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Putting Sabbath School Back on Par



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Guest Editorial

A few Sunday afternoons ago, I had the rare opportunity to sit in “my” chair in our den to watch golf on television. The young players on the PGA tour are amazing athletes. With eight holes to play in the 72-hole tournament that I watched, nine players were either tied for or within four shots of the lead. Even the “old guys,” Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson, were in the hunt. After nearly two and a half enjoyable hours spent glued to the TV, I asked myself, “Why don’t I do this more often?”

There was a time, many years ago, that I not only watched golf, but I played golf — but never like these guys. Shot after shot, approach after approach landed so near the flag that little was left to do but give a gentle tap of the ball into the cup to complete the hole. Those of us who fancy ourselves to be golfers call that kind of putt a “gimme.” In other words, the ball is so close to the hole and the chance of missing the putt is so remote that one need not even tap it in. Just “give me” credit for having made it without my having to go through the tedium of tapping the ball into the cup. Thus, a “gimme.”

Sabbath School attendance for Seventh-day Adventists at one time was a “gimme.” It was automatic. It was a foregone conclusion. There was no question that we’d be in Sabbath School on Sabbath morning. We called it “the church at study.” And, even though we may not be there exactly for the 9:15 a.m. bell, we weren’t too far from those hallowed grounds when the first cords of “Don’t Forget the Sabbath” rang out.

Times have changed.

The Bible admonishes us in 2 Timothy 2:15: “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

Sabbath School affords us the opportunity to do just that, to study — with all ages, at all levels of instruction, from Cradle Roll to adult. So, how and when did Sabbath School lose its importance, its relevance? The lessons are riveting; the authors are first-class; the Holy Spirit, without a doubt, has directed each presentation. And, with Sabbath School Lesson apps readily available (and free) on our electronic devices, any break in the day becomes the perfect time to study. Content, inspired creativity, convenience: Why then is Sabbath School attendance in such decline? The question begs a personal response from each of us, “Why don’t I do this more often?” No doubt we each can offer reasons for this downturn in Sabbath School participation, and maybe even purport possible solutions to this critical topic.

Ellen G. White’s writings also have much to say regarding the value of Sabbath School. Here is a sampling from *Testimonies on Sabbath-School Work*, 20:

“The Sabbath School should be one of the greatest instrumentalities, and the most effectual, in bringing souls to Christ.”

“No one can labor in the Sabbath School or in the temperance work without reaping a bountiful harvest, not only in the end of the world, but in the present life. In the very effort to enlighten and bless others, his own views will become clearer and broader. The more we endeavor to explain the truth to others, with a love for souls, the plainer will it become to ourselves. It ever opens with new beauty and force to the understanding of the expounder.”

I humbly offer my rather simplistic approach to boosting Sabbath School attendance:

1. Download a Sabbath School app on your phone and get a quarterly from your church. When the quarterly is not available or close at hand, the phone is your backup. And, 99 out of 100 of us probably already have a Bible app on our phone.
2. Get into the habit of studying your lesson daily, or as often as you can, even if you have to double up some days. Don’t become discouraged if you miss a day. In your study, highlight two or three points that you would like to focus on when you get to class.
3. Welcome in the Sabbath on Friday evening with prayer and worship.
4. Resist the temptation to stay up late on Friday night.
5. Be pleasant on Sabbath morning. Everyone in your household may not be a “morning person.” Don’t start the day dragging the family to church. Make it an adventure. I, personally, have ruined many a Sabbath mornings being overzealous about getting to Sabbath School on time.

For those who conduct/plan/teach Sabbath School, I offer this bit of advice:

1. Use different study approaches to stir interest among the members. Do not allow your program to become dull, lifeless, or, worse yet, another preaching service.
2. Invite people to participate in Sabbath School and not just be spectators in the gallery. Encourage members to get in the game, to hit the links!
3. Involve the young people at all levels. Our youth, young adults, and millennials are very gifted and talented.
4. Don’t assume that “if you build it, they will come.” Invite people to join you. And, invite them to invite someone else.

The ministry of Sabbath School is still vital to the health of God’s remnant Church. Don’t let it die. See you at Sabbath School! 📖

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PHOTO CAPTION: Matthew Clayton, 14, teaches Evelyn Barrett and David Arnold computer skills as part of the Cooper City Church's children's ministries program to involve children and earliteens in ministry to the elderly members of the church and community.

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FROM CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES TO CHILDREN MINISTERS

BY LUCAS L. JOHNSON II

There are many things Matthew Clayton could do after church on Sabbath, but the 14-year-old chooses to join other youth singing and spreading God's Word at a nearby nursing home — and he loves it.

"In the Bible, it says to go out and minister, and spread the Word," said Clayton. "I'm ministering to them, and it's very fulfilling."

Clayton is participating in a program that's part of children's ministries at Cooper City Church in Cooper City, Florida. It's among a number of initiatives children's ministries leaders are using to win young souls, and help youth make what they study in the Bible and Sabbath School lessons tangible.

"It allows them to make the application," said Tanya Wilson-Sejour, who started the nursing home program. "They don't just go through the lesson each week. They have a choice to be a servant to someone, and that's in a nursing home with someone that needs compassion."

Wilson-Sejour said the children, some as young as five, are all active when they visit the nursing home. They sing and re-

cite Scripture, and some give sermonettes, using the week's Sabbath School lesson.

"You'd be amazed at the 9- and 10-year-olds who take a lesson about Mordecai, or a lesson about Esther, and break it down," said Wilson-Sejour. "I'm blessed to work with an amazing group of youth who are on fire for Jesus. It motivates me."

The nursing home residents are also moved, she said, and appreciative.

"You bring church to us because we can't get to the church," said one resident during a visit, continuing, "and if you don't come, I don't get anything."

Judy Smith is director of children, family, and singles' ministries for the Florida Conference. In July, she led a child evangelism leadership seminar that was attended by more than 100 people, including Wilson-Sejour.

Smith said children's ministries leaders have a special opportunity to teach youth about discipleship, and what it really means to be a good steward.

"It's not just about returning your tithes and offering, but about being a steward of your time, of your resources," said Smith.





Matthew Clayton, 14, teaches Evelyn Barrett and David Arnold computer skills as part of the Cooper City Church's children's ministries program to involve children and earliteens in ministry to the elderly members of the church and community.



The potential of children's ministries is evidenced in these 25 children who were baptized as a result of a Vacation Bible School (VBS) conducted by Charlene Peters and her team of VBS workers. The children are now members of Lighthouse Ministries in Ellenwood, Georgia, which is part of the Mountainside Church in Decatur, Georgia.

"We want to make our children feel important. They need to know they're going to make an impact, not only in church, but outside in the community."

At the seminar, Smith also emphasized using programs like Vacation Bible School (VBS) to attract youth in the community who may not be part of a church, and teach them about Christ, which could lead to baptism.

"I've found that Vacation Bible School is one of the last neutral evangelistic tools that we have that people are not threatened by," said Darryl Howard, children's ministries and Sabbath School director for the South Atlantic Conference. "You can put a sign at your church for Vacation Bible School, and kids will come. They don't care what denomination you are."

25 Baptized During VBS

Olin McGraw, elder, agrees. McGraw oversees Lighthouse Ministries, which is

part of Mountainside Church in Decatur, Georgia. About two years ago, the church had a VBS that was attended by several youth. When it ended, McGraw said he and some more members were moved to follow up with the youth, and see if they'd be interested in attending Wednesday night Prayer Meeting at the church. To their surprise, each of the youth said yes. But, the Holy Spirit apparently wasn't done.

McGraw said the youth also asked if they could attend church with them the upcoming "Sunday," not knowing they attended church on Saturday. When McGraw told them, one of the youth said, "Oh, OK, can we still come?"

Ministry leaders used the church bus to pick up the youth and bring them to Prayer Meeting and church, which they seemed to enjoy.

"The first week we had seven, the next week we had 14, the third week 22, the fourth week 32," recalled McGraw. "They

were telling their friends."

During the appeals, some of the youth raised their hands. Each one of them said they wanted to get baptized. After talking with their parents, the ministry leaders prepared the youth for baptism by using Wednesday night Prayer Meeting to continue Bible study and discuss the Church's fundamental beliefs.

After seven months, 25 youth were baptized.

"Many of the ones that joined had never attended a church," said McGraw, adding that the ministry is ongoing and youth continue to be baptized.

Howard said such additions to the Church are a testament to the importance of children's ministries.

"Without a strong children's ministry, it's difficult for churches to grow," he said. "If you give them [youth] Christ and show them a relationship, then eventually they



PHOTO BY: OLIN MCGRAW

10 THINGS PARENTS WANT TO SEE IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

1. **Security** – It is one of the most important aspects of a functioning children's ministry. For most parents, there is nothing more comforting than knowing they will be dropping off their child in a safe environment. If your ministry currently doesn't account for security measures, start by creating a check-in system and assign at least one volunteer to manage the process.
2. **An engaging space** – Themed spaces are great, but the theme needs to point back somehow to the mission of the Church, sharing the Gospel, growing spiritually, and making disciples.
3. **Familiar faces** – For the sake of burnout, it's better if the same people do not run the same spaces every week. However, it is beneficial to have a familiar rotation of volunteers to help the children feel comfortable. These volunteers should know many of the children's names and greet them at the door when they arrive.
4. **A take-home element** – Every week, children should be leaving church with a visual reminder or something to help them focus on what they learned. This can be an art project, children's ministry resource, or even a song that supports the lesson for the week. This offers parents some peace of mind that their children (and subsequently, the family) are leaving having learned about Christ in a new way.
5. **Worship for all children (regardless of age)** – This can look many different ways, from full worship services for the older ones, or just a dad and his guitar for the preschoolers.
6. **Service to others** – There should be some sort of element that begins to lay the framework for looking outside themselves to help others. This can be as simple as taking up a collection for the homeless ministry or planning a holiday toy drive.
7. **A seamless transition between age groups** – Every transition, whether from room-to-room or from preschool to elementary, should flow in a way that continues to help children grow spiritually and be excited about the next step in their journey. Essentially, this is the idea that "everything you learned there was needed for you to get here." All ministries should point toward the same mission.
8. **Student ministry exposure** – Showing the children what the students are doing brings a level of excitement and familiarity with the older groups, and helps children feel less anxious about moving to the next step.
9. **Communication** – Consistent communication from the children's pastor about what the children are doing, what they're learning, and the purpose of it all is essential. Children don't always communicate what they learned or the point of what they did, so it's helpful for the pastor to be in communication through emails, newsletters, or other take-home content that keeps the parents involved.
10. **Main service platforming** – Whether it's having the children come in and lead a song or showing a video of what the children's ministry has been doing, it helps plug the whole family in and shows how important children's ministries is to the foundation of the Church. It will ultimately help create buy-in from families.

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will find a church, and they will find a stronger relationship with Christ."

Michayla White is executive director of the International Network of Children's Ministries, which for almost 40 years has trained, equipped, and inspired the children's ministries community.

She said children's ministries is "critical to the future of the Church."

"The power of the Church is being able to see a community surround a child, surround a family, and pass on the things that we need to remember about who God is, what He's done for us, and who we are because of what He's done for us," said White. ●

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“We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history,”

Life Sketches, p. 196.

BY GLADYS M. NEIGEL

It was a humble beginning. There wasn't any big fanfare. Representatives from only six churches attended the organizational meeting in Barberville, Fla., for the formation of Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists during the weekend

of September 22-25, 1893. Now, 125 years later, we pause to remember...

Times were hard. Scars of yellow fever epidemics were rampant. A gigantic freeze, that took one year's harvest of citrus and killed many groves, impacted

economic issues for several years. Perhaps these calamities strengthened the want for spiritual food.

The promise of a paradise atmosphere lured more people to Florida. After leaving everything behind, they were more re-



Florida Sanitarium and Hospital, circa 1908



Florida Hospital Orlando is now a hub of Adventist Health System which oversees hospitals in 10 states, including 25 campuses in the state of Florida.

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Architectural rendering of the newly opened North Tampa Christian Academy

Terra Ceia Church School students, circa 1900

ceptive to the Adventist message. Groups sprung up in homes, and churches were soon established in many areas. From a beginning membership of 139 in 1893, numbers have steadily increased through the years until in 2018 the membership has exceeded 64,000.

The Lord has blessed His work in the Florida Conference abundantly. Today, 125 years later, a diverse Florida Conference consisting of congregations in English, Spanish, French, Portuguese, Korean, Vietnamese, Burmese, Filipino, and Hebrew encompasses...

- 208 churches
- 65 companies
- 28 groups

Florida Hospital, that in the early 1900s became a witness for our health message, is now the main hub of an Adventist Health System which oversees hospitals in 10 states. In the state of Florida, there are 25 hospital campuses, two stand-alone emergency room locations, and two medical research and training centers. Florida Hospital is affiliated with Adventist University of Health Sciences in Orlando.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FLORIDA CONFERENCE!

“Congratulations to Florida Conference as you celebrate 125 years of service, growth, and opportunity. When I think of the beauty of the land and, more significantly, the beauty of your diverse membership, I am grateful to God!”

—Dan Jackson, president of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists

The first church school was established at Terra Ceia in 1892. The educational system now administers 11 early childhood centers, 29 elementary schools, and three academies. The newest school, North Tampa Christian Academy, serving age 2 through 12th grade, just opened its doors in August.

Camp Kulaqua became a reality in 1953 with the purchase of property on the banks of

Hornsby Spring in High Springs. The camp has morphed into one of the largest Adventist retreat and conference centers in the world, with accommodations from tent camping to well-equipped hotel rooms. Summer camp enrollment for 2018 totaled 1,093, with 79 young people giving their lives to Jesus and being baptized in the spring.

Florida Conference began with officers working out of churches where they were affiliated. When the Orlando Central Church was built in 1917, the new facility was designed to also house the Florida Conference. Three office buildings would follow this church office as the administrative hub until 2014 when the present building at 351 S. State Road 434, Altamonte Springs, was purchased to house the Conference and Adventist Book Center. May this present edifice be the last office building needed before the soon coming of our Lord and Savior! 🙏

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Florida Conference's current headquarters at 351 S. State Road 434 in Altamonte Springs

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BY JANELL HULLQUIST AND NATALIA PEREZ

For someone in pain or discomfort, the competent care provided by a nurse offers special comfort. Mother Teresa said, “Do small things with great love,” and nurses live out that motto every day, making the world a better place as they look after their patients.

Southern Adventist University has been equipping nurses for more than 60 years; in fact, 5,855 have graduated from the School of Nursing. Of those, 3,105 currently live in the Southern Union, changing their communities for the better.

Ashley Gomez, who earned her bachelor’s degree in nursing at Southern in 2015, currently serves at Florida Hospital Orlando. Working in the high-risk obstetrics unit, she has the opportunity to offer more than physical care to her patients.

“I try to form friendships with them because many of my patients are on my unit for a long time — sometimes for a few months, depending on how their diagnoses affect their pregnancies,” Gomez said. “I also share Jesus with them, either verbally or through my actions. After they deliver, I try to stay in contact with them.”

Gomez is confident that God led her into her profession.

“I always knew I wanted to take care of people, but I didn’t decide on nursing until I took a year’s worth of pre-med classes,” she said. “I wasn’t happy; I prayed a lot that summer, and I felt God was calling me into nursing. He opened the door for me to get into the program fairly quickly, and the rest is history.”

Now Gomez is pursuing a doctorate of nursing practice/master of business administration through Southern’s online program, continuing to follow God’s purpose for her life.



Southern nursing alum Ashley Gomez was thrilled to finally hold baby Cora after caring for her mother, Danielle, in the high-risk obstetrics unit for several weeks.

Shawn Collins, D.N.P., Ph.D., also prepared for his calling at Southern, earning his bachelor’s degree in nursing in 1991. He went on to specialize in anesthesia. He and his wife, Beverly (Keyes) — who also graduated from Southern with a degree in nursing, in 1989 — now live in North Carolina, where he works at Western Carolina University as director of the nurse anesthesia program and interim associate director of the School of Nursing.

“My wife and I are both very strong proponents of education, and also caring for those who don’t have the resources to care for themselves,” Collins said. “This lifelong love for education and lifting others up in a positive manner grew out of

my experiences at Southern.”

That passion has led him and Beverly on multiple mission trips with students. They have taken several groups to Africa, where they partner with Adventist Health International to offer care. Last year they took a group to serve in the Republic of Palau, providing anesthesia during surgeries.

In Alabama, Shirna Gullo, D.N.P., shares that passion for education. The first to graduate from Southern’s master of science in nursing program in 2002, Gullo served at Oakwood University as director of Healthy Campus 2020 for several years. Her goal was to inform, educate, and empower the campus as well as the community at large by teaching, role modeling, and integrating the eight laws of health.

“God’s health message has not changed; He is just using different methods to share and disseminate the same truth given to Ellen White more than 100 years ago,” Gullo said. “God is reaching outward and inward with the health message, which is the right arm of the Gospel, to prepare us for His soon return.”

She also finds fulfillment in tutoring nursing students and finding other ways to give back. This heart of service is a common denominator among Southern nursing alumni, who often echo Gullo’s words: “I chose nursing because I wanted to help others. It is my goal to use all of my gifts for God’s service and glory.”

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Southern Students Reward Attendance at Elementary School

Earlier this year, a group of six students and faculty from Southern Adventist University participated in a special community service event at a local, low-income elementary school. As an outreach of Merge, a multicultural worship service on campus, the team hosted a pizza party for about 25 Woodmore Elementary School students who had perfect attendance, with the goal of encouraging them to attend school.

The Merge team set out with the desire to touch the lives of young students who have limited resources.

“Being able to mingle with older students who are pursuing degrees in higher education can motivate elementary students to also pursue success,” said Jucinta Rome, alumna and field instructor in Southern’s School of Social Work, who coordinated the event.

Community of Worship

Merge was founded on the concept of community. Reginald Horton, adjunct instructor in the School of Religion, saw a need for students to have the option of a new place of worship on campus. Along



Members of Merge and counselors from a local elementary school worked together to motivate students.

with other Southern employees, he built a student team of gospel musicians and worship leaders.

“Merge is an opportunity for students to worship God in a familiar worship space,” Horton said. “Our purpose is to provide an inclusive and multicultural service. We want it to be student-driven and student-led, because we want young people to minister to each other.”

What started as a once-a-month service with an attendance of about 50 students is now twice a month with approximate-

ly 150 students from a variety of backgrounds attending. After each service, attendees are invited to potluck together.

“I have seen our students grow as a community,” Horton said. “They have had the luxury to design their own worship services, including sermons and music, and they’ve claimed the service as their own. There has been growth in numbers, community, and connectivity.”

BY NATALIA PEREZ

Digital Transmitter Breathes New Life Into Southern’s Radio Stations

Southern’s radio station, Classical 90.5 WSMC, recently installed a new digital transmitter, replacing the station’s outdated analog equipment. This upgrade resolves broadcast issues that local listeners had experienced for a couple of months, returning the station to 100 percent power, and paving the way to digital broadcast capabilities.

“We are grateful to the generous listeners who made this improvement possible,” said Scott Kornblum, general

manager of Classical 90.5 WSMC. “We could not have taken this step without their support!”

While the transmitter is a blessing to classical music lovers in the Tennessee Valley and Northwest Georgia, it also goes a long way toward broadening the reach of Classical 90.5’s sister station, Oasis 90.5 WSMC. Launched in 2014, Oasis uses internet streaming to offer Seventh-day Adventist programming — including sermons, inspirational Christian music, and

children’s stories — that points adults and children to Christ’s redeeming love.

Currently an online-only broadcast, Oasis will expand to reach digital radios in cars and homes in most of Classical 90.5’s coverage area as well, once the station’s transition to digital equipment is complete. To learn more or to listen to the radio station, visit southern.edu/wsmc.

BY SOUTHERN STAFF

Carolina Holds “Living at the Well” Prayer Retreat



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The water cisterns were symbolically overflowing at the recent Carolina Conference Summer Family Prayer Retreat. The much-prayed-for event was held July 20-22, 2018, at Ridgecrest Conference Center amid the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. Hearts combined from the 25-plus churches represented by members from around the Carolina Conference. One guest came all the way from Houston, Texas!

Leslie Louis, Carolina Conference president, in attendance with his wife, Carole, had an opening welcome and prayer of dedication on Friday evening.

The keynote speaker was the much-loved Kelly Mowrer from Live at the Well ministries. Mowrer not only stirred hearts with the deep insights she has gained from sitting at the feet of Jesus, but she also drew all into His presence with inspiring musical selections. In one of her presentations, Mowrer shared a basic prayer acronym: **P** — praise and thanksgiving (a blessing break); **R** — repentance and restoration; **A** — abide

and ask; **Y** — yes and amen (all of God’s promises are yes and amen!); **E** — entreat and enlarge; **R** — rejoice and relax. Mowrer not only led in powerful corporate prayer sessions, but also took the time to individually pray with individuals as needed.

Throughout the weekend, Kris Huffman led in musical selections that enhanced the “living at the well” experience. As a bonus, Laura Wright provided violin accompaniment for the praise and worship time.

On Sabbath morning, Rick Mercer, pastor from the Morganton, N.C., Church, presented his thoughts, entitled “A Drink at the Well.” Afterward, he asked the Carolina prayer team to join him up front and take turns petitioning the Lord individually for the churches represented by those in attendance. In the afternoon, several attendees shared their inspiring “cardboard testimonies,” presenting their stories via cardboard and markers, and giving a brief glimpse of the remarkable, miracle-working power Jesus

has displayed in their lives. The children were blessed to have Kathy Russell, Conference children’s ministries leader (also from “Kathy’s Kids” podcast), minister to them. Her assistants, husband Rick Russell, Carolina Conference vice president for finance, and daughter Grace, were also greatly appreciated.

Memories were made, but more importantly, several prayer miracles were birthed at the retreat. Texts, calls, and emails are still coming in with reported testimonies of this life-changing event. Attendees agreed that time spent in prayer and study is never in vain, and there’s no better place to be than “Living at the Well” with Jesus!

“But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life,” John 4:14, KJV. ☛

BY **CINDY MERCER**, CAROLINA CONFERENCE PRAYER MINISTRIES DIRECTOR

Raleigh Spanish Uses Family Outreach to Transform Hearts



Three entire families were baptized into the Hispanic Church in Raleigh, N.C., on July 14, 2018. Each of the 11 individuals who make up these three families have a beautiful story to tell. Their stories are connected to the grace of God and to a friendship that has transformed their lives, shared in the following account of how they came to know Jesus and give their lives to Him.

The church in Raleigh planned a project called More Women and Families Carrying Hope in December of 2017. This project included two very important elements. The first was prayer. They decided that every Monday for approximately 40 minutes they would join in a prayer meeting via teleconference at 5 a.m. One of the most important goals was to pray for their sisters and brothers in the church. Church members who were visiting women and families within their circle of friends, family, and acquaintances prayed with fervor that the Holy Spirit would transform the hearts of those they visited.

The second element involved a group of 20 missionary women from the local church. These missionaries organized



themselves into pairs with the purpose of making a series of visits to their friends. Each of these women sent a special card or gift to a friend each week for three weeks via another pair of volunteers. When the gift arrived, the recipient was told that a secret friend was praying for them. That aroused curiosity and gratitude, and the desire to meet that kind, secret friend.

The revelations were made on the fourth week. There were hugs, and some shed tears of gratitude and joy. It was encouraging to see the power of prayer

through the positive and extraordinary things which had happened in their lives. The women shared tea together, and an invitation to study the Bible was presented.

This two-fold project resulted in 34 people initiating Bible studies, with some already asking to be baptized. The project has brought rejoicing to the hearts of all those involved. Praying and visiting with these individuals has been a demonstration of Christ's love and kindness. The missionaries showed respect for their friends' beliefs, while also sharing with them how Jesus and His Word has improved their lives. This awakened a desire in these friends and families to have that same experience of faith in their own lives.

After the baptism of these new brothers and sisters, the church used a program of discipleship with small groups designed for the new members, to help them in their spiritual walk. The Hispanic Church in Raleigh will continue to pray, visit, and testify about the love of Christ. ☛

BY JHONNY CASTRO, PASTOR

Inverness Church Finds Long Evangelistic Campaigns Still Work



PHOTO BY: BILL BAKER

Inverness, Fla., Church sponsored a month-long evangelistic series, with 19 new members joining the church through baptism and profession of faith. Dan Forbes (front row, left), pastor of Inverness Church, and Wyatt Allen (right), is the associate speaker for Amazing Facts.

Inverness Church in Florida recently partnered with Amazing Facts to host a month-long prophecy seminar at the church.

With an active membership of approximately 70, the demographic is mostly senior citizens with rarely more than two children present on Sabbath mornings. They felt something had to change, and a few members called for old-time evangelism. It was a big challenge for a small church with 90 percent retired members. Almost \$30,000 would need to be raised. The decision was made, fundraising began, and the agreement was signed with the Conference and Amazing Facts.

Attendance averaged between 90 and 105 per meeting, including about 50 who were unfamiliar with the Adventist Church and its message. Visitors missed fewer nights than many members. What kept them coming was the distinctive Adventist message

which captivated them. They had not heard words like those, and were fascinated and startled by the straight testimony of Scripture and the prophecies of what is soon to take place. Beliefs they'd held their whole lives were abandoned to make way for the truths presented which represented the character of the heavenly Father.

Wyatt Allen, associate speaker for Amazing Facts, was congenial, enthusiastic, and very knowledgeable of the subject matter. The Adventist message was well received by most of the visitors. Over and over the members were impressed by how people were hungering for the plain truth.

A total of 19 people accepted the truth and joined the Church through baptism and profession of faith. There are a number of people still continuing to study. The members made many new friends and are more hopeful for their local church's future than

they were before.

"Everyone was excited about the church doing evangelism," says Dan Forbes, Inverness pastor. "The members were committed and involved, whether it was actively conducting the ground work, follow-up, or praying for God's blessing on the meetings. A warm and welcoming atmosphere was created for the many guests who came."

There is still much work to do in nurturing the new members, but now they know it was the plain truth of God's Word that won them, and it is the same that will keep them growing. The Inverness family is greatly encouraged and has already scheduled another campaign with Amazing Facts for next January. ❶

BY BOB BAKER

José Escobar Ordained at Poinciana Spanish Church

José Escobar was ordained to the Gospel ministry on July 7, 2018, at the Poinciana Spanish Church. He presently serves as the senior pastor of the Poinciana Church district of Haines City Spanish, Lake Wales Spanish, and Luz de Esperanza.

Born to a pastoral family in Maracaibo, Venezuela, he grew up in Borinquen (Puerto Rico). From childhood he felt the call from God to the ministry.

Escobar received a degree in biblical pastoral theology from Antillean Adventist University, Mayagüez, Puerto Rico, and a master of divinity degree from Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Mich.

He began his ministry in Puerto Rico in 2003 as an announcer for the Adventist radio station, Radio Paraíso 92.9 FM, as the senior pastor of Mayagüez Church #3 in the city of Mayagüez, and as senior pastor of the churches of Salinas Fortunas, Pal-



José Escobar with his wife, Lorraine Justiniano, and son, Josean Rafael

marejo, and Maguayo in West Puerto Rico Conference while in the town of Lajas.

In July 2009, Escobar received a call from the Oregon Conference to serve as youth pastor and associate pastor at the Spanish Church in Hillsboro. He then served as the senior pastor of the Spanish churches of McMinnville and Newburg.

He is married to Lorraine Justiniano, and they were blessed with a son, Josean Rafael, born on September 27, 2017.

Escobar firmly believes it is time for a new generation to arise for God to share the message of grace. With equal fervor he believes that children and young people are not just the future of the Church, but the present. ❶

BY GLADYS M. NEIGEL

Abdias Montelus Ordained at Hermon French Church

Abdias Montelus, pastor, was ordained to the Gospel ministry on July 28, 2018, at the Hermon French Church in Hollywood, Fla.

Born in Haiti, Montelus preached his first sermon at the age of 13, and three young people gave their lives to Jesus. The pastor approached him after the service and said, “God wants you to be a pastor.”

Convinced that he has been called to pastoral ministry, Abdias enrolled at the Adventist University of Haiti where he received bachelor’s degrees in theology and education, and a minor in biblical languages. He also received a master’s degree in education from the University of Montemorelos, Mexico, with emphasis in curriculum and instruction.

He served as a pastor, teacher, and dean in Haiti. During his ministry in Florida, he has served as a part-time volunteer lay pastor,

and now a full-time pastor of Philadelphie French Church in Coral Springs, Hermon French Church in Hollywood, and Temple Adventiste de Deerfield Beach. Montelus has overseen the organization of two congregations to company status, and one congregation to church status.

Montelus is married to Marie Rose Samuela, a medical doctor from Haiti. The couple has three children, Abdias Jr., Emeraude Samuela, and Jean-Paul Edouard.

Montelus is a humble servant who believes in the compassion and grace of God. He wants to continue to serve God for the rest of his life. His hope is to inspire many people with the realization of having the potential to achieve their God-given purpose. ❶

BY GLADYS M. NEIGEL



The Montelus Family: Jean-Paul Edouard (left), Emeraude Samuela, Abdias, Samuela, and Abdias Jr.

Vivian Raitz Carlton Receives Health Appreciation Award



PHOTO BY: TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER

Long time volunteer Vivian Raitz Carlton, a member of the Dalton, Ga., Church, was appreciated with a plaque during the Collegedale Camp Meeting for serving 18 years as the editor of *Exciting Health Happenings*, the Conference's health newsletter. EW Dempsey (right), Health Ministries Department director, presented the plaque.

Health director EW Dempsey presented Vivian Raitz Carlton, member of the Dalton, Ga., Church, with a plaque in appreciation of her 18 years as editor of the Conference's Health Department newsletter, *Exciting Health Happenings*, on June 1, 2018, during the health seminar at this year's Collegedale Camp Meeting held on the campus of Southern Adventist University.

"She cared enough to make this happen," says Dempsey, who said the Health Ministries Department recognizes someone each year at their Camp Meeting seminars. "She volunteered and was diligent in putting this together." Dempsey said it was very valuable for the church health leaders to help stimulate ideas.

Chester V. Clark II, Dalton Church pastor, says, "Vivian is passionate about

health ministry and helping others live an abundant life. She is an extremely detailed person, and whatever she does is done well and thoroughly thought through. We're thankful for what she's been able to do in our own community and throughout the Conference!"

Carlton says she would ask church health leaders from across the Conference for a report on what was taking place concerning health. She would report on outreach into the community, health fair, smoking cessation, and weight management — really anything along the lines of health. Once everything was written and edited, the *Exciting Health Happenings* newsletter was mailed twice a year. "I was glad to do it; it was exciting to see what was going on in the churches. It was a ministry," said Carlton of the newsletter.

She said more than 30 years ago people were asking for vegetarian cooking classes and a weight management course. "So, I got busy and was trained, went to California to become a registered vegetarian cuisine instructor." She says she takes continuing education courses and continues to learn to share with others.

"It's not about me. The Lord is coming soon, anything anyone can do is important," said Carlton. "I believe in TMI, total member involvement. One little thing! It doesn't have to be significant. I encourage people to do it. We are a body and we help one another, hurt with one another, cry with one another." ❶

BY TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER

Students Aspire to be Bridge Builders

The students at Wimbish Adventist School in Macon, Ga., recently became bridge builders! In April, students in grades 2 through 7 competed to construct a bridge sturdy enough to withstand a final test of strength.

At the onset of the competition, the students researched bridge structures and construction techniques. James Wells, a civil engineer and parent of one of the students, shared the science of bridge building and the mathematical application of using triangles to create strong bridges. John Weston, a career project manager whose spouse is the school's principal, Ruth Ann Weston, provided project management expertise. With students using what they had learned from research and from the local professionals, the competition began. Their only guidelines were 1) to make a plan and stick to it, and 2) to work individually.

As independent builders, the students created and named their own unique company, and then assumed full responsibility for all facets of the project. Each builder was given a \$2.5 million budget, and was responsible for purchasing all supplies. Materials were ordered using a Warehouse Price List, and paid for by each student using "pretend" checks. A company balance sheet was used to track cash flow and to ensure that purchases were within budget.

Materials arrived, and bridge construction began. As each drop of glue and every toothpick went carefully into place, the individual bridges began to take shape.

Once all of the contest entries were constructed, it was finally time to test. Parents were invited to watch the excitement. Downward pressure was applied to each bridge by gradually adding sand to a small bucket, which was carefully attached to the center of the bridge, until the bridge collapsed. Then the sand was weighed to determine which bridge had supported the most weight.

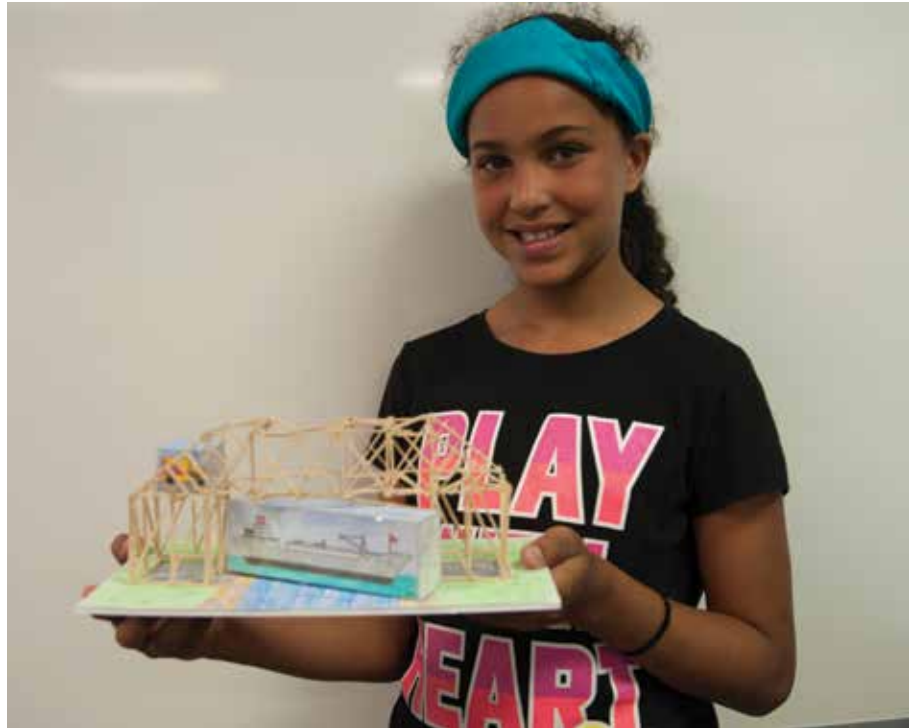


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Kaylani West, Wimbish Adventist School student, won the build a bridge competition. This 9-year-old third-grade girl said building the bridge and naming her own company are her favorite things from the competition.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY: KAYLANI WEST

The winner was Kaylani West! West is 9 years old, and in the third grade. When asked what she enjoyed best about the project, West said that "building the bridge was the most fun part, and I got to name my own company: Butter Build-

ers! She also enjoyed winning. The Wimbish school family congratulates Kaylani West and all of the bridge builders! 🎉

BY JEANNIE HYDER

Annual Hispanic Women's Retreat Held in Panama City



PHOTO BY: SHANE HOCHSTETLER

More than 200 women gathered for the annual Hispanic women's retreat.

More than 200 Hispanic women from the Gulf States Conference met for their annual Hispanic women's retreat on July 13, 2018, to celebrate in Panama City Beach, Fla. Led by Gerson Sanchez, Hispanic coordinator for Gulf States, and his wife, Karol Suazo, the retreat's theme was "Una Belleza Incorruptible" (An Incorruptible Beauty). Together they organized an exciting event with guests Nathan Delima, pastor, and his wife, Sophia Delima; international vocalist Sampaguita Dalisay; and presenter Maria Isabel Acosta, OB/GYN physician from Miami, Fla.

Apart from the beautiful weather and white sandy beaches, attendees recognized the presence of the Lord made the event a place of refreshment and an opportunity to recharge. All throughout the programming, women enjoyed the Word of God, fantastic worship services, and health and Christian growth topics.

The Delimas spoke about the importance of prayer and how to intercede for one another. They also taught how to give thanks for blessings and hardships encountered, because in them there are blessings that sometimes cannot be seen. They gave their testimony and explained how God has blessed their ministry, which includes hosting an internet radio talk show from Tennessee, and Nathan's



PHOTO BY: DARRYL MAGNO

Nathan and Sofia Delima led the event in prayer for their families.

work as a family therapist. One of their most impacting testimonies was about their son Nathan Jr., whom at a young age suffered from meningitis that almost killed him. The power of prayer was what saved this young man, and today he is 24 years old and in good health. They praise God for working a miracle in their family.

On Sabbath afternoon, the attendees enjoyed a beautiful, emotional baptism. A married couple from the Birmingham, Ala., Church district, under the spiritual leadership of Roberto Solorzano, pastor, gave their lives to Jesus with tears of happiness under the bright sky and waves of the sea. They laid their pasts down to begin a new life with their loving Savior, Jesus Christ.

Women's health seminars were led by Maria Acosta. Today women are facing a high-risk battle with breast cancer, ovarian cancer, and other health challenges. Knowledge of how to better care for oneself is of the utmost importance. Acosta also impressed many with her Sabbath evening seminar, where she talked about Christian appearance and the importance of how women present themselves to the world as women of faith. She offered health and beauty tips to be a better wife and woman in this challenging world.

There was also beautiful song service music led by four women, Aisha Lopez, Evelyn Cervantes, and Belkys and Ruwie Vazquez, with a fantastic vocalist from San Diego, Calif., Sampaguita Dalisay. Dalisay is well known in the Hispanic community for singing in Alejandro Bullion's evangelistic meetings.

There is one Scripture that will linger with every woman who attended the event, found in Proverbs 31:30: "Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." The Gulf States Conference Hispanic Ministries Department has a mission to prepare Adventist women and their families to be ready for Heaven. They hope to see even more women at the 2019 event. ❶

BY BELKYS VAZQUEZ-TORRES

Athens Couple Celebrates 50 Years of Marriage



With family and friends present, Alice and Don Whitt of Athens, Ala., celebrated 50 years of marriage on July 1, 2018.

They first met when Don Whitt, a television repairman, received a call from Alice's landlady because of a need for his services. The landlady insisted that Alice meet the man whom she considered extraordinarily competent and good-looking. At the time, Alice was teaching school at the Athens Church School, Athens, Ala. The friendship began in a casual way, with visits and letter writing. Four years later, after Alice completed her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University), she was asked to teach at the Huntsville, Ala., Church School, which is located about 40 miles from Athens.

Don and Alice's friendship continued to grow, with Don visiting Alice in Huntsville, and learning more about Alice's church. She had asked Don if he would

like to take the Voice of Prophecy Bible study lessons by mail, which he did. Don was baptized in February of 1968, and on June 30, 1968, they were married in the Huntsville Church, with George Green, pastor, officiating. Shortly after, they moved back to Athens where they have lived since.

Don started his own television repair business, and later became a factory-authorized service technician for the Magnavox Company. He was in the television business for more than 50 years.

The Whitts have volunteered their many talents and expertise to the Athens Church. Don has served as an elder for 47 years, and as the head elder for the last 25 years. He also serves as a Sabbath School teacher and fix-it man for all the church projects that surface on a regular basis. Alice has served as treasurer for 31 years.

Her other duties currently include cradle roll and kindergarten leader, Sabbath School secretary, and church pianist.

They have lovingly raised two children, Larry and Kristie, and later a granddaughter, Samantha Stegall. All live in the Athens community, and they celebrated this momentous event which was coordinated by Alice's family: sisters Emily Austin, Mary Scheibe, Dena Wery, and Marleen Young; and brother Marc Genton, pastor.

In addition to their church work, Don and Alice are especially known for their wonderful blueberries and lemons. They look forward to many more years of wedded blessedness and service to the church and community. 🍷

BY SANDRA PRICE

Pegi Flynt, Ed.D., Welcomed as New Associate Superintendent of Education

Pegi Flynt has more than 30 years in Adventist education, recognized as a leader in online learning and academic technology, and serving as a teacher and administrator. After 11 years at Southern Adventist University and, since 2015, serving as the associate director of the Adventist Learning Community for the North American Division, she has accepted a call to the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. Her focus on instructional design, live and online training, and innovative educational models to promote student success are of great value in Kentucky-Tennessee.

Flynt is an experienced educator with a diverse background in both small and large school settings, with an emphasis in math and science curriculum. She has classroom experience ranging from elementary to graduate level courses, and makes presentations across North



Pegi Flynt, Ed.D.

America on various educational topics. A bachelor of arts in elementary education,

master of arts in teacher and instructional strategies, and doctor of education in educational technology and distance learning equips Flynt to support and train Kentucky-Tennessee teachers to be their best.

She is ready to take on a new administrative role, and use her experience and knowledge to aid teachers in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. "It is my belief that her abilities will help our Education Department continue to grow and improve what we can offer our teachers and students," Stephen Bralley, Kentucky-Tennessee Conference superintendent of education.

Flynt moved to Tennessee with her husband, Guy, in July and is looking forward to being closer to her daughter and young grandchildren. ①

BY STEPHEN BRALLEY

Indian Creek Camp Experiences Record-breaking Summer



Indian Creek Camp 2018 staff

This summer Indian Creek Camp (ICC) experienced wonderful blessings from God. One blessing that made the summer great was the spiritual and skilled workforce. At ICC the motto is, "We Are Family," and God is always first. Never has this belief been more real than this summer. The staff saw it and so did the campers. A returning adult family camper said, "We have been coming to ICC for over 30 years, and this summer has been the best experience we have had. You should rehire every single worker for next summer."

God also blessed ICC with a record-breaking summer. Each week reached near capacity. Teen camp had the most campers ever. The 85 wonderful staff members continually put in long hours of hard work in order to create a place where the campers would feel God's love and a sense of belonging.

This summer a climbing wall, giant swing, and zip line were new at ICC.

Plans for growth continue due to strong financial support for a new horse barn. Hopes and prayers are for breaking ground this coming fall. This project has been on the minds of the ICC staff for many summers, and they are thankful that God is making the dream become a reality.

The staff at ICC was humbled to witness God working through them to reach

the campers. In the eight weeks of camp, there were more than 300 decisions for Christ, of which 115 were decisions for baptism. The ICC family has seen and felt the blessings of God's touch all summer. ❶

BY RACHEL SANTANA

New Hispanic Company Organized in Memphis



The Orion Church congregation, Memphis, Tenn., is pictured with Steve Rose (front row, seated) and Armando De Leon.

Members of the Memphis, Tenn., Midtown Hispanic Mission Group were thrilled as Steve Rose, vice president for administration for the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, organized the members as the Memphis Orion Hispanic Company on Sabbath, July 14, 2018.

The Lord has been adding more and more members as the result of their community services, hospital ministry, prison ministry, and other ministries of the church family. The members' emotions

and joy were evident on their faces as they praised God and said with certainty, "Thus far the Lord has helped us. All the honor and glory belongs to God who will continue to help us until Jesus comes the second time!"

Trusting that God has allowed them to be in this place for a reason, the members of this new company are participating in the planting of two new mission groups in metropolitan Memphis. They are determined to follow their Captain, and fulfill the biblical mandate to go and teach

others the truths of the eternal Gospel. It is their goal to introduce many people to Jesus, that they may be saved and prepared for the time of the end.

This new congregation asks for prayers that nothing will separate them from "the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord"! ❶

BY ARMANDO DE LEON

Atlanta Boulevard Church Shares CREATION Health Principles With Community



Atlanta Boulevard members display the food that was served during the CREATION Health seminar.

Reaching our Community with Hope, Wholeness, and the Love of Jesus Christ” is the mission statement of Atlanta Boulevard Church in Atlanta, Ga. To fulfill its mission, the church holds a Bible study for the community every Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. The themes vary in order to keep it fresh and appealing. Harold Thomas III, D.Min., pastor of Atlanta Boulevard, initiated a CREATION Health seminar on March 21, 2018. The word CREATION is an acronym for eight principles of a healthy lifestyle: **C** is for Choice, **R** for Rest, **E** for Environment, **A** for Activity, **T** for Trust, **I** for Interpersonal relationships, **O** for Outlook, and **N** for Nutrition.

One principle of healthy living was taught each week of the seminar. Under the direction of Rawanda Wynder, a

team of nine people demonstrated how to apply the principles to daily living. For instance, when the participants learned about creating healthy spaces inside and outside the home, they touched, smelled, and saw plants that heal. When they learned how to replace unhealthy food choices with healthy food, they sampled healthy desserts and comfort foods. A very important component of the seminars was pairing people to offer each other support, prayer, and accountability. Many who came to class as strangers left as friends.

The program was well received in the community. Fifty-five people signed up for the program, with an average weekly attendance of 32. A diversity of religious backgrounds was present: Christians of various denominations, a few Muslims, and some with no religious affiliation.

The desire to live healthier lives removed barriers and opened the door to fellowship.

After completing the eight-week seminar, there were two more weeks of healthy cooking classes. There were not only live demonstrations, but also hands-on food preparation. Everyone was provided with recipes to take home, a list of vegan-friendly stores, and instructions on how to make healthier lifestyle choices when shopping. The church will be offering quarterly follow-up meetings to give additional support to the participants.

Atlanta Boulevard seeks to follow Jesus’ plan for healing and soul winning. CREATION Health provides a practical way of expressing that desire. 🍌

BY KARLA BLISS

Third Annual Grief Spa Culminates 12-week Therapy Program



Station four had a fitness instructor on hand to guide the attendees through stress-relieving exercises.

The Atlanta Boulevard Grief Care Ministry hosted its third annual Grief Spa on April 22, 2018, as the culmination of a 12-week therapy program. The Grief Spa is the brain child of social worker Laverna Davidson, author of *Grief Relief*.

During the 12-week program, the church used the Grief Share curriculum to guide participants through a journey of emotional growth, friendship development, refuge, and healing.

The 2018 Grief Spa was held at Atlanta Boulevard Church in Atlanta, Ga., in collaboration with Davidson. The spa consisted of six stations of pampering.

The first station, "Introduction," provided spa participants with an overview of the grieving process and a preview of the next five stations. At station two, "The Garden

of Prayer," participants learned to follow the example of Jesus, who was in the garden of Gethsemane alone, but emerged strengthened because of the time spent with his Father. Station three, "Laugh Out Loud," reminded the attendees that laughter is good medicine and was a favorite among participants. Station four, "Exercise for Relief," had a fitness instructor to guide the attendees through some stress-relieving exercises. Station five, "Healing Touch," taught massage techniques that can be done at home, and full body massages were available by appointment. At station six, "Healthy Eating," participants learned about foods that heal.

Thirty-three participants attended the all-day grief spa. They were asked to complete a survey following the spa, and 90 percent rated the spa 5 out of 5 stars.

The Grief Care Ministry was founded 12 years ago after member Marsha Peters perceived that Atlanta Boulevard Church needed to offer more to its grieving members than a funeral service, a repast, and flowers. The church's pastor, Harold Thomas III, D.Min., is a key supporter and lead person of the grief ministry. The grief ministry's framework also enhanced Thomas' education, and he received his doctor of ministry degree with a concentration in grief support on March 14, 2018.

Besides the therapy program and spa, the grief ministry holds an annual one-day event before Thanksgiving to give grieving families of the church and community the tools to survive the holidays. ●

BY KARLA BLISS

“CHANGED!” is South Central Camp Meeting Theme

South Central Conference (SCC) kicked off its annual 10-day Camp Meeting on June 8, 2018. People from all over came to enjoy a word from the Lord via speakers Henry Wright, Michael Kelly II, Brenda Billings, and many more. “CHANGED!” was the theme for Camp Meeting. Each speaker incorporated the theme in their message, which helped to enrich the Camp Meeting experience.

This year’s gathering was filled with many new and exciting things, from Family Feud games with a vacation voucher as the grand prize, to a Women’s Ministry lock-in, and even a daily newsletter. Every day issues of *The Message*, SCC’s Camp Meeting daily newsletter, was distributed to campers and attendees, affording them an opportunity to read about events they missed from the previous day. People were excited for the upcoming elements of Camp Meeting. Some traveled far to gain a blessing. A great highlight of this year was a brand new app that allowed individuals to follow along from their mobile devices. The app had a social media theme where users could interact with each other and the Camp Meeting organizers, and questions and comments were exchanged.

Throughout each day, worship services and training seminars were held on Oakwood University’s campus. Starting from 6 a.m. with the Sabbath School lesson review, the many preaching services, and the training and educational seminars and workshops, and continuing to the fun activities and games for the children and youth, that ended around midnight, the day was full and devoted to all age groups.

The new Johnson Family Life Center annexed to Oakwood University Church was the site for children’s ministries this year. Children’s classes and games were facilitated there; the children learned about teamwork and how to use it to accomplish goals.

Each afternoon youth ministries spon-



PHOTO BY: GIANNA SNELL

Benjamin Jones, South Central president, and his wife, Carol, welcome Camp Meeting attendees during the Sabbath service.



PHOTO BY: GIANNA SNELL

Individuals respond to the altar call during the appeal by Michael Kelly II, speaker.

sored mini camps where youth chose from basketball, fashion, cooking, media, and much more to hone their skills. Youth held a class that divided guys and girls into separate groups to teach them how to be kings and queens of God. In the afternoons, youth would attend workshops of their choice for cooking, fashion, media, and more.

Adult seminars were offered in a wide array. The Healthy Heart seminar was one of the more popular classes that were offered. Everyday Paula and Curtis Eakins gave vital information on myths of health, and how to overcome many health issues.

During Camp Meeting, Roger Wade, Conference communication director, con-

ducted a live online interview with Benjamin Jones, South Central Conference president. Wade asked a plethora of questions from surveyed members of South Central. Issues about the future of the church, youth and young adults in the church, women’s ordination, outreach, and historical racial past were discussed.

As the week came to an end and people started packing, one last message was given by Jones. Staying unified as one was his charge to the campers.

Camp Meeting 2018 — CHANGED! By His presence, by His power, by His promise — concluded. ①

BY JOSEPH HYDE, COMMUNICATION INTERN

New Life Church Reaches Out During Kentucky Derby

Every year since 1931, the Kentucky Derby has attracted people from all over the world to convene at the Churchill Downs racetrack located on the southside of Louisville, Ky., on the first Saturday of May. More than 150,000 well-dressed spectators flood through turnstiles, ready to place a wager on what they hope is the winning thoroughbred, and win a portion of a purse totaling \$2 million.

New Life Church, located half a mile down the street from Churchill Downs, named the month of May “Miracle May,” and used the slogan “Bet On Jesus.” New Life decided to proclaim this message to the community, and give clear plastic bags containing literature, bottled water, and business-sized cards with information about the church to those who would pass by on their way to the racetrack. A tent was erected in front of the church with a live band playing under its canopy. After church, every member donned red T-shirts with the slogan “Bet On Jesus,” and went out and prayed with individuals, making lasting connections, and gave out more than 500 bags that



Jacques François, pastor of New Life Church, with a community mother receiving a Gro-Gate



Members out in the rain making lasting connections

contained the hope of Jesus Christ.

The success of “Bet On Jesus” Derby Sabbath set the members on course to live out the spirit of service even further to their city. After a phenomenal Derby campaign, the members turned their sights to model the love of Jesus Christ to the mothers in Louisville. On Mother’s Day, the church hosted a Community Baby Shower. Local television station WHAS helped to bring awareness by interviewing Jacques François, pastor of New Life Church. More than 200 mothers were served, which included expectant mothers and mothers

with children six months or younger, along with their families. On the day of the show-er, the members were surprised by another local television station, WLKY, that came to cover the event. One of the city’s councilwomen heard about the baby shower and brought a donation of diapers to distribute. The mothers were very appreciative that New Life members provided free diapers, wipes, bottles, pacifiers, blankets, baby clothing, and other assorted items. Truly the month of May was full of miracles! ●

BY CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS STAFF

Janelle Howell Graduates With Doctorate

Janelle Cecilia Howell, D.T., D.P.T., is a self-proclaimed Southern belle. She grew up in Alabama and earned a bachelor of science in pre-physical therapy at Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala. In 2013, she went to the University of the Pacific for the doctor of physical therapy (DPT) program, graduating in 2015. While there, a quote by Winston Churchill became her mantra: “Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.”

She failed her first anatomy exam. The next year she failed a kinesiology exam. When studying for the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE), she failed the practice exam. “I felt like I was an expert at failing,” said Howell.



Janelle Howell, D.T., D.P.T., graduates from the University of the Pacific.

Through those failures and the resulting reflections, she began to develop strategies for studying, not only to pass exams, but to achieve lifelong success. The secret — studying with passion.

When she did take the NPTE, she passed the first time. Since October 2016, she has been working as a traveling physical therapist. Her placements include a contract focused on women’s health at Alta Bates Summit Medical Center in Oakland. She attributes her success to her faith, her family, and the fast-paced nature of her education.

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BY ANNE MARIE H. BERGTHOLD

Youth March Against Violence

Fear has the power to paralyze entire communities where gun violence is a major component of that neighborhood's narrative. There are very few things that are more powerful than fear, but thankfully the greatest weapon that destroys fear is love.

The Pathfinders and youth of the Southeastern Conference (SEC), under the leadership of Prince Lewis, pastor and youth director, organized a march against gun violence on Sabbath, June 23, 2018, in the community of Palatka, Fla. Lewis worked in collaboration with Mark Brown, D.Min., family life and health ministries director, and Mithra Williams, prayer and women's ministries director. The group identified a challenge in the community, and decided to be a part of the solution by bringing awareness to the need for safety for the children.

Young people marched while playing drums, chanting, and singing while pro-



Prince Lewis (left), Southeastern Conference youth ministries director, and Terrell Hill (right), mayor of the City of Palatka, Fla., marched through a Palatka neighborhood to promote nonviolence. Southeastern youth marched to bring awareness to issues related to violence, and to promote an upcoming free health clinic.

testing the high volume of violent crimes society faces every year. As citizens in the community heard the drums beating and the youth chanting, they came out of their houses and lined the streets. One resident commented on how refreshing

it was to see young people doing something positive in the neighborhood. The SEC Youth Department plans and participates in numerous events throughout the year. However, SEC seeks to increase initiatives which impact the residents most. Terrell Hill, mayor of the city of Palatka, was present at the march and expressed overwhelming appreciation to SEC for their presence and commitment to pouring into the community in such a positive way.

Because community impact is a major focus of SEC, on Sunday, June 24, 2018, volunteers and medical professionals provided residents of the Putnam County area with a free clinic at SEC's campground, where residents could receive free food, free medical, dental, and optical care. The weekend was impactful because youth were able to share the good news of health, hope, wholeness, and love. ①

BY KEVIN CAMERON

Robotics Camp More Than Just Legos

The Southeastern Conference Education Department Robotics Camp is more than just Legos. The camp was directed by Robert Henley, the FIRST® Adventist Robotics League Florida Region director. FIRST® LEGO® League is an exciting alliance between FIRST® and the LEGO® Group. It's a robotics program for 9- to 14-year-olds which is designed to get children excited about science and technology, and teach them valuable employment and life skills.

The camp's theme was "Destiny," from "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart..." Jeremiah 1:5. Worship each morning started with a discussion about a Bible character whose destiny was clear from their youth, like David and Joseph. Worship ended with the song "Your Destiny" by Kevin Levar



Robotics camp challenge winners pose with camp staff: Robert Henley (left, rear), Brenden Henley, Francine Brown, Tai Henley, and Tiffany McNealy; Myles Rachel (left, front), Kaleb Ruff, (third place), Kristen Dudley, Tanya Nickelson (second place), Lemanisha Adams, and Langston Redden (first place).

and One Sound.

Each camper enrolled in the robotics camp practiced perseverance and teamwork. They were required to keep a

technical notebook, a journal, and construct a presentation poster. The campers learned Cornell notetaking skills, odometry, the engineering design process, algorithm, and software development for robotics.

After just three days, teams of two designed, built, and programed LEGO MINDSTORMS®-based robots to perform autonomous "missions" on a playing field. The competition was held on Friday, June 22, 2018, and the members of the winning team walked away with a wealth of knowledge and \$50 each. The Southeastern Conference Education Department is committed to inspiring STEM Education and life skills via robotics. Start planning now to be a part of this innovative teaching tool next summer at Camp Meeting. ①

BY FRANCINE BROWN

Four Teachers Commissioned During Camp Meeting

Every year Southeastern teachers are set aside for the sacred work of education through the teacher commissioning service at Camp Hawthorne during the first Sabbath of Camp Meeting. Those chosen for commissioning have met specific objectives and criteria outlined by the North American Division for the Ministry of Teaching credential. This year four educators were honored, along with the highly anticipated announcements for the Teacher- and Principal-of-the-Year awards.

This year's keynote speaker was Heather J. Knight, Ph.D., president emerita of Pacific Union College in Napa Valley, Calif., where she was the 21st president and first woman to serve in that role, and the first black woman to serve as president of an Adventist college or university in North America. Knight addressed commissioning candidates as



Southeastern's newly commissioned teachers celebrate commitment to Adventist education with Conference administrators: Michael Owusu (left), D.Min., executive secretary; Barbara Davis, Ed.D., education superintendent; Willie Walker; Tonia Satterfield; Graziella Justine-Lindor; Doris Brown; Heather Knight, Ph.D.; Robert Patterson, chief financial officer; and Gregory Mack, president.

"...distinguished, master teachers who should be celebrated for their educational achievements," and who were being

"...affirmed and acknowledged by the Southeastern Conference as having been called by God for this very work."

The commissioning candidates were Doris R. Brown, principal and teacher of Palm Bay School in Palm Bay, Fla.; Brown was recently appointed the associate superintendent of education for Southeastern; Graziella Justine-Lindor of Broward Junior Academy in Plantation, Fla.; Tonia T. Satterfield of Ephesus Junior Academy in Jacksonville, Fla.; and Willie Walker, principal of Ephesus Jr. Academy in West Palm Beach, Fla.

The Education Department and Barbara Davis, Ed.D., Southeastern education superintendent, along with all Southeastern educators, are truly fulfilling the call to be mission-driven, "Building the Kingdom through Hope and Wholeness." 📖

BY CYNTHIA MURRAY

Southeastern Ordains Two Pastors to the Gospel Ministry

This year's Camp Meeting featured another milestone for two Southeastern pastors. Rudolph Sterling and Price Réveil received the sacred rite of ordination to pastoral ministry and the laying on of hands by Conference administrators and Conference pastoral leaders.

Rudolph Sterling is the pastor of Shiloh Church in Ocala, Fla. In addition to his ministry in Ocala, he has also pastored the Fitzgerald/Hazelhurst, Ga., district. Sterling is also a licensed hospital chaplain, having served for several years as a hospice chaplain as well as a senior chaplain for the Florida Hospital Deland campus. He is joined in ministry by his wife, Joanne, and their two children, Seth and Zara. Sterling reflected on his philosophy of ministry, saying, "Ministry is the pro-



Gregory Mack (center), Southeastern president, presents the newly ordained pastoral couples Joanne and Rudolph Sterling and Sylvie and Price Réveil. Sterling and Réveil both served as hospital chaplains before becoming local church pastors.

cess by which the Gospel of Jesus Christ is used to model love, care, and compassion to people in the community. This ministry has to be authentic. It must be contextualized to meet the needs of the varying cul-

tures and generations of our society."

Before coming to the U.S., Price Réveil worked as a hotel manager in Haiti. When he received the call to ministry, he went back to school and later became a pastor and hospital chaplain. It was in Haiti that he developed a passion for evangelism. He now serves as pastor of the Hebron Church in Miami, Fla. He and his wife, Sylvie, have been married for 35 years and have three children, Regine, Jonathan, and Christina. Concerning ordination, Réveil commented that, "Ordination is a testimony to the belief that God has set us apart for a special ministry. Ordination is not an occasion for pride. This is a commitment to humility in service." 📖

BY KAREN GREENE

ADU's Degrees Expand to Address Critical Nursing Shortages

Adventist University of Health Sciences (ADU) recently announced an evening option for their bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) program, beginning in the spring 2019 trimester, which will enable ADU to graduate more nurses yearly.

Nursing-focused studies over the past few years indicate a looming shortage of nurses, along with higher demand for advanced practice nurses in areas like primary care. According to the 2018 Florida Center for Nursing Report, about 45 percent of working registered nurses (RNs) are 50 and over, and may begin to phase out of the workforce through reduced hours and retirement in the next 5 to 10 years. This change will result in the loss of highly skilled mentors, exacerbating the growing concern of nationwide nursing shortages facing healthcare organizations.

ADU's Nursing Department chair, Alicia Franco, Ph.D., M.S.N., stated, "While we don't currently have capacity in our daytime program to add more students, the addition of an evening course option will enable ADU to graduate more nurses each year to satisfy the community's increasing need for healthcare workers." Leaders at Adventist Health System and Florida Hospital have expressed critical demand for entry-level nurses, with a plan to hire more than 28,000 RNs by 2022. To reach this goal, greater importance has been placed on developing a partnership with ADU to help feed more graduate nurses to the organization. ADU's mission-focused programs make its graduates ideal candidates for the Florida Hospital and AHS workforces, as they are educated in whole person care and share those organizations' values to extend the healing ministry of Christ.

In addition to increased demand for nurses, there are increasing educational standards for nursing professionals. The



Nursing program students led by Alicia Franco, Ph.D., M.S.N. (third from right), use simulators to practice diagnosing and treating patients in ADU's labs.

Institute of Medicine recommended in a 2010 report that healthcare organizations increase BSN nursing staff to 80 percent by 2020, after finding that BSN-prepared nurses are better equipped to handle increasing complexity in nursing care. The American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN) backed this recommendation, emphasizing that hospitals hoping to earn Magnet status must meet this new demand.

ADU's nursing students already earn the recommended BSN upon graduation, and ADU Online's Nursing, RN-BSN Completion Option prepares working nursing professionals to enter an increasingly competitive workforce. Through these programs, ADU aims to assist healthcare organizations in meeting AACN standards.

Aside from shortages in nursing, there is an urgent need for primary care services nationwide as studies indicate a steady decrease in primary care physicians. Family nurse practitioners (FNPs),

the fastest growing group in the primary care workforce, are being targeted to help close this gap. Just like primary care physicians, FNPs can provide continuous, comprehensive care through disease management, health promotion, health education, and preventative health services.

To help satisfy the projected increase in demand for FNPs, an FNP track is scheduled to launch in spring 2019 as the third track of ADU Online's master of science in nursing (MSN) degree.

ADU strives for excellence and innovation, introducing new degrees or expanding existing programs to support the changing needs of healthcare organizations. With an ever-growing healthcare industry, changes in society, and new trends in healthcare practice, the University maintains its focus to develop skilled professionals who *live* the healing values of Christ. ①

BY LISA MARIE ESSER

Oakwood University Aeolians Win With Highest Scores at World Choir Games in Tshwane, South Africa



Oakwood University Aeolians achieved highest scores in two categories to win big at the 10th edition of World Choir Games in Tshwane, the northern part of South Africa.

Competing in the categories of Spirituals, University and College Choirs, and Musica Contemporanea, the Aeolians bested more than 22 other choirs from around the world, triumphing not only with the highest score in two of the three categories entered, but winning three gold medals, of which two were championships at the biennial event. Their gold medal-winning scores:

- Spirituals — 97.88
 - University and College Choirs — 96.88
 - Musica Contemporanea — 91.00
- The invited assortment of more than

300 choirs hailed from around the world this year. Many came from South Africa, Sweden, Germany, and beyond, as well as further flung locales like Singapore, Indonesia, Argentina, China, and the United States.

INTERKULTUR, event organizers, hosted the world's largest choir competition for the first time on the continent of Africa, with Tshwane as the host city. This year marks the 30th year of the games and 11 days of competition. At this event, the Aeolians repeated their gold medal wins from the 2012 World Choir Games in Cincinnati, Ohio.

"We are delighted to acknowledge, to the glory of God, the hard work and sacrifice of the Aeolians and their leadership," says Leslie Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., M.B.A., president of Oakwood Univer-

sity. "The Aeolians represent a treasure for our Seventh-day Adventist Church, the city of Huntsville, the state of Alabama, and our United States of America. Congratulations to Dr. Jason Ferdinand,, our music department, and especially our devoted students who comprise this world-renowned group. Having toured with them in South Africa, the message was clear — Oakwood University is all about excellence!"

Pollard continued, "We express appreciation for our major sponsor, Kettering Health Network, and all of the generous supporters that made this opportunity possible. Thank you for believing in the global ministry of Oakwood University." ●

BY STAFF WRITER



CROOK, (SHELLEY) MARTINA, 85, born Dec. 15, 1932 in Chattahoochee, FL, died May 18, 2018 in Altamonte Springs, FL.

When she was 11, Martina and her parents attended an evangelistic series and were baptized in St. Petersburg, FL. At the time of her death, she was a member of the Florida Living Church in Apopka, FL. She served in denominational work for 30 years: registrar at Jefferson Academy in Texas, and Mt. Pisgah Academy in Candler, NC; cashier at Carolina Conference in Charlotte, NC; accountant at Georgia-Cumberland Conference in Calhoun, GA, Kentucky-Tennessee Conference in Nashville, TN, Madison Academy in TN, and Village Market at Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, TN; and junior accountant at Southern Union Conference in Decatur, GA.

Martina loved her family and always wanted to be involved in activities whenever her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren would visit. Friends have described her as kind, thoughtful, and with a sweet disposition.

She was well loved by her family. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Stewart; two daughters: Delby (Ken) West of Apopka, and Marciann (Jay) Robertson of Suwanee, GA; son-in-law, Rick Makatche of Madison, TN; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents: M. T. and Shelly Martin; siblings: Tommie and June Martin; and one daughter, Jodi Makatche.

A memorial service was conducted by Pastor Jim King at Florida Living Church in Apopka.

KAILER, JOAN MAE, 87, born March 26, 1930, died Oct. 26, 2017, surrounded by loved ones. She graduated from Maplewood Academy in Minnesota in 1948.

Joan married Vernon Anderson on June 7, 1953, and delved into a full farm and church life.

Joan was a proud mother to three sons: Steven, (Cindy), Jeffrey, (Christine), and Kenneth, (Kim) Anderson; and one daughter, Sylvia (Jody) Delino; 10 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren. She worked at Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, TN.



KIRNON, CHARLES B., 96, born July 7, 1922 in Monserrat, West Indies, died July 29, 2018 in Altamonte Springs, FL. He was a member of Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL. His denominational employment included chaplain at Oakwood University and teacher at the British Virgin Islands. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Muriel. The service was conducted by Pastor Steve Sherman at Highland Memory Gardens in Apopka.

MATHER, GLADYS I., 97, born Nov. 7, 1920 in London, England, died June 29, 2018 in Tavares, FL. She was a member of the Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL. She served as secretary to the president of Atlantic Union Conference in Lancaster, MA. She also worked as the city clerk for Collegedale, TN. She is survived by two sons: Glen (Loida) Mather, and Dale Mather; one daughter, Laurel Werchowski; one sister, Doris of Collegedale; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.



COX, JAMES L., 86, born Sept. 16, 1931 in Houston, MI, died July 29, 2018 in Altamonte Springs, FL. He was a member of Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL. He is survived by one daughter, Janeen (Ron) Skipper of Longwood, FL. The service was conducted by Pastor Jim King at Baldwin Fairchild in Altamonte Springs. Interment is in Highland Memory Gardens in Apopka.

LEWIS, RONALD R., 84, born Aug. 12, 1933 in Hazleton, PA, died June 10, 2018 in Zellwood, FL. As a teenager, he found Jesus through 20th Century Bible School lessons and was baptized at the Drums, PA, Church in 1951. At the time of his death, he was a member of the Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL, for

21 years. He served for two years in the U.S. Army stationed in Korea. He graduated from college with a paralegal degree. He worked as a business administrator for GEICO Insurance Company in Washington, DC, and then at the Pentagon. After moving to Florida, he worked for Superior Surgical Legal Department until he retired. He lived in Zellwood from 1998, helping neighbors and showing love and respect to everyone. He had a great sense of humor, which brought joy to all who knew him. He and his wife were one of the first Hope Sabbath School sponsors when it started 10 years ago at Forest Lake Church. They also sponsored the app for Apple and Android phones to help spread the Gospel around the world. He is survived by wife of 63 years, Shirley;

one daughter, Rhonda Harper of Apopka; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by one son, Kenneth Richard Lewis. Interment is in Sky View Cemetery in Tamaqua, PA.

MAVRAKOS, ANTHONY ALEXANDER (fondly referred to as "Pastor Tony"), born Oct. 12, 1940 in Lynn, MA, to Paul Anthony Mavrakos and Alyce Bilo Mavrakos, died Feb. 2018. He was the eldest of four siblings, raised in a Greek/Russian Orthodox family. Tony showed a strong work ethic at a young age when he worked alongside his dad in his shoe shine/hat making parlor where he met and shined John F. Kennedy's shoes. He graduated from Salem High School in Salem, MA,

in 1959. From an early age, Tony showed great athletic ability, and was elected captain of his high school football team, among other sports such as track and field. He was inducted into the Salem High Athletic Hall of Fame. After high school, Tony went to Maritime Academy, and then enlisted into the United States Air Force where he loyally served his country for 22 years. He proudly earned the title of US & European Air Force Handball champion. In 1967, he was assigned to Ankara, Turkey, where he gave his life to Jesus Christ. It changed his life forever. While in Turkey, he was involved in underground churches, and introduced many people to Christ. Prior to returning to the United States, Tony began his family. He was blessed with three children Paul, Joy, and Katie (his pride and joys). Upon returning to the United States, Tony continued to serve in the military while studying to be a Baptist minister. In 1985, Tony and his family joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He accomplished his ministerial studies in 1986 at Southern Adventist University. While in Tennessee, he pastored two churches and began "Revival Time Ministries" (a non-profit organization). In 1990, he accepted a call to be a pastor at Wheaton Church in Maryland. Shortly into his ministry at Wheaton, he became an evangelist for the Potomac Conference. His evangelism included 3ABN (3 Angels Broadcasting Network), Slovakia, England, Canada, and churches across the United States. We know that many were impacted by Pastor Tony. His ministry was unique in many ways as he had a passion for outreach. One of his favorite phrases was, "Out of the pews and onto the pavement." He was a living example of this through his various outreach ministries such as cross country bike trips, Takoma Park Church water ministry, and Christ-based anger management programs. He is a published author of several books. Among his many accomplishments and ministries, Tony's pride and joy spread from his children to the addition of his beloved grandchildren who call him "Papou" (Greek for grandfather). Tony's goal was to know that each person he came across heard about the Gospel of Christ, and was given an opportunity to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Tony is survived by his wife, Diane Mavrakos (her children and grandchildren); his children: Paul "Champ" Mavrakos, Joy Litten, and Katie "Kates/Kt-did" Saul (husband Andrew); his grandchildren: Alex, Madelyn, and Molly Mavrakos, Hunter Lockette, Nikki, KK, Noah and Isaac Litten, and Caleb and Ailani Saul; and his great-grandchildren: Shyanne, Brantley, and Aspen Lockette; his siblings: Alexander Mavrakos (wife Donna), MaryAnn Apostolides (husband Steve), and Carol Mavrakos; his nieces; and nephews. Tony was preceded in death by his parents: Paul and Alyce Mavrakos. The memorial service was held Feb. 25, 2018 at Takoma Park, MD, Church. A military funeral with honors and interment was held March 9, 2018 at Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery.

MEEKMA, PETER, 85, born March 19, 1933, died July 19, 2018 in Apopka, FL. He was a member of Forest Lake Church in Apopka for two years. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Kathleen; four sons: Peter (Freda), Kevin (Yolanda), Stephen (Jani), and Robert; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. The service was conducted by Brent Sedgwick at the Forest Lake Church in Apopka.

RASMUSSEN, JOSEPH H., 90, born Aug. 2, 1928 in Denmark, died June 18, 2018 in Hendersonville, NC. Joseph received his Bachelor's degree from Emmanuel Missionary College, now Andrews University in Berrien Springs, MI. He then went on to receive his

Master's degree in economics from the University of Michigan. He was employed by General Telephone and Electric (GTE), and retired as the director of Management Information Systems in 1993, after giving them 38 years of outstanding service. During his working career, he spent a lot of time traveling internationally, setting up new systems around the world. Joseph was able to speak five languages and was fluent in many of them. He was an elder with the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Syracuse, NY, and then at Brooklawn Seventh-day Adventist Church in Bridgeport, CT. He served for a period on the Board of Directors for Adventist Health Systems, a chain of hospitals around the USA. Joseph loved spending time with his family, and he was always a great provider for them. He was a very generous man who donated to many different organizations, including his and his children's Alma Maters. Joe inspired people with the way that he dealt with life with such grace and humor.

SMITH, SHARON RUTH STARR, 69, born June 16, 1948 in Chattanooga, TN, died May 5, 2018 in Rochester, NY. She grew up in Collegedale, TN, and was the seventh child of eight. All of her schooling was in the Collegedale Adventist school system, and she graduated from Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University) in 1971 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. She had a second major in home economics, and later received an Associate's in business management. In later years, she obtained a professional teaching certificate. While at her first teaching assignment at Mount Pisgah Academy, she married her husband, Doug, on July 29, 1973, who she met at Southern. Sharon taught in Adventist schools all over the United States for more than 40 years, teaching all ages from kindergarteners to academy seniors. She strived to instill in them the Christian values that would lead to them becoming good citizens. Her favorite Bible verse was Philippians 4:13. She is survived by her husband, Douglas Smith; two brothers: Philip (Jeannie) Starr and Wilfred (Dottie) Starr; two sisters: Helen (Steele) Bacus and Marilyn (Steve) Sowder; 14 nieces and nephews; and many grandnieces and nephews. Sharon was preceded in death by her parents: Harmon and Margaret Starr; one sister, Violet Durichek; and two brothers: Robert Starr and Ray Starr.

SPELLEN (HUGHES), IVY O., 87, born Dec. 18, 1930 in Curacao, died July 19, 2018 in Longwood, FL. She was a member of the Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL, for 14 years. She is survived by five sons: Edward, Ernest, Christopher, Anthony, and Michael; two daughters: Norma Grant and Linda Delaney; and one sister, Margaret Matheson.

TETER, MARK GENE, 60, born March 4, 1958 in Rawlins, WY, died peacefully in the arms of his beloved family on May 12, 2018 in Chattanooga, TN. Mark was the son of Betty and Kenneth Teter. He had been a resident of the Chattanooga area since 1974. He graduated from Collegedale Academy in 1976, and then attended Southern Adventist University. In 1982, Mark opened Teter & Company, a collision and repair shop, in downtown Ringgold, GA, and continued to own and operate it alongside his daughter, Lindsay, until his passing. Mark was a commercial airplane pilot, advanced open water diver, and avid snow skier. He was also an active member of several community clubs over the years, including Moccasin Flying Club, Chattanooga Ski Club, Ringgold Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, The J.C.'s, and the Catoosa County Chamber of Commerce. Mark was a devout

follower of Jesus Christ, and was a member of the Collegedale Church. He lived a life full of laughter, love, and adventure. Although he had many hobbies throughout his lifetime, nothing brought him more joy than spending time with his family. People who knew Mark were drawn to his perpetual optimism and passion for life. He was also a great friend to many. Mark is survived by his beloved wife, Melinda; parents: Kenneth and Betty Teter; daughter, Lindsay (Jade) Greeson; two stepchildren: Joshua (Chasity) Baugh and Jessica (Rusty) Stramel; one brother, Brady Teter; two grandsons: Knox and Jett Baugh; and nephews, Nathan and Alec Teter. He was also excited about two upcoming grandchildren who are expected to be born later this year. Mark was preceded in death by his sister, Wendy Teter Fisher. A Celebration of Life service was held on June 10, 2018, at The Depot in Ringgold, GA.

TUCKER, FLOYD E., 81, born March 21, 1936 in Ontario, CA, died Dec. 29, 2017 in Hudson, FL. He was a member of the New Port Richey, FL, Church for 4 1/2 years. He is survived by three sons: George, Floyd D., and Donald; one daughter, Jorene; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

TYSON, OLIVE MAY, 94, born Jan. 11, 1924, married James Fulfer on June 7, 1943, died May 12, 2018 in Hendersonville, NC. Together they served in Barbados, Trinidad and Haiti, where James held leadership positions in church administration. In Haiti, Olive served as a nurse and oversaw 20,000 mothers with starving babies. James and Olive also lived in Guinea, West Africa, where they served in ADRA's programs, feeding 100,000 people in Liberia. They retired in Greenville, NC, and then Fletcher Park Inn, Hendersonville, NC. She is survived by her son, Robert Thorne (Beth) Fulfer of Tuscon, AZ; two daughters: Nancy Anne (George) Merz of Hendersonville, NC, and Mary Ellen (Ed) Story of Mount Pleasant, NC; six grandchildren: Stephen Fulfer, Melissa Hempler, Lindsay Husfelt, Melanie Porter, Elsie Hodnett, Robert Merz; 10 great-grandchildren: Candace, Derek, Leslie, and Nathan Bergmann, Trevor, Travis, and Braydon Claar, Andrew and Lukas Husfelt, Laila Merz; three sisters-in-law: Elsie, Gloria, and Barbara Tyson. She was predeceased by her parents: Elbert Moye Tyson and Nannie Ruberta Flanagan; and seven brothers.

WOLCOTT, JUDY, 72, born May 3, 1946 in Amery, WI, died July 6, 2018 in Colorado Springs, CO. She was the daughter of the late Adelaide and Douglas Nelson and grew up in Clear Lake, WI, until moving with her husband in 1984 to Avon Park, FL. She was a member of the Avon Park Church. Judy worked alongside her husband of 34 years, Alvin Wolcott (deceased), as the bookkeeper for first their painting business in Clear Lake, WI, and then their construction business in Avon Park. She earned her LPN degree in Hinsdale, IL, only working a few years as a nurse. She was a wonderful homemaker, helping her husband in his church elder roles with hospitality, as well as community outreach. She is survived by her daughters: Tamara Wolcott Fisher, Tracie Taylor, and Tanya (Chad) Kirstein, all from Calhoun, GA; four siblings: Roger (Bette) Nelson from Tennessee, Tom (Carol) Nelson from Wisconsin, Jerry (Bernice) Nelson from Michigan, and Charlotte (John) Laughridge from Colorado; and six grandchildren: Jake Fisher, Jada Taylor, Zachary Kirstein, Olivia Fisher, Cameron Kirstein, and Tristan Kirstein. A Celebration of Life service was held Saturday, July 28, 2018 at the Avon Park Church in Avon Park, FL. A private interment was held at the Bougainvillea Cemetery in Avon Park, FL.

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Archaeology Lecture, October 8

Michael G. Hasel, PhD, professor and published author from Southern's School of Religion, will give a talk at 7 p.m. on campus in Lynn Wood Hall Chapel.

For more information, visit southern.edu/archaeology.

Adventist Heritage Lecture, November 8

Frank Hasel, PhD, associate director of the Biblical Research Institute, will speak at 11 a.m. in the Collegedale Church. He is the author of *Longing for God* in which he argues for a new and deeper understanding of prayer.

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CAROLINA

HISPANIC CAMP MEETING - Sept. 7-9. NPR.
CAROLINA RETIREES RETREAT - Sept. 17- 20. NPR.
MINISTERIAL SPOUSES ASSOCIATION --Sept. 21-23. NPR.
MEN'S MINISTRIES RETREAT (ENGLISH & HISPANIC) - Sept. 28-30. TBD.
LAY-LEADER & FAMILY RETREAT - Oct. 5-7. NPR.
COMMUNITY SERVICES RETREAT - Oct.12-14. NPR.
ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL RETREAT - Oct. 19-21. NPR.

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 Sept. 30. Kendall, Miami Temple, Miami Springs, Eden in Miami, Marantha in Miami Gardens.
NORTH/WEST ADVENTURER FAMILY CAMPOUT - Oct. 5-7. Camp Kulaqua, 23400 NW 212nd Ave., High Springs. Details: path.adv@floridaconference.com or 407-644-5000 x2423.
HOPE FOR HURTING HEARTS - Camp Kulaqua, 23400 NW 212nd Ave., High Springs. A healing, educational retreat for those who've been sexually abused as children. Cost: \$150, all inclusive.
 Oct. 25-28. English language. Details: floridaconference.com/event/hope-for-hurting-hearts-2/
 Nov. 8-11. Spanish language. Details: floridaconference.com/event/esperanza-pa-ra-corazones-dolidos/
FAMILY LIFE LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION - Oct. 27. 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Florida Conference, 351 S. State Road 434, Altamonte Springs. Free event includes workshops, resources, and lunch. Details: floridaconference.com/event/family-life-leadership-certification/

LEGACY OF HOPE - FORT MYERS - Nov. 17. Fort Myers Church, 3451 Ortiz Ave., Fort Myers. De-tails: floridaconference.com/event/legacy-of-hope-ft-myers/

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

RETIRED WORKERS' CONVENTION - Sept. 6-9. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.
ADVENTURER MINISTRIES CONVENTION - Sept. 7-9. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.
MASTER GUIDE CONGRESS - Sept. 13-16. If you are a master guide, a master guide in training, or you would like to become a master guide, register for the first Master Guide Congress. Master Guides from all over the Southern Union will be there. You don't need to be a master guide to attend. Joint GCC and Southern Union event. Information and registra-tion: http://southernunion.com/hispanicyouth. Camp Kulaqua, FL.
PATHFINDER DRILL INSTRUCTORS WEEKEND - Sept. 14-16. Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Crandall, GA.
PERSONAL MINISTRIES RALLY - Sept. 15, 2-5 p.m. Presenter: EW Dempsey . Cedar Ridge Church, Georgetown, TN.
HISPANIC COUPLES RETREAT - Sept. 21-23. Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons Island, GA.
NORTHEAST TENNESSEE CAMP MEETING - Sept. 21-22. Speaker: Doug Jacobs. Theme: "Be the Gospel." Greeneville, TN.
ENGAGE YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONVENTION. CONNECTING YOUTH TO JESUS AND HIS CHURCH - Sept. 21-23. Presenters: Roger Wade and Dave Ferguson, and seminars by Southern Union youth directors. This training is for youth leaders, young adults, pastors, youth 16+, and anyone who want to learn effective leadership skills for youth ministries. Register by Sept. 12. Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Crandall, GA.
WILL CLINICS WITH JEFF WILSON Sept. 22. Whitwell Mission Group, TN. Sept. 29. Graysville Church, TN.
ELDERS' RETREAT WITH GCC ADVENTIST ELDERS' CONSORTIUM - Sept. 28-29. A time for elders to connect and worship together; receive spiritual refreshment, learn proven techniques and concepts just for elders. Speakers: Steve and Cyndi Keiser. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA Register: https://www.adventsource.org/as30/event.registration.details.aspx?event=506
SABBATH IN THE SMOKIES - Sept.

28, 29. Theme: Be the Gospel. Camping available for this event, bring your RV or tent. Call Heidi to reserve your spot, 706-629-7951. If you come for Sabbath only, please park in the group camp site area. Cades Cove, TN

BLOOD BROTHERS MEN'S RETREAT - Oct. 5-7. In a world filled with hate and racial divides, we are called to be united in our love for Christ and our love for one another. Speaker: Dr. Joe Martin, founder, speaker, director for Real Men Connect. Seminars include: Guarding Your Heart, Lead-ing with Humility, Strength Through Brotherhood, Purity Through Holiness, Wisdom Through Wise Counsel, and Living with a Mission. Register at: http://blueprintformen.org/?event=georgia-cumberland-conference-mens-retreat-2&event_date=2018-10-05 Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.
ADVENTURER FAMILY FUN WEEK-END - Oct. 5-7. Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Crandall, GA.
HEALTH RALLY - Oct. 6, 2-5 p.m. Presenter: EW Dempsey. Smoky Mountain Church, Sevierville, TN.
 Mental Health Leadership Training - Oct. 6, 3-6 p.m. Presenter: Tuwan Ussery, MSW, MMin, LM, professor and chaplain. Learn the churches role in mental health ministry and obtain re-sources. Wimbish Road, Macon, GA.
HISPANIC CAMP MEETING - Oct. 19-21. Theme: Todo Miembro Involucrado (Total Member In-volvement). Clarence Brown Conference Center, Cartersville, GA.
7 BRIDGES MARATHON - Oct. 21. It's not too late, join the church challenge, you can walk or run distances from marathon, half marathon, 5K, or kiddie 1K. Prizes involved. Chattanooga, TN.

GULF STATES

DOLLARS & \$ENSE FINANCIAL SEMINAR - Sept. 22, 23. Ft. Walton Beach Church. www.gscsda.org/dollars.
CAMP ALAMISCO 50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT - Oct. 5-7. www.campalamisco.org.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

MEN'S CONFERENCE - Sept. 7-9. Indian Creek Camp.
YOUNG WOMEN'S RETREAT - Sept. 9. Paradise Ranch.
HIGHER UP/DEEPER IN BIBLE STUDY - Sept. 14, 15. Indian Creek Camp
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Sept. 18 & Dec. 4. Conference Office.

WOMEN'S RETREAT - Sept. 21-23. Indian Creek Camp.

HIGHLAND ACADEMY BOARD - Sept. 27 & Nov. 8. Highland Academy.

HISPANIC WOMEN'S RETREAT I - Sept. 28-30. Indian Creek Camp.

HISPANIC WOMEN'S RETREAT II - Oct. 5-7. Indian Creek Camp.

ADVENTIST CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP LEADERSHIP RETREAT - Oct. 12-13. Indian Creek Camp.

BOARD OF EDUCATION - Oct. 18. Conference Office.

ADVENTURER CAMPOREE I - Nov. 2-4. Indian Creek Camp.

ADVENTURER CAMPOREE II - Nov. 9-11. Indian Creek Camp.

ELDERS' CERTIFICATION TRAINING - Nov. 9-11. Indian Creek Camp.

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ARCHAEOLOGY MUSEUM LECTURE - Oct. 8. Michael G. Hasel, Ph.D., professor and published author from Southern's School of Religion, will give a talk titled "The Rise of the Kingdom of Judah in the Tenth Century BC: The Emerging Picture from the Ancient Past," at 7 p.m. on campus in Lynn Wood Hall Chapel. For more information, visit southern.edu/archaeology.

PREVIEWSSOUTHERN - Oct. 18, 19. Students are invited to take a campus tour, discuss majors with professors, sit in on financial aid workshops, and enjoy a fun activity in Chattanooga. For more information, call 1-800-SOUTHERN or email visit@southern.edu.

HOMECOMING - Oct. 25-28. Save the date! Highlights of the weekend include a Gym-Masters Reunion, Parade of Nations, and Missions Expo. Honor Classes include: 1938, '48, '58, '68, '73, '78, '88, '93, '98, '08. Visit southern.edu/alumni or call 423-236-2830 for additional details.

SOUTHERN UNION

SOUTHERN UNION "ENGAGE" YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING - Sept. 21-23. Learn leadership skills for effective youth ministries. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Cohutta Springs, GA. Pre-sented by the Southern Union and hosted by the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. Registration and information is available at gccsda.com/events/engage2018.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STANDIFER GAP SDA SCHOOL CELEBRATES 70TH ANNIVERSARY - SEPT. 28, 29. All former students and former staff are invited to attend the celebration in Chattanooga, TN. Festivities will begin on Friday through Saturday evening. Contact: 423-892-6013 or for further details, visit: sgsdaschool.org.

PLAINVIEW ADVENTIST ACADEMY, SHEYENNE RIVER ACADEMY, AND DAKOTA ADVENTIST ACADEMY ALUMNI WEEKEND - OCT. 5, 6. Dakota Adventist Academy, 15905 Sheyenne Circle, Bismarck, ND. Come and renew your friendships. Honor Classes: '44, '49, '54, '59, '64, '69, '79, '89, '94, '99, '04, '09, and '14. Details: 701-751-6177, x212, or visit our website at www.dakotaadventistacademy.org.

FLETCHER ACADEMY HOMECOMING WEEKEND - OCT. 5-7. FA Campus. Join us as we honor the class years ending in 3's and 8's. The Class of 1968 will be marking its 50th Reunion. Special invitation to former Fletcher Academy choir members. Please

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SOCIETY OF ADVENTIST COMMUNICATORS 2018 ANNUAL CONVENTION - OCT. 18-20. SAVE THE DATE - Celebrating 29 Years of Communication Excellence! "Purpose. Passion. Partnership." This year's convention will be held at the North American Division Headquarters, 9705 Patuxent Woods Dr., Columbia, MD. Join Seventh-day Adventist communication professionals and university students from all around the North American Division for training, networking, and spiritual renewal opportunities. Additional details for hotels and more: www.adventistcommunicator.org.

WEIMAR INSTITUTE 40TH HOMECOMING - NOV. 2-4. We are celebrating 40 years of God's blessings at Weimar Institute this year! If you attended academy or pursued higher education here, please join us. Honor classes: '83, '88, '93, '98, '03, '08, '13. For more information: 530-422-7964 or <http://weimar.edu/alumni/>. **THE OFFICE OF ADVENTIST MISSION** at the General Conference announces the 2018 film contest titled "My Story, My Mission." Students around the world are invited to creatively express, in one minute or less, what mission means in their lives. The contest was officially launched in April at the Sonscreen Film Festival in Columbia, MD. Young filmmakers have four months to create their masterpiece. The winners will be announced in October at the Society of Adventist Communicators Convention. Details: Contact Kayla Ewert at 301-680-6696 or by email EwertK@gc.adventist.org.

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	SEPT 7	SEPT 14	SEPT 21	SEPT 28	OCT 5	OCT 12
ATLANTA, GA	7:54	7:45	7:35	7:25	7:16	7:07
CHARLESTON, SC	7:36	7:27	7:17	7:08	6:59	6:50
CHARLOTTE, NC	7:41	7:31	7:21	7:11	7:01	6:52
COLLEGEDALE, TN	7:59	7:49	7:39	7:29	7:19	7:10
HUNTSVILLE, AL	7:04	6:54	6:44	6:34	6:24	6:15
JACKSON, MS	7:17	7:07	6:58	6:49	6:40	6:31
LOUISVILLE, KY	8:03	7:52	7:41	7:30	7:19	7:09
MEMPHIS, TN	7:18	7:08	6:58	6:48	6:38	6:28
MIAMI, FL	7:33	7:25	7:18	7:10	7:03	6:56
MONTGOMERY, AL	7:01	6:52	6:43	6:33	6:24	6:16
NASHVILLE, TN	7:06	6:55	6:45	6:34	6:24	6:15
ORLANDO, FL	7:39	7:31	7:23	7:14	7:06	6:58
TAMPA, FL	7:43	7:35	7:27	7:19	7:11	7:03
WILMINGTON, NC	7:29	7:19	7:09	7:00	6:50	6:41

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