1998, and 2008. For more information, contact the alumni office at 401-486-2503, 3800 S. 48th Street, Lincoln, NE 68506, or [alumni@ucollge.edu](mailto:alumni@ucollge.edu).

**LAURELBROOK ACADEMY ALUMNI WEEKEND - April 6-8.** Laurelbrook Campus in Dayton, TN. Honor classes: 1958, '63, '73, '78, '83, '88, '93, '98, '03, '08, '13. Please update your mailing address and contact information - call 423-775-9448, or [jean081246@gmail.com](mailto:jean081246@gmail.com), or [alumni@laurelbrook.org](mailto:alumni@laurelbrook.org).

**ENTERPRISE/GREAT PLAINS ACADEMY ALUMNI WEEKEND - April 13, 14.** Enterprise SDA Church, Enterprise, KS. Honor Classes graduating years ending with 3s and 8s. For more information, email [ea.gpa.alumni@hotmail.com](mailto:ea.gpa.alumni@hotmail.com), call 620-640-5740, or check school website: [ea-gpa-alumni.com](http://ea-gpa-alumni.com).

**PLEASE REMEMBER CHRISTIAN RECORD ON SABBATH, April 14.** This World Budget offering emphasizes the vital work of Christian Record Services for the Blind. Your gifts on April 14, will enable Christian Record to provide books and magazines, Bibles and Bible study guides, Sabbath School lessons, and confidence-building camping experiences to people who are legally blind. Visit [www.CRSBday.org](http://www.CRSBday.org) to give, to download and view the special offering day video, and to access printable materials for your church.

### OKLAHOMA ACADEMY DAYS - April 13-15.

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! Also, visit [www.oklahomaacademy.org](http://www.oklahomaacademy.org).

### ATLANTA ADVENTIST ACADEMY ALUMNI REUNION - April 21.

Save the date! Come reconnect and reminisce at the old Cascade Campus: 3870 Cascade Road SW, Atlanta, GA. Program begins at 3 p.m. with memories, music, and featured speaker Harold Cunningham. We will be celebrating all graduates and especially the honor classes: '88, '93, '98, '03, '08, '13. For more information, call 404-699-1400 or visit our website: [www.aaa.edu](http://www.aaa.edu). We look forward to seeing you!

### LA SIERRA ACADEMY ALUMNI WEEKEND

**- April 27, 28.** Honor classes: 3s and 8s. Welcome reception, Friday at 7 p.m., LSA Library. Sabbath services: registration at 9 a.m. and Homecoming Service at 10 a.m., LSA Gym. Potluck, campus tours, reunions, and varsity basketball. Please update/email contact information to: [JNelson@lsak12.com](mailto:JNelson@lsak12.com); [www.lsak12.com](http://www.lsak12.com); alumni office: 951 351-1445 x244.

### BROADVIEW ACADEMY ALUMNI WEEKEND

**- April 27, 28.** Mark your calendars, call your classmates and start planning for this weekend now! Honor classes: 1948, 1958, 1968, 1978, 1988, 1993, and 1998. To be held at N. Aurora Church, N. Aurora, Ill. Friday night Vespers,

Sabbath School, church, lunch, and afternoon musical program. All ideas and information welcome. For communication purposes, we need your email addresses. Send questions or information to Natanja and Kerry Hensley, [bva.alumni.cte@gmail.com](mailto:bva.alumni.cte@gmail.com), or call Dale Rollins at 224-407-0233. For more information, visit: [www.broadviewacademy.org](http://www.broadviewacademy.org).

### "YE OLDE" CEDAR LAKE ACADEMY REUNION - June 8-10.

For alumni and classmates at Great Lakes Adventist Academy, Cedar Lake, MI. Honor classes: 1938, 1948, 1958, 1968. For further information, you may contact GLAA Alumni Office at 989-427-5181 or visit <http://www.glaa.net>.

### CELEBRATE YOUR FAVORITE TEACHER.

The cover feature for the July 2018 Southern Tidings will highlight personal tributes to teachers who had a lasting influence on their students. If there is such a teacher who made a difference in your life, please share your story at [www.southernunion.com/teachers](http://www.southernunion.com/teachers). In 250 words, answer the following: Who was your favorite teacher? Why?

### LAURELWOOD ADVENTIST ACADEMY - Aug.

**3-5.** Members of the Class of 1968 will meet at the Adobe Resort in Yachts, Oregon, for a 50-year class reunion. Call and make your reservations now. Reference Laurelwood Academy's 50th Class Reunion. Questions? Call Jacquie Jenkins Biloff at 605-295-0040 or email at [skyjaky@gmail.com](mailto:skyjaky@gmail.com).

## SUNSET

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| ATLANTA, GA      | 6:40  | 7:46   | 7:51   | 7:56   | 8:01  | 8:07   |
| CHARLESTON, SC   | 6:23  | 7:28   | 7:33   | 7:38   | 7:43  | 7:48   |
| CHARLOTTE, NC    | 6:25  | 7:31   | 7:37   | 7:43   | 7:48  | 7:54   |
| COLLEGE DALE, TN | 6:43  | 7:49   | 7:55   | 8:01   | 8:06  | 8:12   |
| HUNTSVILLE, AL   | 5:49  | 6:54   | 7:00   | 7:05   | 7:11  | 7:16   |
| JACKSON, MS      | 6:04  | 7:09   | 7:14   | 7:19   | 7:24  | 7:28   |
| LOUISVILLE, KY   | 6:44  | 7:51   | 7:57   | 8:04   | 8:10  | 8:17   |
| MEMPHIS, TN      | 6:02  | 7:08   | 7:14   | 7:20   | 7:25  | 7:31   |
| MIAMI, FL        | 6:26  | 7:30   | 7:33   | 7:36   | 7:39  | 7:43   |
| MONTGOMERY, AL   | 5:48  | 6:53   | 6:58   | 7:03   | 7:08  | 7:13   |
| NASHVILLE, TN    | 5:49  | 6:55   | 7:01   | 7:07   | 7:13  | 7:19   |
| ORLANDO, FL      | 6:30  | 7:34   | 7:38   | 7:42   | 7:46  | 7:50   |
| TAMPA, FL        | 6:35  | 7:39   | 7:42   | 7:46   | 7:50  | 7:54   |
| WILMINGTON, NC   | 6:14  | 7:20   | 7:25   | 7:31   | 7:36  | 7:41   |



## 2018 CAMP MEETINGS SCHEDULE

### CAROLINA

Portions of Camp Meeting will be viewable at [www.carolinasda.org/camp-meeting](http://www.carolinasda.org/camp-meeting)  
 English.....May 27-June 2.....Theme: *Great Controversy*.....Lake Junaluska, NC  
 Sunday-Wednesday Speaker: Ty Gibson  
 Thursday-Sabbath Speaker: Shawn Boonstra  
 Hispanic.....September 7-9.....Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, SC  
 Eastern Carolina.....October 27.....Greenville North Church, Winterville, NC

### FLORIDA

Please note: Florida Camp Meeting is held in the spring.

English.....April 5-8.....Theme: *Legacy of Hope*  
 Speaker: Ty Gibson.....Camp Kulaqua, FL  
 Accommodation/Meal Registration and archived sermon video:  
[floridaconference.com/campmeeting](http://floridaconference.com/campmeeting)  
 Spanish.....April 13-15.....Theme: *Legado de Esperanza*  
 Speaker: José Esposito.....Camp Kulaqua, FL  
 Accommodation/Meal Registration: [floridaconference.com/campestre](http://floridaconference.com/campestre)

### GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

[Details: [www.gccsda.com](http://www.gccsda.com)]

Korean.....May 19-21.....Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA  
 English.....May 30-June 3.....Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, TN  
 Theme: *Be the Gospel*  
 Speaker: Dan Jackson  
 Olde Time.....June 7-9.....Meister Memorial Church, Deer Lodge, TN  
 Theme: *Be the Gospel*  
 Deaf Fellowship.....August 8-12.....Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA  
 Theme: *The High Price for Freedom*  
 Speaker: Douglas Silva  
 Northeast Tennessee.....September 21, 22.....The Oaks, Greeneville, TN  
 Theme: *Be the Gospel*  
 Speaker: Doug Jacobs  
 Sabbath in the Smokies.....September 28, 29.....Cades Cove (Great Smoky  
 Mountains National Park), TN  
 Hispanic.....October 19-21.....Clarence Brown Conference Center, Cartersville, GA

Theme: *Todo Miembro Involucrado (Total Member Involvement)*

South Georgia Blitz.....November 10.....Theme: *Be the Gospel*  
 Various churches

### GULF STATES

Details: [www.gscsda.org/campmeeting18](http://www.gscsda.org/campmeeting18)

Theme: *Forgiven to Forgive*

Speaker: Dr. Darold Bigger.....April 6, 7.....Camp Alamisco  
 May 23-26.....Bass Memorial Academy  
 Wednesday and Thursday Speaker: Dr. Darold Bigger  
 Friday and Sabbath Speaker: Dr. Robert Folkenberg Jr.

### KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

English.....May 26-June 3.....Theme: *Jesus Changes Everything*.....Highland  
 Academy, Portland, TN  
 Speakers: Mike Tucker, Karl Haffner, Eduard Schmidt, Sung Kwon, and Norman McNulty  
 Hispanic.....June 8, 9.....Highland Academy, Portland, TN

### SOUTH ATLANTIC

June 7-16.....River Oaks Campground, Orangeburg, SC

### SOUTH CENTRAL

Theme: *We Would See Jesus*

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

### SOUTHEASTERN

English-Adult/Main Pavilion.....June 21-30.....Theme: *Building the Kingdom  
 through Hope and Wholeness*.....Hawthorne, FL  
 Speaker 1st Sabbath: Alex Bryant, NAD Executive Secretary  
 Speaker 2nd Sabbath: TBA  
 Youth Pavilion.....June 21-30.....Hawthorne, FL  
 Haitian-Adult/Main Pavilion.....July 4-8.....Hawthorne, FL

## 2018 SUMMER CAMPS SCHEDULE

### CAROLINA

Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, SC  
 [Register online at [www.nosoca.org](http://www.nosoca.org)]

#### Traditional Camps

Adventure (ages 7-11).....June 17-24  
 Junior Camp (ages 10-13).....June 24-July 1  
 Teen (ages 13-16).....July 1-8  
 Family Camp (all ages).....July 9-13  
**Specialty Camps**  
 Horseshooting Trip (ages 14-17).....May 27-June 1  
 SIT Camp (ages 16-17).....June 10-22  
 Water Sports Camp (ages 13-16).....June 17-24  
 Horsemanship I Camp (ages 12-16).....June 17-24  
 Horsemanship II Camp (ages 12-16).....June 24-July 1  
 Horsemanship Camp III (ages 13-16).....July 1-8

### FLORIDA

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

Cub Camp (ages 7-9).....June 3-10  
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12).....June 3-10  
 Teen Camp (ages 13-17).....June 3-10  
 Horsemanship Specialty Camp (ages 11-16).....June 3-10  
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9).....June 10-17  
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12).....June 10-17  
 Teen Camp (ages 13-17).....June 10-17  
 Horsemanship Specialty Camp (ages 11-16).....June 10-17  
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9).....June 17-24  
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12).....June 17-24  
 Teen Camp (ages 13-17).....June 17-24  
 Horsemanship Specialty Camp (ages 11-16).....June 17-24  
 Family Camp.....Aug. 31-Sept. 3

### GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Cohutta Springs Youth Camps - Online registration  
 and details at [www.cs-yc.com](http://www.cs-yc.com)  
 Camp Staff Training.....May 31-June 9

### Regular Camps

Junior I.....June 10-17  
 Junior II.....June 17-24  
 Adventure.....June 24-29  
 Junior III.....July 1-8  
 Tween.....July 1-8  
 Teen I.....July 8-15  
 Rock Solid Teen I.....July 8-15  
 Teen II.....July 15-22  
 Rock Solid Teen II.....July 15-22  
 Family Camp.....July 24-29  
**RAD Camps**  
 Paintball Camp I.....June 10-17  
 W.I.T. Camp I.....June 10-17  
 Lifeguard Camp.....June 10-17  
 FitLife Camp I.....June 10-24  
 Ultimate RAD Camp.....June 17-24  
 Paintball Camp II.....June 17-24  
 S.I.T. Camp.....June 17-24  
 W.I.T. Camp II.....June 17-24  
 DiscipleTrek Camp.....June 17-July 8  
 RAD Horse Trip.....June 24-July 1  
 Wakeboard Camp I.....June 24-July 1  
 C.I.T. Camp.....June 24-July 1  
 Paintball Camp III.....July 1-8  
 Golf Camp.....July 1-8  
 W.I.T. Camp III.....July 1-8  
 FitLife Camp II.....July 1-22  
 Basketball Camp.....July 8-15  
 Whitewater/Kayak Camp.....July 8-15  
 W.I.T. Camp IV.....July 8-15  
 Wakeboard Camp II.....July 15-22  
 W.I.T. Camp V.....July 15-22

### GULF STATES

Camp Alamisco, Dadeville, AL  
 Details: [www.Alamisco.org](http://www.Alamisco.org)

Adventure Camp (ages 7-11).....June 3-10  
 Junior Camp (ages 10-13).....June 10-17  
 Teen Camp (ages 12-16).....June 17-24  
 Family Camp 1 (all ages).....July 2-8  
 Family Camp 2/Young Adult (all ages).....July 5-8  
 Family Camp 3 (all ages).....July 8-13

### KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Indian Creek Camp, Liberty, TN

Staff-in-Training (ages 15½, 17).....June 3-8  
 Junior Camp I (ages 8-12).....June 10-17  
 Junior Camp II (8-12).....June 17-24  
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16).....June 24-July 1  
 Family Camp I (all ages).....July 3-8  
 Family Camp II (all ages).....July 8-15  
 Family Camp III (all ages).....July 15-22  
 Teen Adventure Camp (ages 13-17).....July 22-27  
 Basketball Camp (ages 13-17).....July 22-27  
 Gymnastics Camp (ages 13-17).....July 22-27  
 Lifeguarding Camp (ages 15-17).....July 22-28

### SOUTH ATLANTIC

River Oaks Campground, Orangeburg, SC

Junior Bible/Summer Camp (ages 8-17).....TBA

### SOUTH CENTRAL

Camp Thunderbird, Chattanooga, TN

Orientation/registration/details: [www.scc-adventist.org/summercamp](http://www.scc-adventist.org/summercamp)  
 Camp Staff Training.....June 24-July 1  
 Cub Camp (ages 6-12).....July 1-8  
 Friendship Camp (ages 8-14).....July 8-15  
 Sports Camp (ages 7-17).....July 1-22

### SOUTHEASTERN

Southeastern Conference Campground, Hawthorne, FL  
 Youth Summer Camp.....TBA

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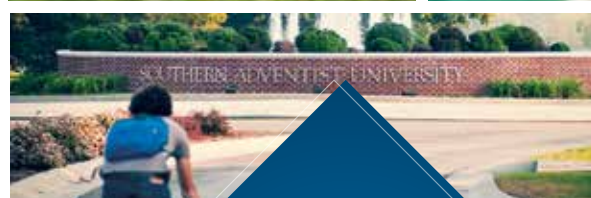
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