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Perpetual Hope



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“But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more,” Psalm 74:14.

Psalms 70 and 71 have at least two things in common. Both call on the Lord to hurry. In Psalm 70:5, David calls on the Lord not even to stop for a drink or a breath; “make no tarrying,” he urges.

But, the other thought that is common to the two chapters is puzzling: God will have to hurry or David’s solutions will be impossible; yet, “let such as love thy salvation say continually, let God be magnified” (verse 4). God will have to hurry to sort things out; yet, “I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more,” Psalm 71:14.

Then says the Christian, “Hurry to my help, Lord, but I will praise You, whatever happens. Make things right, Lord, but I will hope without a break.”

Our streets house the chapels of blighted hopes — gambling spots, casinos, book stands, snipers, and swindlers. Our newspapers offer the prayer scrolls of the gambler’s dreams — lotteries, art unions, raffles, and lucky draws. Gambling is hope turned into vice.

David had no such thought about God. To hope continually in God had foundation in fact. God had nurtured him from his birth (verse 6); He had guided and delivered His people. For David, to hope was “to go in the strength of the Lord” (verse 16). Hope did not speak about what God might or might not do in the future, about whether David might be the lucky one in some divine lottery. Not at all. Hope spoke of God’s certain action for the benefit of His people and, more specifically, for the benefit of David.

The haste the sweet singer asks of God may add to the innumerable saving acts he already knew (verse 15). On the other hand, there may be nothing that he as a human can discern that has changed the situation — except for one thing: past experience of the God on whom he had leaned from birth assured him that God was still acting for his salvation. Nothing could change that. Therefore, he could declare continually how great is the name of God; he could wait in hope continually.

As members of God’s Church, we must navigate these post-modern/post-Christian times. In the midst of our sojourn as Seventh-day Adventist Christians, we are a people of hope. I’m hoping for the power of God to foster our mission of “Multiplying through Reconnection,” developing our media for the propagation of the everlasting Gospel, and the embracing of mentorship for the tutelage and training of next-generation leadership for God’s cause. Couched in the Gospel Commission is the assurance of God’s presence and help until the end of time.

To wait in continual hope means to go with God both to the green pastures and to the valley of the shadow of death, and in all things to give praise and thanks.

“God loves to have us trust Him, and loves us to have confidence in His promises,” *Selected Messages*, Book 2, p. 247. —RCS ❶

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CAPTION: David Long (left), Southern Union stewardship, personal ministries, Sabbath School, prayer ministries, and prison ministries director, studies the Bible with Peter deVries, Southern Union Association assistant treasurer.

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PERSONAL MINISTRIES:

EQUIPPING MEMBERS WITH TOOLS TO WIN SOULS, RETRIEVE STRAY SHEEP

BY LUCAS L. JOHNSON II

He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him,” Psalm 126:6 NKJV.

It’s a situation we all have likely encountered at one time or another: someone who has drifted away from the Church. While we might mean well in our attempt to win that person back, we may not go about it the right way. As a matter of fact, we could push the person further away.

In April of this year, the Southern Union Conference held a virtual Personal Ministries and Sabbath School Conference that included discussion of appropriate ways to retrieve parishioners, how to win souls, and, most of all, how to be more like Christ. Mega Impact 2022 was broken down into a number of seminars that touched on topics like witnessing, spiritual gifts, digital ministry, and effective ways to engage children and young adults. Speakers of various backgrounds from across the Southern Union Conference provided Spirit-led insight.

Richie Halversen, director of church growth and revitalization for the Southern Union Conference, talked about what he calls the “small things that make a big impact.”

“My presentation was to really give people simple, practical ways to do ministry in the everyday things of life,” said Halversen. “If members do that, not just as a church growth strategy, but as Christians who are citizens of the Kingdom of God, then it will naturally lead to greater fruitfulness.”

Halversen stressed praying and listening. He said to pray for people in our communities, particularly those we know are “not churched.”

“We’re good at praying for our family, for our finances, and things like that; and that’s important,” he said. “But let’s pray for our neighbors, people who are not of our faith.”

And then, listen. “We’re very good at talking,” said Halversen. “But we don’t listen enough. And because we don’t, sometimes we give answers to questions people aren’t really even asking or at the place of asking.”

“Jesus was always listening. He got to know people.”

He challenged conference participants to listen to someone once a week who is not of their faith for at least 20 minutes. “When we listen to people more, we will know how to minister to their hearts more,” he said. “Jesus was always listening. He got to know people.”

Halversen added that the principles used to reach new people can also be applied to those who are no longer attending. He said when some church members run into someone they haven’t seen in a while, they immediately ask: *Where have you been, or what rock did you crawl from under?*

But he said the better address should be, *good to see you; how are you doing*, and then “listen to see why they left in the first place.”





Curtis Hall, founder of Sabbath School Coaching, shares innovative tips on teaching the Sabbath School lesson.

Fred Batten Jr., pastor of Mount Olivet Church in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, agreed.

“Listen to what they have to say, and then the next part of your conversation should pick up on what they have communicated,” said Batten, whose seminar at the conference dealt with nurturing members and seeking the lost. “You can then pray with them and let the Holy Spirit touch that person’s heart.”

David Long, personal ministries and Sabbath School director for the Southern Union Conference, said church members should not be discouraged if they do not get the result they want after talking to a stray member, or someone unchurched.

“You may not get the immediate harvest you hoped for, but don’t let your zeal wane,” said Long. “Few fishermen catch a fish with the first bait they throw in the water. But the fishermen who continue to throw their lines in the water often reap great results they didn’t think possible. Psalm 126:6 NKJV says, ‘He

who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.’”

Abraham Guerrero, pastor of the South Atlantic Conference, said the Sabbath School class is one place to sow seeds, and he provided some suggestions for effective growth during his presentation at the Mega Impact Conference. For one, he said not to ask “questions that are difficult to answer even for a theologian with a Ph.D.”

“Tie simple questions to the subject you’re dealing with,” said Guerrero, who is also a professor at Andrews University in cross-cultural studies. “Instead of asking them to explain the theological significance of a particular Scripture, ask them, ‘What do you think God is telling you in this text?’ You can rely on their basic understanding; even if they have not studied the lesson, they’re able to interact.”

Michael Lewis is evangelism and church planning director for the South

Central Conference. He said one way to reach people, regardless of their belief or where they are in life, is to let them see the *good* in you, the *Christ-like* character in you, through selfless actions.

“You so encapsulate Christ in the way you do things that people ask what it is about you that you will do things like this,” said Lewis, whose seminar discussion was on basic ways to reach people.

He told the story of a friend who had a unique yard sale. The man set items up like they were going to be sold, but he didn’t apply any prices to them. When people showed up, he gave them the items — for free. Another story Lewis shared was about a Seventh-day Adventist conference president who was at a Walmart, and took time to help a man put together an outfit for an important business meeting. When the man got ready to check out, he asked the conference president if he would check him out, thinking he worked at the store.

“The president told him he didn’t work



Judy Smith, Florida Conference children's ministries director, shares during a church ministries training.



Richie Halversen, director of church growth and revitalization for the Southern Union Conference, presents effective ways to reach people and grow the local church.

there," said Lewis. "The guy was astonished that this man would spend close to 40 minutes helping him get an outfit like he worked there, and he didn't."

Whether they realized it or not, the conference president and the man who gave items away at the yard sale were exercising forms of spiritual gifts, which

everyone has, according to Michael Cooper, who leads personal ministries at the Summerville, Georgia, Church in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

"Each person, no matter who they are, has spiritual gifts given by the Holy Spirit," said Cooper. "Connection with the Holy Spirit on a daily basis is neces-

sary for us to be able to reach out."

One way to broadly reach people is online, or digital ministry, which was a key topic at the conference. Kirk Nugent, a live video coach and digital church consultant, discussed the importance of the digital space in these last days.

"I try to encourage people of faith to really learn the space," said Nugent. "It allows us to be more successful in reaching the people who need to hear the answers that we can provide. It's far past time for us to really take a serious look at how we're doing ministry online, and engage in a more meaningful way."

One reason to embrace digital ministry is because it's an effective way to reach youth and young adults, who were one of the main topics of the conference. Kathy Russell, children's ministries director for the Carolina Conference, was one of several speakers who discussed how to better communicate with young people and connect them to Christ.

"If we want our children and our youth to be exposed to Jesus, to say yes to Him, we need to be intentional about how we reach them," said Russell. "We need to encourage our members to get to know the children in their church, to know the youth. I know people are busy, but if we show interest in them, then they're going to stay where people value them."

Daylet Espinosa, a teacher and church leader in the South Atlanta Conference, also spoke about the importance of "reaching youth spiritually."

"They are the future of our Church," she said. "We need to equip them with the knowledge and the tools they will need to be the future leaders, and finish the Christian Gospel."

To learn more about the Mega Impact seminars, visit the Personal Ministries page on the Southern Union Conference website at:

www.southernunion.com/ministries-services/personal-ministries/ ●

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2022 ADVENTIST ROBOTICS CHAMPIONSHIP

BY KHANDI COOPER AND MEL WADE



Extreme excitement was in the air as rookie and veteran robotics teams filled Forest Lake Academy (FLA) gymnasium in Apopka, Florida, on May 1, 2022, for the Adventist Robotics Championship sponsored by the North American Division Office of Education and Florida Conference. Thirty-three teams attended from across the United States. Since COVID shut everything down in March of 2020, students and their coaches/mentors have had to either compete virtually or not at all, so it was great to see the number of teams that traveled to Florida to compete in the tournament. The Drum Corps from Winter Park Florida Spanish Pathfinder Club set the excitement level for the competition by starting the opening ceremonies and presenting the colors for the National Anthem.

Teams competed in one of two tourna-

ments, the FIRST LEGO League Challenge (FLL) for grades 4-8, and the FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) for grades 7-12. Both tournaments occurred simultaneously in the FLA gymnasium, and were live-streamed over the Adventist Robotics YouTube channel with the help of the Allegheny East Conference Media Ministry.

The robot game consists of action-paced, 2 1/2-minute matches. FLL Challenge teams built and programmed their LEGO EV3 or Spike Prime robots to earn points autonomously by building and programming a robot to manipulate mission models on a 4×8-foot field. FIRST Tech Challenge teams competed in two-team alliances to earn points on a 12×12-foot field. With four custom, team-built robots on the field at a time, the game consists of a 30-second autonomous period followed by a two-minute driver-controlled period with some tasks

only allowed during the last 30 seconds of the game.

“It’s way more than robots,” says Mel Wade, director of Adventist Robotics. For the last 18 years, Adventist youth have had the opportunity to learn real-world skills in a project-based learning environment through Adventist Robotics’ partnership with FIRST. These skills go well beyond building a robot. They include time management, teamwork, self-motivated learning, effective communication, and gracious professionalism. Students can have an amazing robot and teamwork, but they must also communicate effectively what they have accomplished to the judges to be able to do well in the competition.

In addition to the robot game, teams were judged in areas including their engineering, programming, innovation, outreach, and core values. Team members



were able to meet and greet with other teams from across the nation and share experiences. “Robotics provides an angle to learning that traditional education simply cannot. Students are taught problem-solving, teamwork, engineering principles, and the drive to work hard, all without it feeling like a class,” says FTC Dean’s List finalist Joseph Pennock from the Gator Bytes. He adds that “robotics prepares the next generation of engineers for the future in ways that we could never do without FIRST. Robotics has truly impacted my life in a positive and inspiring way.”

At the closing ceremony, the FLL

Challenge and FTC teams along with their coaches, mentors, and supporters assembled to hear the announcement of the various awards. Teams received many awards, including Core Values, Robot Design, Robot Performance, Innovation Project/Innovate, Connect, and Judge’s awards. The Electrobots, from Gateway Christian School in Mt. Dora, Florida, received the prestigious FLL Challenge Champion’s Award for their outstanding achievement in the tournament.

“My team and I were able to gain experience from this FTC tournament. We learned how to work as a team through

the various challenges,” says Nicholas Cooper II, president of the Phoenix Stars from Greater Fayetteville Adventist Academy in Fayetteville, North Carolina, whose team won the Motivate Award.

Awards were also won by other Southern Union schools, including Forest Lake Academy, Apopka, Florida; Gethsemane Church School, Raleigh, North Carolina; Walker Memorial Academy, Avon Park, Florida; Adventist Christian Academy, Raleigh, North Carolina; Tri-City Christian Academy, High Point, North Carolina; and Pensacola Junior Academy, Pensacola, Florida.

As the 2021-2022 Adventist Robotics season makes its mark in history, we thank God for the safe travels of all the teams. Our prayer is for Adventist Robotics to continue to grow; but, until then, “Drivers, pick up your controllers 3, 2, 1.”

For more information about Adventist Robotics, visit adventistrobotics.net. 📺

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SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE DELEGATES ELECT NEW LEADERSHIP

BY HAKEEM BROWN

The new administration and leadership for the 2022-2027 term was chosen at the 12th Regular Constituency Session on April 24, 2022. After a two-year delay due to COVID-19, 1,223 delegates of the Southeastern Conference constituency gathered at Southeastern Conference Campground in Hawthorne, Florida, to elect its leadership.

The delegates elected Michael K. Agyei Owusu, D.Min., to serve as president; Pierre Francois as executive secretary; and Emanuel Charles as chief financial officer.

Owusu has been with the Southeastern Conference for 27 years, pastoring churches in south Florida, southwest Florida, northwest Florida, and south Georgia. After serving the Conference as a pastor for 21 years, Owusu was elected to serve as executive secretary on May 29, 2016. After the sudden and untimely passing of Gregory Mack, president, Owusu served as interim president from November 2020 to April 2022.

As the president of the Southeastern Conference, Owusu believes that carrying out the mission God has entrusted to His Church as recorded in Matthew 28:18-20 and Revelation 14:6-12, should be the focus of the Conference. He says, “Mission is the heartbeat of the Church,



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Pierre Francois (left), executive secretary; Michael K. Agyei Owusu, D.Min., president; and Emanuel Charles, chief financial officer

the very essence of what it means to be the Church of God, and the purpose for which the Church exists.” It is his desire to lead the members of the Conference into a deeper committed relationship with Christ, and to unite the Conference in fulfilling its mission to “reach communities within Southeastern Conference with the Christ-centered message of hope and wholeness.”

Owusu’s long-term vision is for the Southeastern Conference to be an organization where all members work in

harmony to collaboratively accomplish God’s mission for the Church. He envisions and prays for the day when members of the Conference “act in concert ... for the accomplishment of one purpose” — the mission, as outlined in Matthew 28:18-20 and Revelation 14:6-12.

Owusu has devoted his life to leading people to Christ and serving his community. Born and raised in Ghana, West Africa, he attended and completed his secondary school education at the Seventh-day Adventist Secondary School



Michael and Brenda Owusu



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Delegates gathered at Southeastern Conference Campground in Hawthorne, Florida, on April 24, 2022, for the 12th Regular Constituency Session to elect their officers and ministries directors.

in Bekwai, Ghana. He later completed his undergraduate education in theology, biblical languages, and history at Adventist Missionary College, now Valley View University in Ghana and West Indies College now Northern Caribbean University in Mandeville, Jamaica. Owusu also holds a master of divinity (1991) and a doctor of ministry with specialization in youth and young adult ministries (1999) from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. In total, Owusu has spent 33 years in pastoral ministries, and has had the privilege of working and preaching the Gospel in several countries, including Ghana, Liberia, Jamaica, the Bahamas, and the United States. He has also been privileged to plant three churches in Naples, Florida; Immokalee, Florida; and Port Charlotte, Florida. In addition to ministerial experience, Owusu has worked in both the private and public sectors, including four years in the library system and seven years in higher education.

Owusu is happily married for 30 years to his best friend, the former Brenda Minnis of Freeport, Bahamas. Brenda

Owusu, D.N.P., is a university assistant professor, and a dual family and adult board-certified nurse practitioner. God has blessed their union with one adult son, Michael Kwaku Adom Owusu. Owusu loves traveling with his family, meeting people from different countries, and learning about other cultures.

Owusu encourages Christians during these difficult times of a prolonged pandemic, raging war, increasing violence, and economic crisis to find comfort and assurance in the promises of the Word of God and His many acts of deliverance, care, and protection in difficult times. He says, "Though these have been unprecedented times, we have also seen God move in unprecedented ways to take care of His Church. God is still in control of the affairs of this world, and as He has always done in the past, He will see us through these challenging times." He believes that the Church, more than ever before, is uniquely positioned to lead people to Jesus Christ — The Hope of the World! This is the time, says Owusu, for us to use our gifts, efforts, and every Spirit-ordained means to reach others for Jesus as we await His glorious return.

The delegates also elected the following ministries leadership:

Arnaldo Cruz, communications, technology and digital media, and evangelism director; Brent Waldon, ministerial director; Shae Crockett, youth ministries, Pathfinder, and Adventurer Club director; Esmeralda Guzman-Harris, women's ministries, prayer ministries, and assistant Hispanic ministries director; Hector Garcia, Hispanic ministries director; Juan Gonzalez, stewardship and trust services director; Lindsay Syeh, young adult, campus ministries/Adventist Christian Fellowship, and National Service Organization (NSO); Lucious Hall, publishing director; Mark Brown, family life, men's ministries, PARL, and singles director; Nicolas Louis, Haitian ministries director; Olinto Groce, Sabbath School, personal ministries, and children's ministries director; Sandra Fletcher, education superintendent; and Tony Taylor, community services, disaster relief, and disability ministries director. 📌

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NURSE OVERCOMES STRUGGLES, ACHIEVES DREAM OF BECOMING AN RN

BY ADVENTHEALTH

Gladys Franck, a registered nurse (RN) for AdventHealth Celebration, is living proof that education can unlock opportunities and create a ripple effect that can transform lives.

After immigrating to the U.S. from Haiti, Franck had to completely start her career over, and build a new life for herself and her two children. With a dream to work in health care, Franck began her career at AdventHealth through an education assistance program that allowed her to work while also receiving free training to become a certified nursing assistant (CNA).

As her thirst for knowledge continued, and with her dream to become a nurse in view, Franck then pursued her associate degree in nursing, and is now living her dream as an RN. Her struggle as a Haitian immigrant, she says, inspires how she cares for her own patients.

“I’ve struggled. I know what struggle is. I’ve suffered. I know what suffering is. When somebody says they’re in pain, I know what that’s like,” she said. “My struggle is what inspires me to care for others and to try to understand how they feel by putting myself in their shoes. That empathy guides me to exactly how I should respond to their need.”

Through AdventHealth’s education assistance offerings, Franck’s tuition



Gladys Franck



throughout her journey to becoming an RN was completely paid for by the organization, leaving her with no student debt.

“Removing the burden of paying for school is a big relief,” she said. “I know people who are in student debt and have to pay back the loans they took for school, but I don’t owe a penny because of AdventHealth.”

Now, after more than 14 years with the organization, Franck intends to continue growing her career at AdventHealth and is currently studying for a B.S.N., or bachelor of science in nursing.

“I’m not giving up. I plan to go to

school until I cannot read anymore. I love school and learning how to better help people,” she said.

For Franck, career development opportunities at AdventHealth have encouraged her to pursue her full potential as a professional.

“I constantly want to learn. When I came to AdventHealth and worked as a CNA, I told myself, ‘Why not be a nurse?’ I knew I could do it and that was my determination. I knew I had to be a nurse,” she said. “I want to better my life through every opportunity I can find.”

Innovative “Freight Farm” Improves Fresh Produce Access in Central Florida Community



AdventHealth Celebration is prioritizing nutrition and sustainability through a new innovative program. Recently, team members at the campus celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony for what’s known as a “freight farm.”

The freight farm is a hydroponic farm inside a freight-shipping container. It measures 40 feet long and 8 feet wide. Every aspect of the farm is controlled through an app that can monitor and regulate the climate, watering, lights, and more with the tap of a finger. The technology allows for a wide range of crops to grow in a small space, and with minimal physical input.

“I can’t tell you how thrilled I am seeing these vegetables growing,” said Patty Jo Toor, chief nursing officer at AdventHealth Celebration. “The innovation of the freight farm is fantastic. You can grow a large quantity of food in a very small area, and it grows very quickly because it has the lights and the hydroponics going on 24/7.”

Randy Amil, agricultural specialist at AdventHealth Celebration, said the hospital is the first in the southeast to have



the farm on their campus.

“My hope is to inspire our team members and the central Florida community to consume fresh produce and get back in touch with nature,” Amil said. “We are surrounded by so much technology that we often lose our sense of place in the world, and small actions like gardening can teach us to be more resilient and understand the benefits nature has for our body, mind, and spirit.”

How does it work? After seeds are planted into a spongy plug of peat moss and other organic matter, they are sprayed with nutrients and water, and nested under lights that produce an artificial day and night cycle. When the sprouts grow

to about two inches, they are stacked into the vertical towers of the freight farm. Water trickles down from plant to plant. The LED lights stimulate photosynthesis, and it takes about six to eight weeks from seed to harvest.

“The purpose of this project is to provide fresh leafy vegetables to our staff and guests at the hospital,” said Toor. “My goal is to have a freight farm at every campus.”

Currently, the harvest is available for team members and visitors at the hospital, who may consume the fresh produce at the hospital’s café. The program will be expanded in the future, and will also include opportunities for therapeutic horticulture, which combines gardening and social services to improve the lives of people with physical and mental health issues.

Stay up to date on the latest from AdventHealth by visiting [AdventHealth.com/News](https://www.adventhealth.com/News). 📧

BY JOSE LUIS DIEPPA

Columbia First Church Hosts Revelation '22 Revival

Goal set! Mission accomplished! Columbia First Church has a desire to grow and prepare for the harvest. Vic Jaeger, pastor, has a yearning to reach those who are hungering for the Word and love of God. The COVID-19 pandemic has opened the eyes of many in seeing that prophecy is being fulfilled. Jaeger could not allow this opportunity to pass.

Cooking demonstrations led by Ruth Furaus were designed to prepare the ground for the church's spiritual revival and renewal. The pastor enlisted the help of another evangelistic pastor, Denver Cavins, who once pastored Columbia First. On hearing that Columbia needed assistance, Cavins felt the desire to help, and quickly agreed to be the speaker for an evangelistic seminar. He was joined by Larry Clark and gifted singer David Pitt, which formed the rest of the soul-winning team.

The Lord answered many prayers by allowing Revelation '22 to be possible. Opening night had an online attendance that quadrupled the in-person attendance. The seminar was filled with church member participation, which included talented singers and musicians, the Pathfinders, and others who volunteered to become greeters. Belinda Bartling and Celia Jaeger met with the children each night and brought the Bible to life. Revelation '22 also led to the formation of the "Columbia Singers," a praise team leading the congregation in worship.

The presentations were designed to reveal Christ in each of the fundamental beliefs. The response, even from members, was hugely positive. One woman came to Cavins somewhat exasperated saying, "How long have I been a Christian? Why don't I already know this?" The seminar was held from March 12-26, 2022, with 38 visitors coming in person, not counting the visitors online. Cavins poured himself out in every presentation. Working together with the



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evangelistic team, the dedicated efforts of church members led to the baptism of seven people. Out of the baptisms that the church has witnessed, one was Albert Martin. His wife, Janie Martin, had been praying for her husband for 30 years. "Praise the Lord for the understanding he was able to receive from Cavins," Janie Martin says. Another was Phoebe Wabington. From the moment she first came to the church, she said that others needed to know this message. She actively aided with the seminar even before being baptized herself. There are also four

individuals who will be taking Bible studies — two of whom came from the online audience and had never previously set foot in a church before.

Christ moved in a striking way during the seminar. “These meetings were something unlike anything I have ever experienced. Because I am retired, I had the

time to look into the teachings, and to place Jesus in the very center of each of them like never before,” stated Cavins. He had the opportunity to do an altar call after presenting the fundamental belief on hell, something he had never done before.

Jaeger is also amazed with the response saying, “I was not expecting this

internal revival. Our congregation is now excited about evangelism.” There is a spirit of change and expectation in the air for Columbia First Seventh-day Adventist Church. 📍

BY IRMA CORDERO AND DENVER CAVINS

Carolina Regional Holds Robotics Tournament

Adventist Robotics League has partnered with the Adventist Christian Academy of Raleigh to host the Carolina Regional Qualifying Championship on April 3, 2022, for the 2021-2022 FIRST® LEGO® League season, CARGO CONNECTSM, for students in grades 4-8.

The focus of the weekend activities will be around education with an emphasis on S.T.E.M. Enrichment.

We are excited to share that John Deere invested \$5,000 to support the Carolina Regional Robotics Tournament as a FIRST LEGO League challenge qualifier. This donation is part of John Deere Foundation’s bold commitments, which will donate \$100 million in families and

youth education over the next 10 years. “Youth require equitable access to education for their lives to leap forward,” says Pat Barnes, senior global program officer, education and equity, at John Deere.

The Adventist Robotics League under the umbrella of FIRST®, prepares young people for the future, and with the Cargo Connect season announced that they will task students to research and invent new ways to move goods safely and efficiently, and seek to improve the future of cargo transportation.

“FIRST LEGO League is all about empowering kids, even as young as 4, to be problem solvers,” said Chris Rake, interim president, FIRST. “We are eager to watch our teams around the world

collaborate and have fun with this season’s challenge. We are hopeful that we can welcome more students from more school districts to FIRST this season, and that educators can use FIRST as a tool to help students reconnect with their peers and hands-on learning. The safety of our participants continues to be our number one priority, and we will continue to offer flexible options so that no matter what, kids everywhere have the opportunity to innovate, explore, and hone important skills during the CARGO CONNECT season.” 📍

BY LAFAYETTE TRAWICK



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Sandra Doran Authors Book for Ukrainian Refugee Children

As a creator of children's curriculum for *Three Angels for Kids*, Sandra Doran is accustomed to the variety of projects generated by the lay ministry. But, she never expected the call that came from Dan Houghton, president of Hart Research just a short time ago.

"I answered my cell phone and Dan said, 'Sandy, we have to do something to help these Ukrainian children. They leave home with just the clothes on their backs. I'm wondering if you might be able to write a book to encourage them, to let them know that Jesus still cares.'"

The idea sounded amazing. But, there was only one catch. "We've got to get this out quickly," Dan said. "We have the artist standing by. How fast do you think you can turn it around?"

That night, Sandra prayed earnestly and slept soundly. In the morning, she arose, fired up her computer, and wrote the book that is providing hope to tens of thousands of children in the Ukraine and surrounding countries. To date, 70,000 copies have been printed in Ukrainian, Hungarian, Russian, and Polish.

"Children who have nothing are delighted to find something in their native language. They just cling to the book and read it over and over," says Ernestine Finley, who recently returned from a trip to Poland and Hungary, where Adventist churches have become refugee centers: providing food, shelter, clothing, and spiritual encouragement for the influx of displaced peoples.

Jesus Stills Cares for You is beautifully illustrated by Adventist artist Lars Justinen, well known for his inspirational work. With Justinen providing the artwork pro bono and Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries paying for all production costs, the book is a gift to those who need it most.



Two Ukrainian refugee children hold copies of Sandra Doran's book, *Jesus Still Cares for You*.

"It has been an honor to be involved with this project," states Doran. "It's fulfilling to know that somehow, in some small way, I am able to ease the burden of suffering children across the world."

To 70,000 children, that small difference provides an anchor of hope. One line from the book says it all: "War can

take your home, but it cannot take your heart, your mind, your soul, and especially your Jesus." 📖

Fort Myers Church Shares Health Message Throughout Southwest Florida

Fort Myers Church member Kathy Reynaert-Randall is a CHIP facilitator, trainer, and area developer. She recently conducted a six-week CHIP (Coronary Health Improvement Project) program for first responders at the Fort Myers Fire Department. Her training for this program is the result of something that happened 15 years ago.

Little did Fort Myers Church realize what God had in store for them 15 years ago when Cynthia Witter, who has a B.S. in nursing, attended the annual North American Division Health Education Seminar in Orlando, Fla., and became fired up about delivering the CHIP to the church family.

After receiving the information and teaching manual from Witter, Sandra Kolliniatis, health ministries director, prayed, and, like Gideon, sent out a fleece asking if the Lord would provide a team of approximately 20 people in order to proceed with Witter's request. God answered the prayer immediately with an eager team of more than 20 volunteers.

Today, CHIP is being taught as the premier Lifestyle Medicine Education Program in southwest Florida to the employees of Lee and Collier County School Systems, as well as the employees of Naples Community Hospital and the Lee Health Hospital System. These corporate entities send dietitians, wellness directors, and health coaches to be trained by the church's health ministry's committee to secure licensing to teach CHIP in their respective corporate entities.

Sal Lacagnina, M.D., former vice president of Lee Health in charge of employee wellness and currently running a private lifestyle medicine practice in Fort Myers, is now the chief medical officer



Kathy Reynaert-Randall, CHIP facilitator, trainer, and area developer, is shown with two fire chiefs from the Fort Myers Fire Station where she taught a CHIP class for six weeks.

for the CHIP program. “Our chronic western diseases — hypertension, obesity, diabetes, and heart disease — are all caused by poor lifestyle choices,” says Lacagnina, “and can only be reversed by improving those lifestyle choices by altering what we eat and drink, how we move, and what we think.”

CHIP encompasses the principles of the Adventist health message backed by scientific research and the successful outcomes of more than 85,000 peo-

ple. CHIP is a research tested, intensive lifestyle medicine intervention solution designed to prevent, arrest, and facilitate the reversal of many common chronic diseases.

The CHIP program has now been enhanced, refilmed, and rebranded as Pivio Health and will be released later this summer. 📺

BY KATHY REYNAERT-RANDALL

Benefits of Evangelism Multiply Following Field School

During the month of May, 10 churches in the Knoxville, Tenn., area held evangelistic meetings as part of the Southern Union Field School of Evangelism. At first look, many people think of evangelism as reaping a harvest of souls. It's the picture of the pastor in the baptistry and a new convert's story of being saved by God's amazing grace.

While that is most often celebrated and reported, there are many other incredible and vitally important benefits to a local church participating in evangelism. Through a planned process of preparing the church, planting seeds, praying for the Holy Spirit, and preaching the everlasting Gospel, evangelism can have multiplied benefits for members and friends of the church.

This process or "cycle of evangelism" is currently taught at Southern Adventist University (SAU). In order to apply the principles of evangelism in a practical way, a Field School of Evangelism is held once a year in a specific area of the Southern Union. Theology majors between their junior and senior year have the opportunity to participate with local churches as guest student evangelists.

This year, the Field School was invited by the churches of the Knoxville, Tenn., area, where host churches, local pastors, students, and professors from SAU teamed up for evangelism.

The process began more than two years prior to the arrival of the students. Working collaboratively, pastors from the Georgia-Cumberland Conference and the South-Central Conference came together to network and pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the churches and communities in and around Knoxville.

Local church boards discussed the de-



Matthew Tinkham Jr., pastor at Knoxville Grace Church, collects a response card from one of the Discovering Revelation attendees. Tinkham is one of the host pastors who has partnered with Southern Adventist University students for this year's Southern Union Field School of Evangelism.

tails and agreed to serve as host sites for "Discovering Revelation," a series of reaping meetings. In order for the full effect of these meetings to truly be realized, each church agreed to participate in the cycle of evangelism.

In February 2021, an evangelism rally was held at the Knoxville First Church. David Hartman, D.Min., from SAU, shared "Keys to the Heart," highlighting the ways in which each member could reach out to their circle of relationships with the love of Christ. This kickoff event was live-streamed to area churches, indicating that the process was beginning.

Throughout the course of 2021, pastors continued to pray and plan.

A "Season of Service" in October and November emphasized meeting community needs. Providing meals for the homeless, sharing food boxes, networking with local agencies for addiction recovery: all gave multiple ways for members to get involved. A Season of Service Celebration was held at the

Maryville Church, and a calendar of events for the Field School was shared.

At the beginning of 2022, a seminar by SALT (Soul-winning And Leadership Training) was presented at the Smoky Mountain Church. This training brought specific tips for sharing Bible studies. Concurrently, invitations for free Bible studies blanketed the area through the mail. Many interests were received for follow-up.

In February, Tim Madding, D.Min., from the North American Division Evangelism Institute, came to the Knoxville North Church to share ways to make the local church more visitor friendly. This was live streamed as well, so that all participating churches could learn and grow in their "curb appeal."

In March, a weekend revival was held where student evangelists came to their host churches for the first time. In April, a 40 Days of Prayer was initiated leading up to the reaping series.

Roger Hernandez, Southern Union ministerial director, provided a LEAD reaping series at the Knoxville First Church, May 7-14. Students were able to observe how to present difficult topics and make calls for decisions during this week. Daily classes were held for the students at the Knoxville Grace Church led by Barry Tryon, Ph.D., D.Min.

Nine other churches began their own reaping series on Thursday, May 12. Having sent out thousands of fliers, many new interests were gleaned. Some attended one or two nights, ripening fruit for follow-up. Others have continued to come night after night, learning the beauty of God's end time message.

The final results of the Field School of Evangelism will never be fully measured. Church members are working together, serving the community, reaching out to their neighbors and

PHOTO BY: CAMERON REEL

friends. Young aspiring pastors are learning about the cycle of evangelism, presenting God's Word, leading souls to the Savior. The harvest is truly plentiful! And now, through the Field School of Evangelism, more laborers

are prepared to be involved in the process.

Churches participating in the Field School in 2021-2022 are Knoxville First, Knoxville Trinity, Knoxville North, Knoxville Grace, Lenoir City,

LaFollette, Jellico, Maryville, Smoky Mountain, and Newport. ❶

BY RICK GREVE

Gerard Retires after 45 Years of Educational Leadership

Greg Gerard, Ed.D., has retired as principal of Georgia-Cumberland Academy (GCA) after 45 years of service in the field of education. Serge Gariepy, current GCA vice principal, will step into the role of principal after Gerard's departure.

Gerard has overseen significant changes and growth during his 20 years at GCA. Under his leadership, the school grew in enrollment from 216 students in 2002-03 to 303 students at the beginning of the current school year. He helped undertake a major capital campaign that raised a total of \$21,648,025 for much-needed facility additions on campus and for student and program support. Above all, he focused on creating a school environment that nurtures students both academically and spiritually.

Gerard's career in education began in 1977 when he was hired as a teacher at Shenandoah Valley Academy after graduating from Andrews University with a bachelor's degree. After teaching for three years, he finished a master's degree from Andrews and went on for a doctoral degree in educational leadership from Western Michigan University. Following graduate school, Gerard served as principal at Midland Adventist Academy and Great Lakes Adventist Academy before becoming director of development at Andrews University, and later vice president for advancement at La Sierra University and Olivet College. The skills and knowledge he gained while in higher

education gave him a perspective and skill set that uniquely prepared him for the next phase of his career.

In 2002, when Georgia-Cumberland Academy was looking for a principal, God placed a burden on Gerard's heart to return to his original calling. Answering the call to return to secondary education was a significant change that had far-reaching impact for Gerard and the people under his leadership.

Jenessa King, '07, when considering the impact of Gerard's career at GCA, shares, "Dr. Greg Gerard upheld a standard of excellence for all who stepped foot onto GCA's campus. He was a terrific example of servant leadership for both staff and students. I will forever be grateful for the Jesus-centered environment he helped to cultivate at GCA."

Kaleb Leeper, '08, vice principal for student life at Shenandoah Valley Academy, observes, "Greg is a principal for the students. While I was a student, you knew that 'Dr. G' was working to better the school for you. You could interact with him, and he would quickly respond with some witty quip. Later, when I became a colleague, little changed. I saw with even greater detail the efforts that he put into empowering the faculty and staff to create the best programs for the students. He has always been about the students at GCA. I feel very privileged to have been able to witness great leadership and learn from Dr. Gerard."

As he prepares to step down from his



Greg Gerard, principal at Georgia-Cumberland Academy, is pictured with Sabrina Gomez, one of many graduates who has experienced the Christ-centered environment Gerard fostered. Gerard is retiring after 45 years of edu-

full-time role and into part-time work as an education consultant at the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, Gerard feels confident in the direction GCA is heading. "The future of GCA is bright, with strong leadership in place for next year, and the promise of God's blessing," said Gerard. "I am grateful for the past 20 years at Georgia-Cumberland Academy. They have been the best years of my life!" ❷

BY JODI STEELE AND BETH ZEISSE

Pastors Ordained to Ministry During Camp Meeting

During the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference annual Camp Meeting on Saturday, May 28, 2022, family and friends joined with Conference administrative officers at the Highland, Tenn., Church to commemorate the ordination of Jared Briggman and Cody Floyd Harmon.

Jared Briggman

Jared Briggman was born in Colorado Springs, Colo., and grew up along the front range of the Rocky Mountains. During his four years at Campion Academy, he began to have a sense that God was calling him into ministry.

Being involved in two student-led evangelistic series, he gained an understanding of what sharing the Gospel would be like. But, for the better part of 12 years, Briggman ran from the call. Then, after losing almost everything except his family, his heart finally opened enough to hear God telling him to go back to school to become a pastor.

After finishing his bachelor of arts in religion through Andrews University, he received a call to the Mountain View Con-



PHOTO BY: PAOLA MORA ZEPEDA

Pastors have dedicatory prayer for Cody Floyd Harmon and Jared Briggman during their ordination service.

ference where he served both as a district pastor and a church planter. In August of 2021, Briggman received a call to his current church in Taylor Mill, Ky. In December of 2021, Briggman earned his master's in pastoral ministry, also from Andrews University. Briggman has been married to his wife, Ashley, for 17 years. They have two children, Andy, who is about ready to be a high schooler, and Jonny, who is

going into sixth grade. Briggman enjoys cooking, baking, woodworking, and developing new and innovative ways to share the Gospel on social media.

Cody Floyd Harmon

Cody Floyd Harmon was born in Lexington County, S.C., and raised in Gilbert, S.C., by his parents, Joe and Charlene Harmon. His parents came from the United Methodist Church, where much of his family still faithfully attend.

Joe and Charlene Harmon came into the Adventist Church in the early '80s, and raised both of their boys within. Harmon felt the call to ministry briefly as an 11-year-old boy while his family prayed. They had just performed in a gospel concert at a Baptist church.

But, it was after four years in the Marine Corps that God brought him, albeit reluctantly, into the life of ministry by way of service, spiritual pillars, and remarkable encounters in his life. He attended Southern Adventist University and earned a B.A. in theology. He was later hired by Kentucky-Tennessee in 2015. He proceeded to pastor the Clarks-



PHOTO BY: PAOLA MORA ZEPEDA

Jared Briggman (center) is dedicated during his ordination service at the annual Kentucky-Tennessee Camp Meeting. Briggman currently serves as the pastor of the Taylor Mill, Ky., Church.



PHOTO BY: PAOLA MORA ZEPEDA

Pastors pray over Cody Floyd Harmon during his ordination service at the annual Kentucky-Tennessee Camp Meeting. Harmon currently serves as the pastor of the Columbia, Tenn., district.

ville district for two years, and earned a master of divinity from Andrews University in May of 2020. He has been pastoring in the Columbia district of middle Tennessee ever since.

In his spare time, he enjoys gardening,

carpentry, fishing, riding horses, and fitness. His favorite pastoral responsibilities are preaching, giving Bible studies, and visiting. He notes that without the invaluable and incessant positive influence, prayers, instruction, and support of

his family, professors, and, most of all, God, he would not be able to stand in this calling. ●

Nashville Korean Members Celebrate their Faith at Spring Spiritual Retreat

On the weekend of April 29 to May 1, 2022, members of the Nashville Korean Church in Tennessee gathered at Cedars of Lebanon State Park for a Spring Spiritual Retreat. The event was attended by church members of all ages, and carried the theme, “Way to Jesus.”

Nashville Korean Church holds spiritual retreats twice a year — once in the fall and once in the spring. According to Seokeon Yoon, pastor, this event is an opportunity to connect with one another

in a worship setting.

“So, [the church members] know and understand each other better, and we can also come close to Jesus,” Yoon said.

Some of the activities of the retreat included a nature hike, prayer by the bonfire, Bible treasure hunt, and game night.

More than 50 people attended the Spiritual Spring Retreat. To accommodate the Korean and English-speaking groups, two speakers were invited for the service: Cho, retired pastor, spoke for the Korean group, and Nacho Silverio,

Madison Campus pastor, preached for the English group.

“This was a great chance to bridge the generational gap between our younger and older [church members],” said Marcus Min, elder at Nashville Korean. “We want to have a family atmosphere and uplift the spiritual yearning of our members.” ●

BY PAOLA MORA ZEPEDA



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Nacho Silverio, Madison Campus pastor, leads the English Sabbath School service during the Nashville Korean Church Spiritual Retreat. The retreat, titled “Way to Jesus,” provided a chance for church members of the Nashville Korean Church to worship and connect with one another on Saturday, April 30, 2022.



PHOTO BY: PAOLA MORA ZEPEDA

Cho, pastor, preaches during the main service of the Nashville Korean Church Spiritual Retreat. Some additional activities of the retreat included a nature hike, prayer by the bonfire, Bible treasure hunt, and game night on Saturday, April 30, 2022.

Sabbath School Class Donates Water Borehole

The Helping Hands Sabbath School class of the Riverside Chapel Church in Nashville, Tenn., took on the project to provide funds for a water borehole for the town of Lonto in the Kpandai district in the northern region of Ghana.

Lonto has a population of about 10,000 people, and struggles with the quest to get water from dugout wells dried up between November and May each year. Lack of portable water compels school children to trek several kilometers to Lake Volta to fetch water. This has resulted in school absenteeism and drop-outs. The situation has also caused an

increase in typhoid cases in the region.

Daniel Gyaminah, Salaga district pastor of the Northern Ghana Mission, shared the problem via a documentary video of the situation, and suggested a lasting solution to the water crisis. Daniel Agyemang, Helping Hands Sabbath School class leader, viewed the video and shared it with his class, and the class decided to fund a mechanized borehole for the Lonto community.

The project began on December 3, 2021. It was successfully completed, and was commissioned by Paul Dapaa Siakwan, president of the Northern Ghana Mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and

Nana Kofi Wuram II, chief of Lonto, on January 28, 2022.

Wuram expressed his profound appreciation to the Helping Hands class for their unparalleled, Christ-like attitude toward his people. He assured the class of their commitment to maintaining the facility to benefit the future generation. Wuram also appealed to the Adventist church to continue building additional mechanized borehole facilities to meet the needs of their vast population. 📺

BY DANIEL AGYEMANG



Paul Dapaa Siakwan dedicates the borehole in Lonto.



Women fill their water basins from the new borehole.



Nana Kofi Wuram II, chief of Lonto, drinks water from the new borehole.



Lonto's mechanized borehole

Alabama Governor Meets OAA Team

Benjamin Jones Jr., president of South Central Conference, accompanied the Oakwood Adventist Academy (OAA) Varsity Basketball team on their visit with Kay Ivey, governor of Alabama. After the team's decision to forfeit their Alabama High School Athletics Association (AHSAA) Class 1A Boy's Northeast Regional Basketball Semi-Finals game in February 2022, the state governor heard about the team's decision and invited them to a visit with her.

The OAA delegation traveled to the State House in Montgomery, Ala., on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, for their meeting with the governor. Ivey asked each player to share their key takeaway from the events that unfolded. The governor's press release on the meeting stated that Ivey "was impressed by their [the team's] strong convictions, determination to do what is right, and their positive outlook on life, even when things did not go their way."

Jones felt it was important to provide a

tangible demonstration of support for the team's decision. In addition, Jones was exploring with the Adventist Church's public relations and religious liberty leaders to see if there is any response that should be made by the South Central Conference legally.

After the visit with Ivey, the team was given a tour of the State Capitol before heading back to Huntsville, Ala. 📷

BY ROGER R. WADE



PHOTO BY: ROGER R. WADE

Benjamin Jones Jr., president of South Central, stands with the OAA basketball team at the State Capitol.



PHOTO BY: GOVERNOR'S STAFF

Kay Ivey (center), governor of Alabama, stands with the OAA basketball team.

Pastor, Educator, Builder, Pioneer Takes His Rest

Keith Albert Dennis, pastor, educator, and early pioneer of the Southeastern Conference, passed away February 8, 2022, in Wellington, Fla. He was born September 13, 1932, in St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica, and was 89 years old. He spent his childhood years alternately in Kingston and St. Ann's Bay where the remarkable business acumen of his father and the strong work ethic of his mother left an indelible impression upon his young mind. Dennis' early experiences served as an aid in him developing a tremendous spirit of determination and perseverance which would serve him well as an adult.

In 1951, he received an invitation to evangelistic meetings. He attended the first evening and was moved by the truth of God's Word. At the end of the series, he committed his life to Christ and was baptized. Immediately he was impressed to enter the ministry. Dennis, obedient to the voice of God, embarked upon his great life's journey. He graduated from West Indies College, Andrews University, and New York University.

Dennis served as the principal of the Capitol City SDA School in India-

napolis, Ind., and R.T. Hudson School in New York City. He later pastored Fifth Avenue Church in Mount Vernon, N.Y.; Faith Church in Hartford, Conn.; Daughter of Zion Church in Delray Beach, Fla.; Trinity Temple Church in



Belle Glade, Fla.; Ephesus Church in West Palm Beach, Fla.; First Church in Riviera Beach, Fla.; Lighthouse Church and Rays of Light Church in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; and Deerfield Beach Church in Deerfield Beach, Fla.

From 1981 to 1988, Dennis served as the first youth director, education director, communication director, and health and temperance secretary of the newly-formed Southeastern Conference.

Dennis retired from ministry in 2010 after nearly 50 years of service. He remained strong and energetic until the end of his life. He is survived by his wife of nearly 62 years, Mavis; their five children, Wayne Sr., David, Dawn, Dean, and Luke; and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. While hearts are saddened by the passing of this fearless preacher of righteousness, they do not mourn as those who have no hope. He sleeps peacefully, awaiting the voice of the Life-giver. ❶

BY DEAN DENNIS

Couple Provides "Soup Day" to Conference Staff

The work that Southeastern Conference officials and staff perform is important, but it is not always noticed or appreciated. A couple from the Zion Hill Church in Hawthorne, Fla., decided to show their appreciation in a tangible way when they started "Soup Day." Almost every week, Eileen and

Raymond Pilliner bring a meal of vegan soup and cornbread to serve the workers at the Southeastern Conference Office in Mt. Dora, Fla.

The Pilliners started the soup ministry about seven years ago when they recognized the challenge for workers at the Conference Office to get food in the ar-

ea. "We are mindful that the Conference Office is not in a place where there are many restaurants," said Eileen Pilliner, "so the staff may not have many options for getting a meal if they arrive at the workplace without breakfast or a packed lunch." Because they live so close to the office, the Pilliners decided they would

bring good food to the workers there. At first they ambitiously crafted a three-course meal, but they soon realized that it was taking more time than they had to prepare. Eventually, they settled on soup and cornbread as something easy for them to prepare and which would suffice for the staff.

When asked about receiving any reward for their service, Eileen Pilliner said that it was not necessary in comparison to the satisfaction they feel from helping those who have helped them. “We do it because we find pleasure and purpose in doing it,” she said, “and because my husband and I are thankful for the times when the church members fed our children and me when we used to spend long hours at the schools where I once worked.

Initially, she was engaged in research in edible oils and in medicine. Convinced, however, that her interest was in the service field, she later switched from the sciences to work in education. For eight years, she served as an educator in the Northeastern Conference at Hanson Place Adventist School in Brooklyn, N.Y., and for 16 years in Southeastern Conference at Shiloh SDA School in Ocala, Fla., Marion County.

She earned her doctorate in education from Andrews University, and has used her skills not only to teach children, but also as the coordinator of adult education for 14 years in the Marion County Public School district. Reflecting on her time as an educator, Pilliner said, “Many mornings I had to rush out to get the children to school, and barely had time to prepare lunch or eat breakfast.” Identifying a shared experience for those doing God’s work was a part of her inspiration for starting the Soup Day idea.

Her husband thought giving back to the office workers was a great idea, and he was delighted to assist with meal preparation. Raymond Pilliner has been her right-hand man, supporting her in the kitchen and at home by running errands to the grocery store or cooking and cleaning up afterward. The two have



Raymond and Eileen Pilliner

PHOTO BY: SEC COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT

been married for 52 years, and love doing this ministry as a team. “Ministry gives us purpose, makes us happy; and we love the staff,” they said.

From what the couple shared, it was evident that they have a great love for the Southeastern Conference and the difference it has made in their lives. Eileen Pilliner said, “What you do from day to day is very important in moving our conference forward It makes us happy that taking a meal there when we can means something to you.” The Pilliners have been considering delivering the meals more often, and have been discussing the need to recruit help from friends to ensure the soup keeps going to

the Conference even when they are not available. Eileen Pilliner said, “Knowing the difference we are making, makes us want to encourage others who can get on board and help us energize you to better get through at least one day — Soup Day!”

The faculty and staff are very appreciative of this kind gesture from the Pilliners. In the same way, they make the workers feel loved and appreciated, the Conference acknowledges the work that this couple is doing to be a blessing to others. ❶

BY HAKEEM BROWN

AHU Professors Pitch in to Teach High School Science Classes

When her daughters arrived home from high school one day in April, Benita David, M.B.A., D.B.A., could sense their frustration.

“Isn’t there anything you can do?” David’s daughters pleaded.

Well, it just so happens, there was something David could do to alleviate her daughters’ worries.

Two teachers were out on leave simultaneously at Forest Lake Academy (FLA) in Apopka, Fla., where David’s daughters are juniors. One of those teachers leads chemistry, a more specialized class than general science and math.

With the blessing of AdventHealth University (AHU) leadership, David, chair of healthcare administration at AHU, rallied her fellow AHU professors to cover the chemistry, honors chemistry, and environmental science classes at FLA through the end of the 2021-2022 school year. That’s six class-

es a day — in addition to the courses they teach at AHU.

Thanks to Nadia Edwin, Ph.D.; Carlo Semerzier, Ph.D.; graduate students Katherine Gonzalez and Isobel Fitzhugh; and David, the students are completing labs, solving chemical equations, and preparing to pass end-of-year exams.

“It’s a challenge at the end of the year to get them to understand the concepts,” said David, who has been a professor of business, finance, marketing, and leadership at AHU for 13 years.

With a 100-year legacy of providing Seventh-day Adventist education, Forest Lake Academy is open to those in grades 9-12th.

“It’s a different world teaching high school students who are not there by choice and college graduate students. I certainly admire what high school teachers are doing on a daily basis,” said David, who earned her bachelor’s degree in biomedical zoology from An-

drews University, her master’s degree in business administration from Valdosta State University, and her doctoral degree in business administration from Argosy University.

Administrators at Forest Lake Academy are extremely appreciative David stepped forward.

“It’s great that we have someone qualified to do this,” said Glen Baker, Ed.D., Forest Lake principal. “We’re very grateful to have Dr. David do that.”

This is not the first time Forest Lake Academy and AdventHealth University are collaborating. The two schools, both located in the same vicinity of central Florida, partner to offer dual enrollment classes for high school students wanting to earn college credit hours. 📖

BY JENNIFER AUDETTE



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Nadia Edwin, Ph.D., chemistry professor at AdventHealth University, teaches chemical equations to students at Forest Lake Academy in Apopka, Fla.



PHOTO BY: SCOTT AUDETTE/ADVENTHEALTH UNIVERSITY

Benita David, M.B.A., D.B.A., chair of the healthcare administration program at AdventHealth University, helps with a chemistry class at Forest Lake Academy in Apopka, Fla.

Southern Introduces Bachelor's Degree in Engineering

With classes beginning in Fall 2023, Southern Adventist University is launching a new bachelor's degree in engineering. This program will build on the associate degree in engineering that the University has offered for many years, and will be housed in the Physics and Engineering Department.

"This is a program that prospective students have been asking for," said Ryan Herman, director of admissions. "We're excited that now engineering students will be able to complete their bachelor's degree here and enjoy the full Southern experience."

The program will include the option of mechanical, electrical, and computer engineering concentrations. With a strong emphasis on math and science, the de-



In this new degree program, students can pick from mechanical, electrical, and computer engineering concentrations.

gree will hone students' problem solving and analytical thinking skills, preparing

them for a fulfilling engineering career or serving as a launch pad for an advanced degree in a variety of fields.

"This bachelor's degree in engineering is a wonderful addition to Southern's academic offerings," said Tyson Hall, Ph.D., associate vice president for academic administration and dean of graduate and professional studies. "Because engineering is a service-oriented profession that emphasizes designing practical solutions for the benefit of others, our new engineering program fits naturally with Southern's mission to equip students to embody professional excellence and pursue Spirit-filled lives of service." 📖

BY STAFF WRITER

House Joint Resolution Honors Southern

Tennessee Representative Greg Vital presented a special resolution to Southern on Friday, May 6, 2022. Signed by Governor Bill Lee and leaders of the Tennessee House and Senate, the House Joint Resolution is "to honor and congratulate Southern Adventist University on the occasion of its 130th anniversary."

"It is my honor as representative of district 29 House of Representatives to present this to President Ken Shaw, the faculty, administration, and students," said Vital, a Southern alum, during the presentation. "Congratulations students, graduates, on your 130th anniversary."

Founded in 1892, Southern is dedicated to providing a quality, Christian education. The University enrolls approximately 2,700 students pursuing degrees ranging from associate to doctoral. The primarily



Tennessee Representative Greg Vital (left) presents a special resolution to Ken Shaw, president of Southern Adventist University.

residential student body represents nearly 40 countries around the globe.

Located on 1,300 acres, the University welcomes community members to enjoy campus resources, such as Hulsey Wellness Center, the Village Market vegetarian health food store, numerous per-

formances and lectures, its own Classical 90.5 WSMC radio station, and nearly 40 miles of mountain trails. While Southern alumni contribute to their communities all around the world, many work in the greater Chattanooga area, especially in health-related fields. Additionally, students actively serve others within the local community and abroad.

"We are honored to receive this official recognition from the State of Tennessee, and particularly proud to have it presented by our state representative, friend, and alumnus Greg Vital," said Ken Shaw, Ed.D., president. "We hope to continue our long-standing tradition of preparing students to positively impact our region and beyond." 📖

BY STAFF WRITER



ALBERTSON, JAMES YOUNG, 83, born Nov. 5, 1938 in Roanoke, VA, died Feb. 17, 2022 in Indianapolis, IN, from Alzheimers. His parents were Robert and Mayme Albertson. The Albertson family lived in Durham, NC. After graduating from high school in 1957, Jim enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in Korea. His particular job was as an air traffic controller. While in the Air Force, he became friends with David, a Seventh-day Adventist, and they would talk about religion quite a bit. They both returned to the States and maintained their friendship. At Langley Air Base, David asked Jim if he was baptized. Jim answered yes, he was baptized as a baby by sprinkling. Friend David retorted that this did not count as proper biblical baptism as he was not immersed. Wanting to be in harmony with the Bible, Jim was dutifully baptized by immersion and became a member of the Baptist church.

After his time in the Air Force ended, he enrolled in Baptist Bible College to become a minister. While pursuing his ministerial studies there, he also pastored a small Baptist church. He kept in touch with his Air Force friend David. Over time and study, Jim became convinced about the importance and

relevance of keeping the seventh day Sabbath holy. He left the Bible College and enrolled at Columbia Union College (now Washington Adventist University) in Takoma Park, MD, to continue ministerial studies to become a pastor. This time for the Sabbath-keeping Adventists. Big Change. He married Linda Gutschuss (student nurse) in 1962. They have two sons: "J.M." and Danny. He also did post graduate study at the Seminary at Andrews University. He has served in six conferences either as pastor or in Trust Services. He retired in 2004 and moved to the Collegedale, TN, area. In 2018, he and Linda moved to Fort Oglethorpe, GA. They were members of the Battlefield Community Church in Ringgold, GA. In 2021, following an automobile accident, they moved to Indianapolis, IN, to live with their son Danny. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Linda; son, John-Mark of Redmond, WA, son, Matthew Daniel of Indianapolis; grandson, Alexander of Winder GA; grandson, Matthew of Cumming, GA; twin brothers, Joel of Richmond, VA, and Jack of Clarksburg, VA. His favorite meaningful hymn was "Jesus Loves Me," and his favorite Bible text was John 3:16.

CONE, MARGARETTA L., 92, born Jan. 22, 1930 in Panama, died March 23, 2022 in Orlando, FL. She was a member of Florida Living Church in Apopka, FL. Her earliest and fondest memories were of time spent with her parents, William and Mabel Mulholland, and family in Panama, Cuba, and Mexico as missionaries. She graduated from Washington Missionary College, Takoma Park, MD, with a double major in secretarial and piano performance. She studied organ at Peabody Institute School of Music. In college, she became reacquainted with Donald Cone, a childhood friend from Panama, and they were married in 1954 at the Takoma Park Church. Their sweet love story begun at an early age and continued until Donald's passing in 2007. Margaretta was active in her children's lives as a volunteer in their classrooms, taught choir for a couple of years, and both Margaretta and Donald traveled with various musical groups when the children were at Forest Lake Academy in Apopka. After her youngest child graduated, Margaretta began working as secretary to the president of Florida Conference. In her nearly 30 years of service, she was secretary to three presidents, women's ministries director, and communication director. Her quality of work and Christ-like character were a blessing to many. She is survived by her son, Arthur; daughter, Sharon Vandevere; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two nieces; two great-nieces; two great-great-nieces; and a great-great-nephew. A service was held at the Baldwin Fairchild Funeral Home in Altamonte Springs, FL.



DURICHEK SR., JOHN T., 86, born June 10, 1935 in Chicago, IL, died March 9, 2022 at his home in Collegedale, TN. John graduated from Collegedale Academy in 1953, and Southern Missionary College (SMC) in 1958. John met the love of his life, Helen Emily Case of Charlotte, NC, while in college and they married in 1958. John completed his education at Peabody College in Nashville, TN, when he received a master's degree in industrial education.

John taught at and was principal of Highland Academy in Portland, TN, for eight years. During that time, Helen and John increased their family by three children. John returned to SMC where he taught in the Industrial Arts Department. When the age of computers arrived, he retrained and taught in the new technology area. John retired in 2003 after 41 years in Christian education.

John's interests included music, he directed the band and choirs and played in the University orchestra—his major instrument was the oboe. He taught woodworking and created beautiful cutting boards. John took Southern students to Nicaragua, Central America, on mission trips. John and Helen supported strong marriages by sponsoring Marriage Enrichment Seminars and monthly activities.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Helen; children: Deborah (James Duerksen) of Collegedale, John Thomas Durichek Jr. (Rebecca Hartnett) of Fredericksburg, VA, and Betty (Chris Farley) of Walla Walla, WA; grandchildren: Joseph (Brittany Mudrich) Durichek of Collegedale, Emily (Kevin) Ford of Vancouver, WA, Evan Farley of Walla Walla, and Sarah Durichek of Fredericksburg, VA; and two great-grandchildren.

GABBERT EULA M. L., 91, born Sept. 15, 1930 in Ranchi, India, died March 6, 2022 at her home in Duluth, GA. Eula May graduated from Portland Union Academy and attended Southwestern Junior College in Keene, TX, before transferring to Union College in Lincoln, NE, where she graduated with a degree in elementary education.

She met her husband Gale Loicen Gabbert while working in the school cafeteria. The pair taught school in Glen Burnie, MD, before Gale went to the Seminary and took up pastoral work. The two worked in the Chesapeake, Oregon, Ohio, Potomac, Texas, and Georgia-Cumberland conferences. Eula May taught elementary school, piano, and supported Gale with his church ministry. They often opened up their home for church potlucks, and took pleasure in visiting people in their homes. They enjoyed retirement living for more than 20 years in Collegedale, TN, spending winters in Avon Park, FL. For the past two years, Eula May lived with her son Dennis and wife Rhea, where she read her large-print Bible, walked over two miles a day, and watched sermons of her favorite preacher, David Asscherick.

She is survived by her sister, Evonne Baasch; three children: Teresa (Randy) Dorn, Dennis (Rhea) Gabbert, and Brenda (Ted) Theus; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gale Gabbert; parents, Ebba and George Lindquist; and brother, Edo Lindquist.



WHIDDEN, CHARLES "CHUCK," 90 of Collegedale, TN, died Dec. 17, 2021. A native of Bowling Green, FL, he has been a resident of Collegedale for 37 years, and was a former city councilman for the City of Collegedale. He was a member and former deacon of the Collegedale Church, and a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in Korea.

Chuck was a retired manager with Publix Food Stores in Tampa, FL, and also served as the manager of the Village Market in Collegedale. He was also a long-time member of the Ooltewah Collegedale Kiwanis Club, serving many years as the interclub chairman. He was also a member of the Collegedale VFW #1697 and the American Legion #257.

He is survived by his wife, Jewel Whidden; daughter, Deborah Jewel (Owen) Maupin; sons: Dennis James (Gale) Whidden and Bruce Edward (Christine) Whidden; sister, Mary (Tom) Duncan; brothers: LeeRoy (Barbara) Whidden, Trace (Carol) Whidden, and Michael (Marta) Whidden; 18 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; several nieces; and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents: Jessie Lee and Elizabeth Dennis Whidden; daughter, Brenda Callahan; granddaughter, Angela Ensley; and brother, Vernon Whidden.

ALLEN, ROBERT STANLEY, 78, of Ooltewah, TN, died Sept. 6, 2021. Robert was a charter member of the Ooltewah Church and the Collegedale Community Church. He was a retired English teacher at Lakeview High School in Fort Oglethorpe, GA, for 30 years, and worked for Collegedale Exxon for 20 plus years. He was an avid gardener, and loved traveling and camping in his RV. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He is survived by his loving wife of 44½ years, Hazel Hauck Allen; daughters, Pamela Kae Klein, and Kimberly Dianne (Kyle) Polster; foster twin daughters: Stacy Michelle Brown and Tracy Denise (Chris) O'Mary; grandchildren: Robert Scott (Jessie) Coulter, Casey Adrian (Britain) Parker, Kalissa Jane Polster, Tristian Adrian Polster, and Kayla (Preston) Merritt; and one great-grandchild, Presley Elise Merritt. He was preceded in death by his parents: Russell E. and Alice Mae Allen; and his great-grandson, Thomas Parker Merritt. A funeral

service was held on Sept. 10, 2021 at the Collegedale Community Church with Pastor Jerry Arnold officiating. Burial was at the Collegedale Memorial Park.

BOOTHBY, HERBERT (HERB) ALLEN, 76, born May 16, 1945 in Lawrence, MI, as the son of the late Russell and Marion (Gwin) Boothby, died Aug. 23, 2021, in Naples, FL. Herb attended school in Michigan and graduated from Grand Ledge Academy. He went on to serve in the Army as a medic in Vietnam using the Sabbath hours to help the people in nearby villages. He worked most of his life as a carpenter building homes, and finally worked at the Naples Zoo until his retirement. There are not enough words to describe Herb's unique character and passion for life and people. He loved and touched in so many ways the lives of everyone he met. In his eyes, no one was a stranger but someone with whom he could share a little joy, love and his ever-present and infectious smile. He was easily recognized by his unique dress of "alligatored" shirts and

shorts and white "Herbster" slip-on shoes and driving his 1966 Chevy pickup or riding one of his Harley Davidson motorcycles. Herb was a lifelong Seventh-day Adventist and a member of churches in the Michigan, Colorado, Illinois, and Florida conferences. Herb had a passion for youth ministries. He served as the Pathfinder director in Hinsdale, IL, taking the Pathfinders to the first NAD Camporee at Camp Hale, CO, in 1985. After moving to Naples in 1987, he continued working with the youth for another 30 years as Pathfinder director, Sabbath School teacher, and youth leader. Herb opened his home every Friday night to the youth of the church and community to provide Bible studies, snacks, and a safe, non-judgmental place for them to socialize with their peers. Often, he reminded the youth of the text in Titus 1:2 where it says God cannot lie when sharing the many Bible promises, and telling them that soon it would be their turn to be the leaders of the Church. Herb is survived by his wife of 33 years, Suzanne Ambron Boothby;

sister, Wanda (Larry) Martz of Leesburg, FL; daughter, Tami Boothby of Weston, FL; many cousins; nieces; nephews; and all the youth he lovingly called his sons and daughters. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Betty Robbins Boothby; brothers: David (Candy) Boothby and Russell "Rusty" (Sherry) Boothby; sister, Linda (Alan) First; and daughter, Sheila (Jeremy) Saunders. A service was held for Herb at Naples Church on Aug. 28, 2021, followed by a second service in Gobles, MI, where he was laid to rest in Robinson Cemetery on Sept. 1, 2021.

FORMATO, VELDA J., 81, born Jan. 18, 1940 in Greeley, CO, died at home, July 3, 2021. Velda, or Jean, as she was known later in life, grew up in the west along with her two brothers until moving to Oregon and attending Laurelwood Academy. From there she went to Walla Walla College (now Walla Walla University). Before completing her degree, Velda married and moved to Florida. She then moved to north Georgia and met her future husband Joe. They were married 10 years before she was diagnosed with ALS. She is survived by her children: Kenton (Amy) Boskind, and Kim Warren; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

FULFORD, SHARON L. S., 75, born Sept. 16, 1946 in Anderson, IN, died at home in Tennessee on March 10, 2022. Sharon is the daughter of Wayne and Nellie Shadle. She graduated from Indiana Academy and then from Indiana University with a degree in nursing, and practiced her profession for more than 30 years. She married Bob Fulford of Wrightsville, GA, in 1969. She is survived by her husband, Bob; brother, Eric Shadle and his spouse; two sons: Kevin Fulford and his spouse, and Jeff Fulford and his spouse; one stepson, Bobby Fulford and his spouse; one stepdaughter, Lisa Fulford; several grandchildren; multiple nieces; nephews; and cousins.

GIBSON, WINDELL, 85, born May 19, 1936 in Jackson, CO, to D.C. and Ollie Gibson, passed away suddenly, March 13, 2022. Windell's brother, Bill Gibson, invited him to attend a Revelation Seminar at Floral Crest Church in Trenton, GA, in April 2016. Windell made a decision to join Floral Crest Church by Profession of Faith. Windell was a Korean Marine Veteran, and was stationed at Camp LaJune, NC. Windell was owner of Gibson Industrial in Rossville, GA, for about 40 years. He is survived by his loving wife, Del-

phyne Ballard Gibson, and his first wife and the mother of his children, Mary Gibson; one daughter, Carol Gibson (Scott) Howard, and one son, Ray (Caryn) Gibson; four granddaughters: Sarah Sims, Mary (Bradley) Gibson Boozman, Allison Gibson, and Grace Gibson; one grandson, Caleb Gibson; one great-granddaughter, Alisha Jane Bozeman (born after Windell's death); two brothers: Bill Gibson and Paul (Joan) Gibson; several nieces; nephews; one stepson, Terry (April) Reece, one step-granddaughter, Julia Reece; one step-grandson, Jeremy (Leslie) Slay; one step-greatgrandson, Logan Johnson; cousins; and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, D.C. and Ollie Gibson; and his second wife, Lou Wooden Gibson; one grandson, Michael Anderson; one granddaughter, Ashley Gibson; and one stepdaughter, Debra Ann Reece Benson.

ISAACS, SHARON C., 57, born Aug. 12, 1964 in Carenage, Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, died March 22, 2022 in St. Augustine, FL. She was a member of the St. Augustine Church for three years. She is survived by her spouse, Trevor; two sons: Tristen Isaacs of St. Johns, FL, and George Isaacs of St. Augustine; two daughters: Shareva Isaacs of St. Augustine, and Sydney Isaacs of St. Johns; two brothers: Lincoln Jules of Virginia, and Dr. Abraham Jules of New York; one sister, Marilyn Beharry of Virginia; and one grandchild. The service was conducted by Dr. Abraham Jules at the St. Augustine Church. Interment was at Craig Memorial Park in St. Augustine.

JIMENEZ, ALEJANDRO (ALEX), 82, born June 14, 1939 in Los Angeles, CA, died Jan. 12, 2021 in Anderson, SC. He was a member of the North Anderson Church. He and his wife, Mary Ann, were joined together in marriage on Oct. 8, 1972. He was a gourmet cook, an enthusiastic traveler (especially Mexico), avid sports fan (especially his Raiders), World War II buff, and loved his dog, Elliott. He was a literature evangelist in Arizona and California (didn't sell many books but his family believe that with his message and engaging personality many will be in the Kingdom). He is survived by his loving wife, Mary Ann Thomas Jimenez; three children from his first marriage: Rhonda, Richard, and Steve; four grandchildren: Jennifer, Jane, Juan Jr., and Joanna; five great-grandchildren; numerous nieces; nephews; and one sister, Ruth Esquer. Alex is preceded in death by his parents: Concha Oce-

querre and Alejandro R. Jimenez; three brothers: Alejandro R. Jimenez Jr., Joe Jimenez, and Frank Jimenez; and five sisters: Esther Navarro, Alice Uribe, Angie Nieto, Nellie Cervantes, and Connie Calderon. Hortie Gurgien, his youngest sister, died Feb. 19, 2022.

PARKER, ROLLEEN, 97, born Jan. 28, 1925 in Huron, SD, died April 9, 2022 in Apopka, FL. She was a member of Markham Woods Church in Longwood, FL, for 22 years. She is survived by two sons: Brent and Todd; one daughter, Cindy; one brother, Vernon; one sister, Mavis; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. The service was conducted by Doug Hardt at Markham Woods Church in Longwood. Interment was at Highland Memorial Gardens in Apopka.

RUMSEY, VERGINIA F., 95, born Sept. 27, 1926 in Lansing, MI, died March 13, 2022 in Ooltewah, TN. Verginia is the first child of Earl and Beulah Griffith. She married Ray Rumsey in June 1949. Their sons, Greg and Mark, were born in 1951 and 1957. In 1959 they moved to Wichita, KS. The couple also lived many years in Seattle, WA, and Charlotte, NC, before moving to Ooltewah. Verginia is preceded in death by her husband, Ray. She is survived by her sister, Gloria Jones; sons: Greg (Shirley) and Mark (Susan); five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Interment is planned this summer in Charlotte, NC.

SIMMONS, LOIS "BUNNIE" ELIZABETH, 90, born July 9, 1931 in Havana, Cuba, died April 9, 2022 in Nashville, TN. She was a faithful member of the Ridgetop, TN, Church. She served as a dean of girls for 27 years in several Adventist academies, including Ozark, Fletcher, Gem State, Bass Memorial, and Far Eastern in Singapore. She was born to missionary parents while they were serving in Cuba. Prior to her birth, they had also served in Ecuador and Guatemala. Later the family moved to the United States, and her father ministered in Georgia and Kansas. She enjoyed traveling and participated in short-term mission trips. She loved music, piano, reading, traveling, and cats. She is survived by her sons: Kent (Sharon) Simmons and Lee (Kathy) Simmons; grandchildren: Zachary Lee (Melissa) Simmons and Brian Scott (Chantelle) Simmons; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her siblings: Robert Hampton McWilliam, Joseph Livingston McWilliam, and Novella McWilliam.

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Walker Memorial Junior Academy, Avon Park, FL
West Coast Christian Academy, Bradenton, FL
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ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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Ephesus Junior Academy, Birmingham, AL
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The first meeting is called for 6:00 p.m., Thursday, August 18, 2022. The session will continue through Sunday, August 21, 2022. The session is called for the purpose of electing officers and formulating plans for the next quinquennium, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the session.

Leslie D. Louis, President

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Legal Notices

The Kentucky-Tennessee Conference Session

Notice is hereby given that the 33rd regular session of the Kentucky- Tennessee Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Madison Campus Seventh-day Adventist Church, 607-B Larkin Springs Road, Madison, Tennessee, Sunday, September 25, 2022. The session will begin at 10 a.m. This session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and for transacting any other business that may properly come before the session. Each church in the conference is entitled to one delegate and an additional delegate for each twenty-five members or major fraction thereof.

Steven L. Haley, President

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The Kentucky-Tennessee Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that the 33rd regular session of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, is called to meet in the Madison Campus Seventh-day Adventist Church, 607-B Larkin Springs Road, Madison, Tennessee, Sunday, September 25, 2021. The session will begin at 10 a.m. The delegates to the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the constituency of the corporation.

Steven L. Haley, President

Silke Hubbard, Trust Services Director

LEGAL NOTICE

The South Atlantic Conference Session

Notice is hereby given that the 26th regular session of the South Atlantic Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the River Oaks Praise & Worship Center, in Orangeburg, S.C., Sunday, September 11, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. The Organizing Committee will meet Saturday night, September 10, 2022 p.m. The first meeting of the Conference Session is called for 9:00 a.m. This session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and for transacting any other business that may properly come before the session. The Organizing Committee shall be constituted as follows: Each church represented at the constituency meeting shall choose one member for the organization, plus one additional member for each five hundred (500) members, and an additional one delegate for each major fraction over five hundred (500) members. Each church in the Conference is entitled to one delegate for the organization, and an additional delegate for each fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof.

William L. Winston, President
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The South Central Conference Session

Notice is hereby given that the Fifth Quinquennial and the 26th regular session of the South Central Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Oakwood University Church, in Huntsville, Alabama, Sunday, July 24, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. The Organizing Committee will meet on Saturday night, July 23, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. This constituency session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and for transacting any other business that may properly come before the session. Each church in the Conference is entitled to one (1) delegate for the church and one additional delegate for each 50 members or major fraction thereof. For the Organizing Committee, each church is entitled to one representative for the church and one additional representative for each full 500 members.

Benjamin Jones Jr., President
Larry Bailey, Secretary
Sonja Moxley Crayton, Treasurer

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Tween Camp - July 3-10, Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Crandall, GA.

Teen Camp - July 10-17, Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Crandall, GA.

Master Guides Convention - July 9, 10, Georgia-Cumberland Conference Office, Calhoun, GA.

Family Camp - July 19-24, Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Crandall, GA.

Hispanic Camp Meeting - Aug. 5-7, Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Crandall, GA.

Hispanic Youth Retreat - Aug. 5-7, Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.

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Young Adult Life Retreat - Sept. 2-4 Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Crandall, GA.

Hispanic Couples Retreat - Sept. 9-11, Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.

Northeast Tennessee Camp Meeting - Sept. 16, 17, The Oaks Retreat Center, Greeneville, TN.

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ATLANTA, GA	8:53	8:52	8:50	8:46	8:42	8:36
CHARLESTON, SC	8:33	8:32	8:30	8:26	8:22	8:16
CHARLOTTE, NC	8:43	8:42	8:39	8:35	8:30	8:24
COLLEGE DALE, TN	8:59	8:58	8:56	8:52	8:47	8:40
HUNTSVILLE, AL	8:05	8:03	8:01	7:57	7:52	7:46
JACKSON, MS	8:13	8:12	8:10	8:06	8:02	7:56
LOUISVILLE, KY	9:11	9:10	9:07	9:03	8:57	8:50
MEMPHIS, TN	8:20	8:18	8:16	8:12	8:07	8:01
MIAMI, FL	8:17	8:17	8:15	8:13	8:09	8:05
MONTGOMERY, AL	7:57	7:56	7:54	7:51	7:46	7:40
NASHVILLE, TN	8:09	8:08	8:05	8:01	7:56	7:50
ORLANDO, FL	8:28	8:28	8:26	8:23	8:19	8:14
TAMPA, FL	8:31	8:31	8:29	8:26	8:22	8:18
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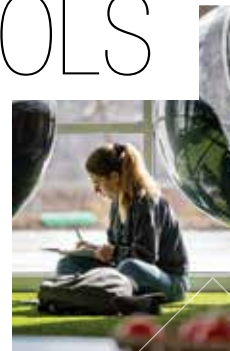
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