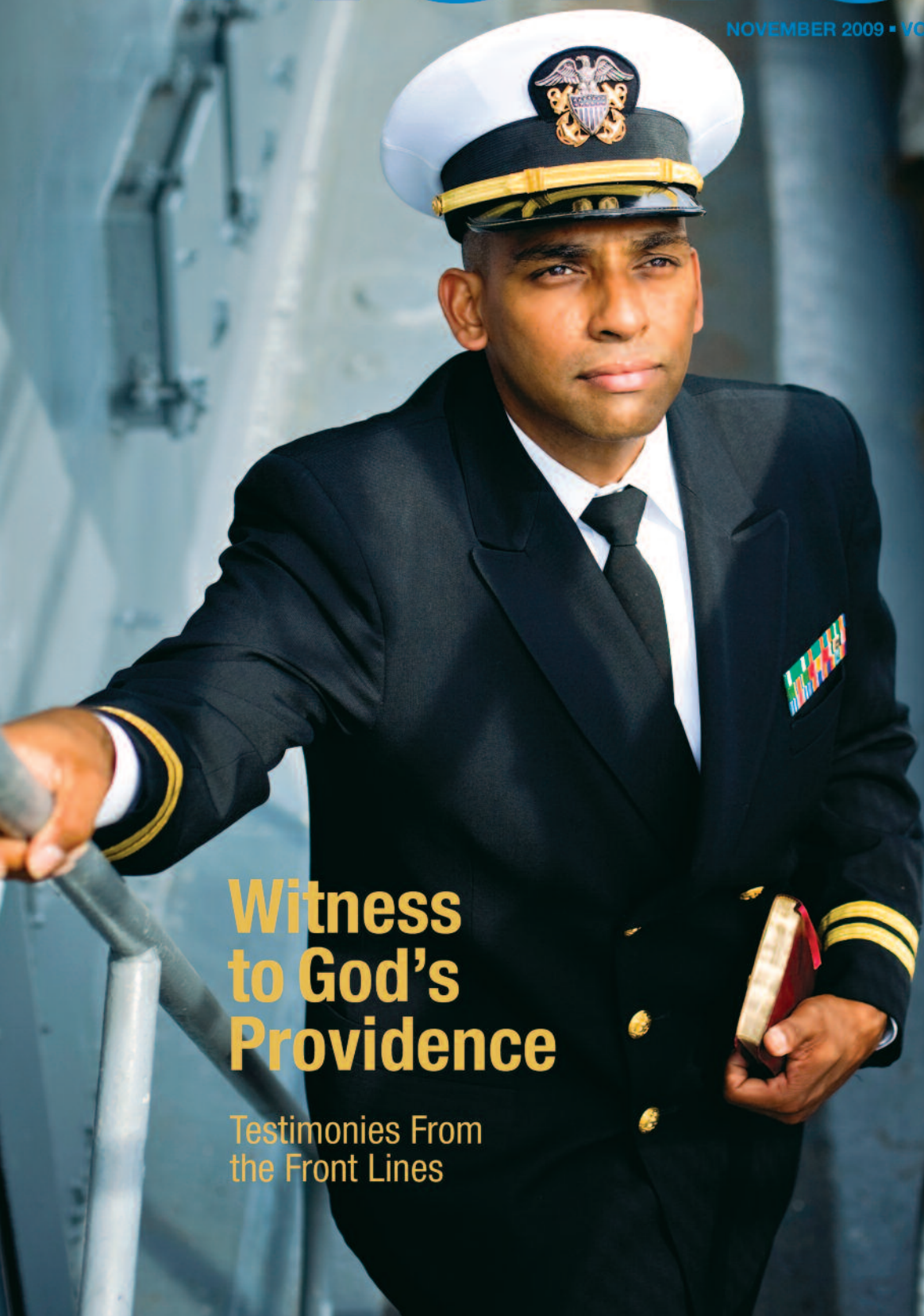


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# Married to the Military

'll never marry someone in the military!" I resolved during my early 20s. Of course, my only basis for this apparently harsh comment was what I had observed from a distance. The only close member of my family at that time who ever wore a military uniform was my late grandfather, who rarely discussed his service days. No, my opinion about the difficulty of military life was based on the obvious and well-known fact that moving regularly, living in special housing on bases, and having your spouse risk his life for his country—or at the very least travel regularly, and sometimes extensively—was just too much stress to bear.



Of course, I've since learned to never say "never." I *did* marry a man in uniform 10 years ago next month. Have my preconceived ideas been realized? Yes, and no. We have moved at least six times—from Maryland to California and back, plus several places in between—and lived on two military bases. My husband has spent weeks away, traveled significantly, and devoted hours to studying for numerous advancement tests and procedures.

This year, in particular, has been difficult. My husband changed branches of service, which required him to spend six months in Texas and away from our two young sons (below) and me. Then, after only one month of "normal" home life, he spent September and October living in Virginia during the week and came home only on weekends. Being a temporary "single mom" and working full-time is tough, to say the least. I thank God daily for the strength He gives me to endure.



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## BLESSINGS AMID THE STRUGGLE

Despite the difficulties, there are many blessings. Because of the significant benefits given to soldiers and their families, we were able to afford me being a full-time mom while my children were very young—something I desperately wanted to experience. I've met and befriended some of the nicest people while living on bases, and formed a special bond with other military mothers who relate to my plight. One experience I have not shared with other military wives is sending my husband off to a war-torn area, not knowing whether he will return. I have witnessed them bravely accept the responsibility of praying for their husband's protection and safe

return. I'm blessed to have a husband who is still "home," even if only on weekends.

I have been impressed with, and made proud by, the organizations around the country that show their appreciation to those in uniform. For instance, during a visit with my husband in Texas, our family got free admission to Sea World. And at the Shamu show, all military personnel were asked to stand and received a standing ovation from the audience. I even got the amazing and rare opportunity to attend a White House Christmas dinner with my husband and meet President George W. Bush and first lady Laura Bush.

Reading and helping write their stories for this special issue renewed my respect for our men and women in uniform. Instead of focusing on the challenges of military service, they reminded me that God is leading and blessing them and using them to change the world and make it a safer place. They witness God's providence on the battlefield, perform missions of service around the world, and lead others to Christ, even—maybe especially—inside combat zones. Kudos to our Seventh-day Adventist brothers and sisters in the military for their devotion to God *and* country.

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## Newsline

BETH MICHAELS

### ANEW Event Teaches Campus Ministry

Approximately 90 college-aged young adults gathered at Mt. Aetna Camp and Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Md., for the third annual Adventist Network for Evangelism by the Word (ANEW) Fall Conference. Under the theme “Dedication and Leadership,” the event inspired and equipped Seventh-day Adventist students to be committed to the Lord’s work through campus ministry.

Attendees represented nearly all eight conferences of the Columbia Union and about 20 secular campus universities and colleges, some



from as far away as New York. Speakers were professionals from two Adventist organizations: Sebastien Braxton, director for STRIDE ([strideonline.org](http://strideonline.org)), and Sikhululekile “Sikhu” Hlatshwayo, administrative secretary for CAMPUS ([campushope.com](http://campushope.com)).

“Both speakers successfully educated and encouraged the young people through their messages and workshops. As a result, many decisions for Christ were made,” reports Jacqueline Rivera, ANEW’s vice president of

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communications and a member of New Jersey Conference’s New Brunswick Spanish church.

One attendee commented, “It was awesome, inspiring, and rejuvenating to see so many young people on fire for our God! It was a clear reminder that God is finishing His work throughout Earth ... and He is coming soon.”

For more details about ANEW, visit [anew-web.org](http://anew-web.org).

### Retired Union President Honored

Columbia Union Conference administrators recently honored retired Seventh-day Adventist Church president Neal C. Wilson during a special presentation at the Triadelphia church in Clarksville, Md. Current union president Dave Weigley, executive secretary Neville Harcombe, and treasurer Seth Bardu applauded Wilson for fostering the mission and work of the church in the Columbia Union.

Wilson was unable to attend the celebration last year when leaders set aside time during the union Executive Committee to honor all retired union presidents. Since it was organized in 1907, the Columbia Union has had 16 presidents. Wilson, who led from 1962-66, was the ninth president and has been the only one to go on and lead the worldwide church.

“It was a privilege for the union officers to honor Elder Wilson for the contributions he made in the Columbia Union. He left an indelible mark by emphasizing the work of the Holy Spirit, equipping us to finish God’s work. His legacy will live on until the day of the Lord’s return.”



*Neal Wilson, retired Columbia Union Conference president, and later the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church, accepts an honorary plaque from current union president Dave Weigley (right), as son Ted Wilson, a world church general vice president, looks on.*

## From the Pulpit

Men, you may be in a cave like Elijah—you may not be where God wants you. You may be in the cave of “materialism” or the cave of “moral impurity.” God’s asking you, like he asked Elijah, “What are you doing here?” But Jesus has the power to bring you out!—*Dave Weigley, Columbia Union Conference president, speaking to the 125 attendees of the fourth annual Maryland Men of Faith ([mmof.org](http://mmof.org)) Retreat in Hagerstown, Md. Read more at [columbiaunion.org](http://columbiaunion.org).*





# Pennsylvanians Convene 13th Business Session

**W**e love Pennsylvania, and we carry in our heart God’s work here,” said Pennsylvania Conference president Ray Hartwell warmly. “We’re committed to move God’s last day message forward.”

Hartwell, executive secretary Barry Tryon, and new treasurer Ron Christman, had just been re-elected for a three-year term at the conference’s 13th triennial constituency session. Held last month at the stained-glass windowed church, on the campus of the conference’s Blue Mountain Academy (BMA) in Hamburg, Pa., the daylong session drew 302 delegates and a number of invitees.

Right from the start they were engaged in the process—voting to re-order the agenda, passionately speaking for or against motions, and sharing their concerns in two-minute allotments.



**Officers:** Barry and Lilly Tryon, Ray and Jeanne Hartwell, and Ron and Joyce Christman

In his video and verbal report to members, Hartwell outlined a number of successes—the conference’s 15 schools, Equipping University training that has engaged more members in ministry, Mis-



sion Intentional Churches that focus congregations on mission, youth ministry Cool Camps, and the wholistic evangelism initiative that churches like Philadelphia’s Chestnut Hill are embracing. “Our church has committed to connecting with our community in ways that focus on the whole person and their places of need,” explained Pastor Tara VinCross (above).

Hartwell also reported on areas that need work. While the 10,433-member conference saw 991 baptisms during the last three years, “68 percent of our churches are stagnant or declining, and there are still 12.7 million residents in Pennsylvania to reach with the precious Adventist message,” he announced.

In addition to using the microphones a lot, delegates made good use of their voting cards. They voted to accept reports from the auditors, nominating committee, constitution and bylaws committee, Adventist WholeHealth Network, and new Blue Mountain Academy principal Craig Zeisner who assured attendees that “operations are sound” and invited those who own businesses to bring forth employment opportunities. They also heard a financial report, the last one for Rudolph



**New Churches:** Ray Hartwell welcomes representatives from six churches planted in Pennsylvania during the last three years.



“Mo” Pelley, who retired after 50 years in ministry, 22 in Pennsylvania. He praised the Lord that, despite the bad economy, tithe is up 2.3 percent and gave delegates a detailed account of how their \$10 million in tithe has been used. When he was finished, they gave him two standing ovations and flowers to his wife, Diane (above).

Session attendees also spent an hour discussing the conference’s 55-year-old Laurel Lake Camp and Retreat Center, which is underutilized, heavily subsidized, and causing great concern among constituents.

Delegates voted to continue meeting every three years, and called for the next session to convene in 2012.







# WITNESS TO GOD'S PROVIDENCE





## Chaplains Share Christ on the Battlefield

Beth Michaels

According to Merriam Webster, a chaplain is “a clergyman officially attached to a branch of the military, to an institution, or to a family or court.” To the Seventh-day Adventist Church, however, chaplains open doors and minister where the church can seldom enter otherwise. During the past year alone, Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries endorsed 52 Adventist seminary graduates and clergy for ministry in the North American Division.

Those offering spiritual guidance in the healthcare industry are the largest group, but chaplains exist on college campuses, in the community, at the workplace, and in correctional facilities. Chaplains also tend to the spiritual welfare of the 7,500-plus Adventist military members in North America and thousands of others who dedicate their lives to protecting our freedom.

“Chaplains are able to reach across denominational lines and share the love of Jesus with men and women who are searching for a greater understanding of the Word of God,” says Chaplain (Lt. Cmdr.) Washington Johnson II of the U.S. Navy Reserve and editor for *Message* magazine.

Johnson is one of about 15 active and reserve military chaplains currently serving in the Columbia Union territory. They have all witnessed God’s leading and providence during active service. Here are some of their stories.



1. U.S. Army National Guard Chaplain (Capt.) Andrew Ascalon (left) provides spiritual guidance to soldiers stationed at Fort Dix (N.J.). He also pastors New Jersey Conference’s Newark church. ■ 2. Chaplain (Lt.) John R. Logan of the U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps, a Chesapeake Conference member, visits the Marine Corps’ Iwo Jima Memorial in Arlington, Va. ■ 3. U.S. Army Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Rob Snyder, pastor of Pennsylvania Conference’s Altoona and Everett churches, pauses with a troop member while serving in Kuwait during Operation Iraqi Freedom (2005-2006). ■ 4. Chaplain John Logan and his French counterpart pause for a photo before giving the joint invocation at the annual Memorial Day commemoration of the Battle of Belleau Wood in France. That battle took place in 1918 during World War I—“the same year the Marines earned the nickname ‘devil dog’ by the Germans,” he explains. ■ 5. U.S. Army Chaplain (Maj.) Andrew R. Harewood, from the Allegheny East Conference pastoral family, interacts with refugees near Kabul, Afghanistan, where members of his troop distributed food and clothing. ■ 6. Chaplain Rob Snyder hitches a ride on a large aircraft carrier, returning to an Iraqi war zone after a few days of “R & R,” a chance “for service personnel to relax and enjoy the sights and sounds of ‘normality,’ away from the stresses of war,” he explains.



## ANDREW R. HAREWOOD

### Cheating Death, Changing Lives

"September 8, 2006, was the day I cheated death by eight minutes," states U.S. Army Chaplain (Maj.) Andrew R. Harewood, a member of Allegheny East Conference's pastoral family currently assigned to the Pentagon.

"I was in Afghanistan and oversaw the VCR—Volunteer Community Response—service program where people would send care packages, and we would choose a refugee camp to distribute them," he reports. They were nearly finished distributing the donations at a refugee camp in Kabul when word came that the enemy was approaching.

"There was one more barrel of

food and clothing to distribute. The elders said we needed to stay so that there wouldn't be a fight," Harewood explains. Against normal procedure, he stayed behind with a small detachment to finish the job. Eight minutes later, he heard the explosion that took the lives of 11 American soldiers from his troop and 27 Afghans. "I was supposed to be in that first convoy," he remembers. "God's providence was that I had to stay and do something good for the people."

Despite the dangers involved in military service, Harewood is excited about what he does and is humbled by it. In addition to encouraging soldiers and baptizing them into the family of God, he helps those in need by distributing supplies or building schools. "In war, troops' lives are

1. U.S. Army Chaplain (Maj.) Andrew Harewood helps conduct the 9/11 Memorial ceremony on the Pentagon grounds, honoring the 184 people who died during the plane crash on September 11, 2001. ■ 2. Harewood sits in his office at the Pentagon where he serves as chaplain to about 25,000 employees. ■ 3. Although they don't carry weapons, chaplains are well protected. Here with a protective member of his Unit Ministry Team in Afghanistan, Harewood explains, "Where I go, they go!"

changed; I've seen grown men become broken. There's something about war that forces clarity," he says. "It has also helped me understand my mandate, my mission, and my message. I just want to serve Him."





## JOHN R. LOGAN Ministering in Harm's Way

“From the time I was 16, I knew I wanted to serve as a chaplain in the Navy,” comments Chaplain (Lt.) John R. Logan of the U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps, who attends Chesapeake Conference’s Waldorf (Md.) church with his family. “The military is a growing and fertile mission field.”

As a chaplain, Logan states that he meets people where they are and gets many opportunities to witness. Although he’s been on two combat deployments, the one he cherished most was a six-month deployment to Iraq with a Marine Air Wing in 2006.

“Here I was in a battle zone, not knowing what to expect, but God used me to reach people, to touch people’s lives,” Logan

recalls. “I was holding worship services and witnessing to individuals dealing with loneliness, separation, and anxiety—and facing possible death. As a chaplain, I provide ministry and worship in a pluralistic environment, but I did get opportunities to share our Adventist beliefs. I had people who just really wanted to give up sin and turn their lives around and follow Christ.”

Logan also witnessed the hand of God’s protection in the desert. For instance, one day while sitting in a military café, he heard a few loud “bangs” and thought it was a generator backfiring. “I found out that it was indirect fire,” he recalls. “I think it was a good 700 yards away from where I was. Amazingly, no one was hurt.”

Although employed by the Navy, Logan is currently assigned to the Marine Barracks in

Washington, D.C. He explains that Navy chaplains have the unique privilege of serving most entities of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard.

Logan recalls a conversation he once had with Gen. Peter Pace, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.), former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. “He told me, ‘Seeing a chaplain in the battlefield amongst the troops is a calming presence.’ That confirmed my reason for serving the Lord in uniform.”

*Chaplain (Lt.) John R. Logan of the U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps meets President Barack Obama during the Evening Parade at the Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C. Photo courtesy of Pass in Review. ■ Logan stands on board the USS Barry at the U.S. Navy Yard in Washington, D.C. Photo by Drew Anthony Smith.*



## ROB SNYDER Appreciating the Sacrifice

U.S. Army Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Rob Snyder, pastor of Pennsylvania Conference’s Altoona and Everett churches, can speak intimately about the challenges of war. While serving in the 247th Corps Support Battalion stationed on various Kuwaiti bases (2005-2006), one of their responsibilities was to process the bodies of all personnel—both military and civilian—killed in the war. That year they dispatched more than 900 bodies for burial.

Now stateside, Pastor Snyder is tasked with accompanying the military notification officer to the homes of families whose child, spouse, or parent has been killed in Iraq. “It is a very emotionally heart-wrenching experience to inform a mother and father that their loved

one was killed that very morning far across the sea,” he admits. But despite the difficulty, he adds, a chaplain’s presence can provide comfort during this difficult time.

Another upside to this challenging work, he says, is to know that military personnel—and the way they risk their lives for their brothers and sisters—are greatly appreciated. The best example, he says, took place at the funeral he officiated in Waynesboro, Pa., in January 2007. “The soldier who died was the first killed in action in that town since the Vietnam War,” he explains. “What I remember most is the incredible local outpouring of honor and pride for this hometown hero. The streets leading from the funeral home were lined with citizens with American flags, and they saluted the casket all along the route to the gravesite. Police and fire

1. U.S. Army Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Rob Snyder enjoyed preaching the gospel to his comrades at Camp Arifjan in Kuwait. During his year there, Snyder and several others initiated an Adventist worship service. ■ 2. Snyder and fellow troop members lead the congregation in worship and song, proving that church can occur no matter where you worship. ■ 3. Snyder (left) helps the brigade chaplain baptize a new believer in a makeshift baptismal pool at Camp Arifjan. “We preached and conducted services in tandem,” he explains of his fellow pastoral leader.

department personnel led the funeral procession. Veterans of previous wars were in attendance as well. This gave me a deep insight as to the nation’s concern and love for the military and the sacrifices they endure while at war and in defense of freedom.”





## ANDREW ASCALON

### Giving Hope to the Lost

Although he has not been deployed overseas, or experienced living in a combat zone, U.S. Army National Guard Chaplain (Capt.) Andrew Ascalon says the Lord has given him a unique position to witness to soldiers before they leave for war-torn areas, and after they return.

“It is a humbling experience to be placed in situations where I can listen to sordid stories of people’s lives and some of the most intimate details of the struggles they have from time to time,” says Ascalon, pastor of the Newark church in the New Jersey Conference. He adds, “I can see the work of Christ in what I do in the sense that soldiers are

individuals who, by and large, have deep spiritual convictions and just need someone to shepherd them while they’re away from home.”

During numerous deployment and debriefing sessions with soldiers, Ascalon is there to address soldiers’ anxieties, fears, discouragement, as well as newfound faith. “When Christ was on Earth, part of His work was ministering to those who yearned for meaning in a meaningless world, and encouraging them when they felt the pangs of despair,” he explains. “The work of a chaplain is similar. Military personnel also have a huge responsibility to serve others who are living in less than desirable conditions by bringing them hope in war-torn conditions. This is part of the work of a Christian—showing others the

love of Christ through caring and helping to bring freedom to those who are oppressed.”

*Chaplain (Capt.) Andrew Ascalon of the U.S. Army National Guard regularly provides spiritual and mental support to soldiers who are about to deploy, or who are just returning from war. “Being an Adventist chaplain and providing spiritual fitness to so many in the military is certainly an extraordinary opportunity,” he comments.*

# TESTIMONIES FROM THE FRONT LINES

*Andrew Cathlin*

**T**he hundreds of Columbia Union members who are serving, or have recently served, overseas understand firsthand the stark realities of war. They put themselves in dangerous situations everyday. When their lives could easily be taken, however, they see God's providence. They learn to genuinely depend on His divine power, protection, and comfort. Here, some union servicemen and women gratefully share their proof of God's omnipotence:

## SOMETIMES GOD TAKES AWAY OUR COMFORTS

Sgt. Susana Garcia, of the U.S. Army, attends Allegheny East Conference's Shiloh church in Petersburg, Va. She recently returned from her second tour in Iraq. While serving overseas, she gained a greater appreciation for life and learned not to take anything for granted.

### Did you experience God's providence while serving overseas?

There were numerous times when I saw God's hands protecting me. One day as we were heading



back to our camp, our convoy [separated] to avoid a possible explosive device in the middle of the road. After awhile personnel told us we could go but advised us to stay as far left as we could. As our five-ton truck drove by, the explosive detonated. After coming out of shock, we checked to see if anyone was hurt. It was clear that if we had not been in such a large vehicle, the explosion would have killed us.

### Did you have any life-altering experiences?

Even though I grew up in a Seventh-day Adventist atmosphere most of my life, I felt that I never really experienced or knew about true love for God. During my most recent deployment, I developed a stronger relationship with Him and felt that true love. It's





been the greatest experience ever since. Sometimes God allows us to be taken away from our comforts so that we can really hear Him calling us, and to experience all the wonderful things He has in store for us.

### **What have been the greatest blessings during your service?**

I've had the opportunity to meet some great people. As I traveled through Iraq, I got to reflect on all the Bible stories that took place there. I was also amazed to know that people who have never met me were praying for me. The most important thing that gets a soldier through a deployment is support and prayer.

### **GOD PLACED ME WHERE I CAN HELP OTHERS**

Cpl. Chris Greenleaf (right) is a graduate of Highland View Academy in Hagerstown, Md. He also attended Southern Adventist University (Tenn.) for a year and a half before accepting a call to help humanity in various parts of the world. During his first deployment to Iraq in 2005, Greenleaf recounts fellow Marines administering medical attention to save the life of an infant girl. The child belonged to a man who had already lost his wife and two sons to the war. That experience reassured Greenleaf, a member of Chesapeake Conference's Hagerstown church, that Iraq is where God placed him—and recently returned him for a second tour.



### **What are the greatest challenges of serving overseas in war-torn areas?**

Seeing the effects of war on people's lives and on the spirits of some people because of fear of the unknown. It's also hard sometimes because of that feeling of wanting to do more than you're capable. But, I've learned that God is everywhere, and He will help in everything you do.

### **Was it important to have family and church members pray for you and send packages from home?**

It's always great to get packages while deployed, but the other Marines and I always looked forward to the cards from Mount Aetna Seventh-day Adventist School in Hagerstown, thanking us for protecting the United States. It helped us get away for a few minutes and always lifted our spirits,



## TEAMWORK KEEPS US STRONG IN FAITH

Daniel Chang\* (left) joined the military in August 2008. Soon after completing basic training, the young member of Chesapeake Conference’s Washington-Spencerville Korean church in Silver Spring, Md., got deployed to Afghanistan. Chang believes the teamwork that is essential to soldier survival is also applicable to our spiritual walk—as God has asked each of us to be our brother’s keeper.

### How did you feel about getting called overseas?

At first I was very scared. Being fresh out of basic training, I didn’t feel I was ready. In addition to that, I was putting my life on the line! But I do feel that God called me into service. I’m not exactly sure what He has planned for me. I just feel like He has called me to do this, and I’m sure He will use me accordingly.

### What have been the most important lesson and greatest blessing during your service?

My greatest blessing so far is that I’m still alive! The most important lesson I’ve learned is teamwork. Teamwork over here keeps everyone alive. Teamwork, when applied to religion, helps us keep each other strong in faith and in God. It also increases confidence and builds character.

### Why is it important to have family and church members pray for you and send packages?

When I receive packages from friends or family, it means that I’m still being cared for. It really shows me how much I’m loved and missed. I’m not just some soldier in Afghanistan—I’m a son, or a friend. Everyone is busy, but setting aside the time to send me something shows me that they really care. A lot of times people forget. I just want to remind everyone to pray for the soldiers overseas.

## GOD HAS A PLAN

Staff Sgt. Aldrin Mota (right) of Potomac Conference’s Virginia Beach church served in the U.S. Army

especially during the times we were required to stay awake for 24 hours or more.

### For what are you most anxious about your upcoming trip to Afghanistan?

My decision to deploy again to Afghanistan was a difficult one due to the upcoming birth of my first child. It’s going to be hard—missing his first Christmas. When I return, he will be 10 months old and not have any idea who I am. My wife and I prayed and talked about it. In the end, I believe God protects my family and me.

I’m excited to deploy to Afghanistan to help the people of that country. I feel that it is my duty to help those who need it. I will be even more excited to come home and see my son!



*Daniel Chang (center) gets emotional and spiritual support from youth at the Washington-Spencerville Korean church in Silver Spring, Md., before heading off to war.*



for nine years. He deployed to Iraq in 2005 to serve as a chaplain's assistant. While there, his day-to-day duties included boosting soldier morale.

### **How did you feel about being called to serve in Iraq?**

I believe the Lord had a purpose for me to go at that time. I could have gone anytime, but I didn't. Maybe it was luck of the draw, but I felt like there was a reason they asked me to go when they did.

### **Did you ever experience God's providence while serving overseas?**

I remember when the chaplain and I flew into Baghdad to attend a memorial service. Right when we got to the chapel, a car bomb exploded 100 yards away. Scrap metal reached all the way to the chapel and broke the glass. We had just gotten off the helicopter and were ready to take off all our gear, when pieces of metal landed right between us. The chapel was considered one of the safer areas, but we learned that you just never know. I believe God definitely provided for me.

### **What is the most important lesson you learned during your service?**

God has a plan for everybody, even though we may not always know what it is. For example, I lost one of my good friends who was from California. He and I



would work out together. I saw him the night before he was sent out on a mission. The next day, he died after a bomb exploded under his vehicle. I think he reflected the perfect soldier—not to mention he had just turned 21. Experiences like this taught me that we have to leave our daily activities in God's hands.

*Andrew Cathlin is an author and freelance writer who recently graduated from Bridgewater College in Bridgewater, Va., with a degree in communication studies.*

*\*Rank omitted for privacy.*



*While visiting Saddam Hussein's palace in Baghdad, Aldrin Mota stands near enormous statues of the former Iraq president.*

# CARING FOR THE TROOPS

## Members Show Appreciation to Military Servicemen

Tanisha Greenidge

School children, church groups, and individual members across the Columbia Union regularly show appreciation to U.S. soldiers serving in war-torn areas. Some offer up prayers on their behalf; others send creatively crafted care packages; and still others minister in simple, yet genuine ways. Meet some who are delivering the goods:

### Parkersburg Stitches for Soldiers

Members from Mountain View Conference's Parkersburg (W.Va.) church have partnered with the community for three years to keep soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan warm and supplied with necessities. The care packages they coordinate involve the efforts and donations of members, residents, and area professionals.



*Parkersburg (W.Va.) church members Patsy L. Smith and Amy Fullmer pause from their work at the Newstart Thrift Mart to show off their completed helmet liners.*

Amy Fullmer, a member who manages the local Newstart Thrift Mart, organizes numerous area volunteers to provide uniform accessories and food items for the care packages. For instance, some volunteers knit helmet liners and scarves, while another local group—called the Senior Stitches—makes neck coolers. The thrift store also adopted a Keep the Change program to offset the cost of shipping nearly 20 care packages each month.

"It's an ongoing project, and we're trying to make the soldiers an everyday part of our lives so they know someone is thinking about them," Fullmer says.

The boxes are also filled with magazines, hygiene products, canned goods, dried foodstuffs, and plenty

of candy for the soldiers to give to children living around the base. Sometimes soldiers even get a special birthday package—complete with a microwaveable cake, candles, and greeting cards. Each box typically weighs between 13 and 17 pounds.

### Spencerville Hosts A Welcome Return

More than 100 youth from Chesapeake Conference's Spencerville church in Silver Spring, Md., regularly participate in Operation Welcome Home Maryland. An hour before flights are due, the excited teenagers—dressed in patriotic clothing—mingle with the families of returning soldiers outside the customs gate at the Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport in Linthicum, Md.

The youth help lead others in the Pledge of Allegiance, and wave "Welcome Home" signs. As the soldiers come through the gate, they distribute care packages and thank-you cards, and look for any way to help the soldiers more easily greet loved ones without feeling encumbered.

Shawn Paris, Spencerville youth pastor, adopted the program this past summer to give the teenagers



*Youth from the Spencerville church in Silver Spring, Md., greet returning soldiers as part of Operation Welcome Home Maryland.*



an opportunity to express their gratitude. “It really touches them to see soldiers grateful for something as simple as a ‘thank-you,’” Paris comments. He says the teens leave the airport more humble and excited about the next homecoming.

## Williamsport Packages Care

**N**ot long ago, Pennsylvania Conference’s Williamsport church served as a makeshift distribution center to send care packages to 11 soldiers stationed in Unit 6260 at Camp Taji in Iraq. New church member Becky Perrotto led the effort and acted as the distribution coordinator.

The company where Perrotto works, PMF Industries, donated items for the packages, as did other

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*Becky Perrotto, a member of the Williamsport (Pa.) church, packs boxes with donations from local businesses.*

local businesses, church members, and community residents, which caught the attention of local media. Donated items included nonperishable food, personal hygiene items, magazines, DVDs, and CDs. Perrotto also ensured that each box included Christian books and Seventh-day Adventist pamphlets.

“I am not the type of person to do personal ministry face-to-face or door-to-door,” admits Perrotto. “This is where I am comfortable, and if one soldier reads one book or pamphlet that we sent, that is one more person looking to God for help.”

## York Sends Messages From HOME

**H**elping Our Military (HOME) is an outreach ministry of Pennsylvania Conference’s York church designed to reach loved ones who serve in all branches of the military, regardless of their church affiliation. York members send Sabbath School quarterlies, periodicals, cards, gifts, and

even baked goods to troops serving overseas.

Cards are filled with encouragement to let soldiers know that members are uplifting them in prayer. Chief Warrant Officer Jamie Arnold, the son of church member Cindy Yingling, is one person who benefited from HOME. Arnold received an electronic Bible as a token of appreciation for his service. Members hope he will use it during his second tour in Afghanistan.

“HOME is a great opportunity to do God’s will by reaching others through His church,” says York member Erika Helwig.

## Calvary Elder Blesses Shipmen

**M**ichael Brinkley, an elder at Allegheny East Conference’s Calvary church in Newport News, Va., witnesses to soldiers at the nearby Naval Station Norfolk as they return from six-month deployments. It is unusual for civilians to have such access to soldiers and their commanders. Brinkley, a pipe fitter at the Northrop Grumman Shipyard, considers it a miracle.

A key to Brinkley’s success is the way he approaches the soldiers. He establishes friendships, provides guidance, and prays with them. As a result, he has seen several soldiers accept the Lord and get baptized. He currently gives Bible studies to people on board the USS Carl Vinson, an aircraft carrier. He also invites soldiers to special church programs, hands out *Steps to Christ* and *Desire of Ages*, and gives them DVDs of the church service.

Of his 10-year efforts, Brinkley humbly comments, “The Lord has really blessed this ministry.” Indeed.

*Tanisha Greenidge writes from Takoma Park, Md.*



*Pastor Trevor Kinlock and Michael Brinkley (right), from the Calvary church in Newport News, Va., honor USS Carl Vinson chaplain (Cmdr.) Hal Scott and his wife, Debbie.*

## Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries

# MINISTERING TO MILITARY MEMBERS

Celeste Ryan Blyden

**A**s commissioned, licensed, credentialed ministers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, chaplains labor for people at significant times in their lives, caring and restoring as Christ did. Working in diverse settings, they are the pres-



ence of the church, often in places where Adventists would otherwise have little or no ministry. “Chaplains are evangelists,” says Gary Councill (left), director of Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries (ACM).

“We provide pastoral care and minister to people where they are most hurting and vulnerable—in prisons, on school campuses, in hospitals, and even on the battlefield.”

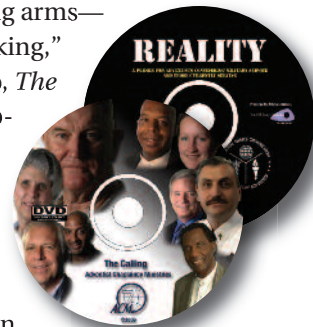
Of the 360 Adventist chaplains endorsed by the church in North America, 57 are military chaplains on active duty. They are stationed at the Pentagon, in Iraq, and everywhere in between and provide religious support and pastoral care to an estimated 7,500 American military members. Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries provides services and resources to these members. Here are a few:

**Adventist Military Church** – The North American Division established this church a few months ago so members living overseas for extended periods would have an official church home. Councill, who serves as their pastor, says they already have 30 members.

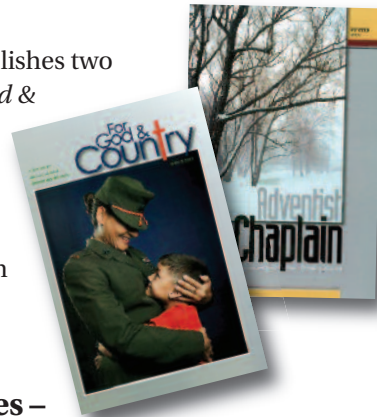
**Adventist Military Chapel Worship Groups** – Twenty-three groups meet in Korea, Japan, Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, and other countries. They convene Sabbath School and church each week, run Pathfinder clubs, organize religious retreats and field trips, host social gatherings, and attend ACM’s mini-camp meetings. “Most Adventists in the military are scattered or found in small numbers, so this is their one chance each week to see another Adventist,” Councill says. “They often spend most of the Sabbath together.”

**Military Bible Kit** – Recently updated, this resource includes a pocket-sized Bible, a copy of the

book *Seventh-day Adventists Believe* on CD-ROM, and two DVDs. One video titled *Reality* discusses issues Adventists face in the military. “We want to raise awareness and alert our members about the real issues you will face when you enlist—such as Sabbath observance and bearing arms—and guide them in decision making,” Councill notes. The other video, *The Calling*, features Adventist chaplains who share what it’s like to serve their country in a ministry capacity. The kit also includes literature, sharing books like *Steps to Christ*, and Adventist magazines. In addition, ACM regularly sends devotionals, DVDs of sermons, and Sabbath School quarterlies to all military personnel on their mailing list.



**Magazines** – ACM publishes two quarterly journals. *For God & Country* reports on news, activities, and issues of Adventists in uniform. *Adventist Chaplain* provides news, instruction to chaplains, and articles about their work.



**Field Representatives** – Currently there are three who visit academies, colleges, churches, and conferences, etc. They talk to students about the issues of enlisting, work to resolve accommodation of religious practice issues, and aid applicants who wish to become chaplains. “The endorsement process necessary to become a chaplain is thorough and rigorous and requires background checks and interviews,” Councill explains. He’s looking for another field representative.

To learn more about ACM, its services, resources, and work beyond the military, and to read the church’s official position on military service and get advice about enlisting or becoming a chaplain, visit [adventistchaplains.org](http://adventistchaplains.org).



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Today the additional 5,000 square feet has given this growing school even more than a much-needed gymnasium. It also provided two more classrooms, a kitchen, a storage room, and additional restrooms. But staff, parents, and students are not keeping the facility to themselves. Community children are encouraged to attend the school, and the gym is available for numerous school and church events. Congregants are also planning evangelism and outreach projects.

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# YOUR HEALING MINISTRY

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## The Heart of Community Impact

*Walter Sackett*

Your sins are forgiven," Jesus told the paralyzed young man, who was searching for healing, after he'd been lowered through the roof by friends (Matt. 9:1-8). Jesus' words, however, were meant not only for that particular individual but also for the entire community. His words addressed the cultural paradigm that laid blame and shame from God on an individual suffering from disease or malady, a humiliating result of their own folly. The concept was shattered and forever altered in that moment with the words, "Get up, take your mat, and walk." Jesus' act of healing filled scorned people suffering from illness or deformity with hope and a sense of renewed value. Into that profound moment, Jesus infused education, prevention, intervention, and innovation for *maximal* community impact.

The ultimate healer, Jesus' vision was to relieve immediate suffering and simultaneously invest in a long-term healing relationship with those He touched and those who would learn about His healing miracles through the ages. This same vision is the strategic focus for Charles F. Kettering Memorial Medical Center, and has been the guiding principal of the Kettering Cardiovascular Institute (KCVI). Heart disease is the number-one killer across the country. Our goal is to not only improve immediate cardiac situations through intervention, treatment, and rehabilitation, but also to impact the community and drive a healthier future through progressive efforts in education and prevention.

### ERECTING A CENTERPIECE

The Ben and Marian Schuster Heart Hospital at Kettering Medical Center will be the centerpiece for propelling this vision forward. Its last beams were laid (see photos on the next two pages) with plans to begin the move next July. This structure will encompass a new main entrance and user-friendly lobby for accessing the heart hospital as well as the entire medical center. It will allow for an expansion of private rooms and provide space to enhance numerous services offered throughout the current facility. The main focus of the new tower is cardiovascular intervention, education, prevention, and innovation.

Cardiac health education and prevention are topics dear to the Seventh-day Adventist healthcare mission. The KCVI team will expand existing outreach programs that include public health screenings, health education seminars, smoking cessation services, genetic counseling, cholesterol support groups, and a broad variety of rehabilitation support groups. The ultimate goal is to reduce levels of acuity and help our community avoid the more traumatic cardiac events.

### FULFILLING A DREAM



Years ago a group of dedicated physicians, administrators, and community board members had the foresight to create the Kettering Cardiovascular Institute and formulate the vision of a program that will improve heart health in the Dayton community. Many people contributed resources, time, and talent to this shared goal, and their collaboration created a solid foundation for the expansion of the program: the Ben and Marian Schuster Heart Hospital. But their dream was far larger than bricks, glass, and steel. It was for a center that would model the transformative healing of Jesus: offering hope, healing, and abundant life. Read more at [khnetwork.org/heart](http://khnetwork.org/heart).

*Walter Sackett is the vice president for Clinical Services at Kettering Medical Center in Kettering, Ohio.*



## New Schuster Hospital is the Heart of Expansion

**K**ettering Medical Center (KMC) leaders, physicians, nurses, and staff members were “beaming” with pride recently when they signed the last steel beam before it was hoisted into place to complete the skeleton of the new Ben and Marian Schuster Heart Hospital.

The six-story tower is projected to open next July. It will have 90 beds, as well as the latest in cardiac diagnostics, catheterization lab technology, and an electrophysiology lab to address anomalies in the electrical workings of the heart. KMC estimates that 6,000 catheterizations and 600 open-heart surgeries will be performed in the first year of operation. KMC already leads the Dayton area with more than 23,500 open-heart surgeries. The heart hospital will ensure that KMC’s leading-edge care continues alongside prevention, community outreach, expansion, and a proactive education.

“When we first got involved in this and agreed to have our names used for the building, we were thrilled,” recalled Benjamin Schuster, MD, at the signing. “We believed this would bring better quality care to Dayton. Service, education, and research will all be



*Michelle Romano, RN, from Kettering Medical Center’s Emergency Department, signs the last steel beam for the new Ben and Marian Schuster Heart Hospital.*

### THE HEART DISEASE AND LIFESTYLE CONNECTION

- Stop smoking! Any tobacco use is one of the most significant risk factors for heart disease. Quitting is hard—but help is available.
- Exercise and healthy weight are the most influential preventative measures. Thirty minutes of vigorous activity each day—six days a week—is ideal.
- Vegetarian diets are proven to significantly reduce heart disease incidents.
- Regular heart screenings are key. Know your blood pressure and cholesterol numbers.
- Take key supplements. Omega-3 and CoQ10 are clinically proven to improve cardiovascular health.

encompassed in this venture. My only regret is that my wife, Marian, was not here to experience this with me.”

Walter Sackett, vice president for Clinical Services, commented, “This is a major milestone for us, and we are excited to see the rough structure completed. The Schuster Heart Hospital will allow us to continue as the pacesetter in heart care in the greater Dayton area, as it will offer the latest in technology, cardiac diagnostics, and clinical education.” He added, “We are so pleased that the father of Dayton cardiology, Dr. Benjamin Schuster, is with us every step of the way as we watch his vision become reality right here on the Kettering Medical Center campus.”

Proud to be working with Kettering Adventist Health-Care, Dr. Schuster added, “I still can’t realize this poor boy from Wisconsin has come to have an edifice named after him.”

In addition to the cardiac care features, the project will offer a soothing new main lobby, gift shop, and an attractive modern canopy entrance for convenient patient drop-off and pickup. The 120,000-square-foot heart hospital extends from the middle of Kettering Medical Center out to Southern Boulevard.



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*Kettering Medical Center (KMC) leaders and staff celebrate the last building phase of the new Ben and Marian Schuster Hospital: (left to right) Martin Clark, president of the KMC Foundation; Benjamin Schuster, MD; Liz Wise (in back), vice president of Clinical Quality; Walter Sackett, vice president of Clinical Services; Brenda Kuhn, vice president of Nursing Services; Danny McCloud, Facility Management director; and a construction crew member.*

## CORNERSTONES FOR CHANGE

Four distinct areas within the cardiovascular subject are cornerstones of the expansion:

**Intervention**—The heart hospital will house a number of leading edge technologies, including labs in arrhythmia electrophysiology and expanded cardiac catheterization. Patient diagnostic testing will be state of the art and conveniently located for easy access. The skilled team of physicians and staff at KMC has performed more open-heart surgeries, valve repairs, and catheter interventions than any other team in the region. This tradition of excellence will continue and be enhanced through the new specialized facility.

**Education**—Community education is provided through a team of nurses and technicians guided by physicians who go out into the community to perform cardiac testing and education services throughout the larger Dayton metropolitan region. Partnerships with community organizations, such as the American Heart Association, help penetrate all ethnic, socioeconomic, age, and gender segments of the community with life-saving services and information.

Medical education for physicians, nurses, and other practitioners is offered through the *Cardiac Colloquium* series and conferences offered each week. New space is provided for these activities in the Ben and Marian Schuster Heart Hospital. The cardiac

fellowship for physicians who are specializing in cardiology will be enhanced with new space.

**Prevention**—In addition to the preventive education and screening being offered throughout the community, focused disease management systems, including a congestive heart failure clinic, will be housed in the heart hospital. High-tech, specialized monitoring, communication, and immediate treatment systems will be provided and guided by KMC's cardiology physician staff intent on preventing the disease from advancing to an acute stage or causing hospital admission.

**Innovation**—The Kettering Cardiovascular Institute provides support for a physician coordinator who creates a catalyst for research, clinical trials, and the application of new treatment technology. Medical students, residents, cardiology fellows, and practicing cardiologists and vascular and cardiovascular surgeons participate in their selected area of expertise. Patients gain the advantage of participating in selected trials and having the option to choose leading-edge treatment.



## Grandview Programs Earn Fit for Life Awards

The American Osteopathic Foundation honored two programs at Grandview Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio, with Fit for Life awards. Sponsored by Pfizer, the awards come with \$5,000 grants to help continue the innovative programs.

PHOTO BY COLIN GATLAND



*Grandview's Diabetes and Obesity Wellness Opportunities Program participants gained working knowledge of how to make healthy choices everyday.*

Grandview's Dayton Sports Medicine Institute earned the Fit for Life honor under the fitness category for its Tactical Training Program. The program documents results of decreased body fat and cholesterol, increased work performance, and the implementation of healthy eating habits. Focused on firefighters and law enforcement, the program features weight training and aerobic exercise through a specialized obstacle course, swimming, and other activities. Program directors plan to use the grant money to purchase equipment for the cardiovascular, balance and fall prevention, and immediate care programs.

Grandview's Diabetes and Obesity Wellness Opportunities Program (DO-WOP) also won the award. Honored in the obesity category, DO-WOP uses nutrition education and fitness classes to combat obesity in Dayton's underserved population. Children ages 9 to 14 attend the 12-week program with a parent or guardian. If they attend at least 75 percent of the sessions, the children get incentive gift cards.

PHOTO BY LEE ANN YAHLE



*Dayton, Ohio, area firefighters and police officers participate in the Dayton Sports Medicine Institute's Tactical Training Program.*

## Kettering Adventist HealthCare Listed as Top Ten System

Thomson Reuters, a quality assessment company best known for their "100 Top Hospitals" list published annually in the *U.S. News & World Report*, released its first list dedicated to top health systems. The results bode well for Dayton-area residents with Kettering Adventist HealthCare (KAHC) in the "10 Winning Health Systems" list.

Although half of the list was comprised of Ohio health systems, KAHC was the only Dayton-area system included. The list was based on efficient delivery of quality care.

"What a huge honor to be named among the 10 best systems in the entire country," Frank Perez, KAHC CEO (right), states.



"It is a real testament to our doctors, nurses, administrators, and support staff and their commitment to our mission of improving quality of life for the people in our communities. Our team members truly view this as sacred work, and first-rate care is their top priority."

Jean Chenoweth, senior vice president for performance improvement at Thomson Reuters, reports, "The Health System Quality/Efficiency Benchmarks study provides a valid comparison of the relative level of care, and honors the 10 top organizations that drive collective excellence. The study sheds light on the power of health systems to effect rapid change in quality."

Recognizing the overall benefit for the state to have such a large presence on the list, Perez adds, "We have suffered many setbacks for business in Ohio. It's nice to see our healthcare being recognized for efficiency and quality. Healthcare is more complex here now than it has ever been, and to have five on this prestigious list is just remarkable."

Kettering Adventist HealthCare is comprised of the Kettering, Grandview, Sycamore, and Southview medical centers, Greene Memorial Hospital, Kettering Behavioral Medicine Center, and 50 satellite facilities serving a nine-county region of Ohio. For more information, visit [100tophospitals.com](http://100tophospitals.com).

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## Alumnus Walks, Raises \$2,300 for Pine Forge Academy

Clifford and Deniece Fields recently walked 130 miles to raise funds for Allegheny East Conference's Pine Forge Academy in Pine Forge, Pa. Clifford ('79) conceived the idea for the fundraiser while walking.

"I was praying for something to do to celebrate my 30 years since graduating," he recalls. "Then the Holy Spirit said, 'You are doing it—walking.' When I shared the idea with my wife, she said, 'Good, we are going to do it together.'"

The excited couple, and their daughter Nikki, thought it would be a great way to raise money for the school they held so dear. So Nikki set up a website, [walkingtopineforge.webs.com](http://walkingtopineforge.webs.com), to share information and collect funds.

"My mom believed in Christian education, and all six of [her children] graduated from Pine Forge," Clifford explains. "Pine Forge has such a special place in [our] hearts."

With giving back in mind, the couple set out on the seven daylong journey. "We learned that no dream is too small. [If we] share it with others, there are a lot of people willing to help," Deniece says.

Both recall the kindness and encouragement they received from strangers along the way. One hotel manager saw them walking and gave them a discount on their room as well as free breakfast and dinner. Another couple heard their story and gave them \$100, while a roadside vegetable vendor gave them his day's earnings of \$10 to support their goal. In all, the Fields' walk raised \$2,300 for the school.

Clifford and Deniece are members of the Community Praise Center in Alexandria, Va.

*Clifford and Deniece Fields recently walked from their home in Laurel, Md., to Pine Forge Academy in Pottstown, Pa., to raise money for the school.*



## NEWS

### Teaneck Church Promotes Gang Awareness

The First church of Teaneck, N.J., recently hosted a gang awareness event in the church's gymnasium. The effort was part of the church's attempt to help county residents realize the need to be proactive in safeguarding teens from gang influence.

Wayne Scott, pastor; social workers Linda Hall, Pamela Humphrey, and Michelle Abraham; and other members of the church partnered with the Teaneck Police Department and the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office to organize the event. Approximately 200 people attended the presentation, including a member of the "Bloods" gang who was given permission to address the audience.

After the presentation, Pamela Johnson, a community resident, addressed the audience. She pleaded with parents to be more involved in their children's lives. She stated that her son, who had no gang affiliation, was slain some three years ago by a member of the "Bloods" at a friend's birthday party.—*Wayne Scott*

### 54 People Baptized at Capitol Hill

In these uncertain times, Gene Donaldson, senior pastor of Capitol Hill church in Washington, D.C., launched an evangelistic series to bring hope to the



community. The theme for the five-week series was "Living With Hope." It was the first evangelistic series held at the church in at least six years.

Capitol Hill members personally distributed 5,000 invitations to neighbors. An invitation was also mailed to the more than 22,000 households in the church's 20002 zip code. Bible workers and an outreach team were also deployed in the surrounding neighborhoods. They distributed more than 800 Bible study lessons and 500 books, including *Bible Answers* and *Steps to Christ*. Student literature evangelists from Oakwood University (Ala.) also assisted with the outreach.

As a result of the "Living With Hope" series, 54 people (some pictured above) were baptized—the largest number recorded for the church during a single month. Two others joined on profession of faith.—*Karen Hayes*

## West Philadelphia Ministers Through Computer Training

**P**eter Jackson, communication leader at the West Philadelphia church, had an idea. “Let’s provide computer training classes for the community as an outreach program,” he said to fellow church members. Little did he know there were approximately 15 other men raised in the Mill Creek area with a similar vision.



*Peter Jackson, a member of the West Philadelphia church, gives computer student Bette an encouraging hug.*

Mill Creek is a community that was recently transformed from high-rise apartment buildings to low-rise homes. Men of Mill Creek (MOM), a neighborhood group, offers community programs that include mentoring, education, life skills, sports programs, computer education, job development, and social skills. After setting up a computer lab on the second floor of a barbershop, they looked for instructors.

When Donna Riley, inner city coordinator for the West Philadelphia church, met Keith Bell, a MOM member, at a community board meeting, the two discovered a shared interest. Bell introduced Jackson and Riley to Derrick “Rick” Long, a football coach who was studying for a Master of Divinity.

Long set the ground rules early. He told them, “We pray here at MOM and we live according to the Bible. We were blessed with a gift to create this computer lab, and we want to open it up to all the community.”

The paint was literally still wet on the lab as church and MOM members hammered out a program schedule. The training would cover all aspects of the computer, from hard drives to cyberspace.

Each course runs for six weeks with increasing levels of difficulty. Already the courses are in high demand. The lab only seats 14 students, and church members can only volunteer Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The students range in age from those with canes and silver hair to those wearing T-shirts and sneakers.

Shirley Gethers said taking this course translates to “job skill readiness. It opens avenues to current times. Today’s world is computerized, so this enables me to function in the 21st century.”

She adds that for her mother, a senior citizen, a course like this “helps with her confidence. She doesn’t feel life is passing her by.”

Vince Dyer likes the “prayer to begin the class, the relaxed atmosphere” and not being afraid to ask questions. Dyer is a composing musician. He wants to automate writing music.

The instructors are West Philadelphia church members Cavine Hayden, Peter Jackson, Liston Munroe, Roy Sadler, and Jermaine Thomas. Before volunteering, church members had to agree to witness with actions, understand that classrooms included Christians and non-Christians, focus primarily on this venture, commit to at least one year, and expect to receive the question, where do you worship?

To West Philadelphia church



*The West Philadelphia church is partnering with community members to teach free computer classes to their neighbors.*



*Football coach Derrick Long grew up in the Mill Creek community and was happy to partner with West Philadelphia church members to provide computer training for community residents.*

members, the venture has been successful. Students have begun to visit the church, ask to participate in other programs, and make members feel welcome in their homes.

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## Bethel “Friday Nite FIYAH” Draws Young People

When the MOFIA (Men of Faith in Action) from the Bethel church in Akron, Ohio, noticed that the youth were not engaged and active in church, they decided to take action.

Spearheaded by Maurice Bell Sr., the group created Friday Nite FIYAH (Faithful Inspired Youth Achieving Holiness). The program allows young people to showcase their gifts and talents through Christ-centered poetry, drama, and music. The program also features two scripted series. One follows two teenagers dealing with school, family, infatuation, and life. The second is a comedy that focuses on three generations of women under one roof.

The idea has caught on, and now approximately 70 young people attend each Friday night, including those from the community. Several young people shared what they love about the program: “This gives us a chance to see



kids come to God,” said Keyanna Perry. “That it is just for young people,” said Chamimr Wilson. “It is a good place to hang ... and it teaches Bible lessons,” said Maurice Bell.

The adults of the church are equally excited. One noted, “It helps the youth to express themselves and addresses real issues with a spiritual tone.”

In addition, young people from the community have started bringing their parents, who, in turn, have started attending Sabbath services.

*Young people at the Bethel church in Akron, Ohio, are excited to participate in a Friday night program that allows them to share their God-given talents.*

## NEWS

### Glenville Hosts Annual Community Outreach

The Glenville church’s parking lot was recently transformed into command posts for clothing giveaways, blood pressure screenings (below), health literature, and vegetarian samples. Myrita Wilhyte, an audiologist, and Violet Cox, a speech-language pathologist from Cleveland State University, presented hearing screenings.

The annual event was spearheaded by nurse practitioner Linda Boseman, the church’s Health and Temperance leader. According to Boseman, this annual project was truly a tangible representation of the church’s mission statement of “evangelizing our community by utilizing our unique gifts and talents.”  
—Violet Cox



### Maranatha Church Bids Palmers Goodbye

The Maranatha church in Cleveland recently hosted a retirement celebration in honor of Pastor Leighton Palmer (right) and his wife, Joanne. The Palmers have been in the ministry for 30 years. Relatives and friends came from all over Ohio and as far away as Lynchburg, Va.; Atlanta; and Pittsburgh.

Fredrick Russell, conference president, spoke on Pastor Palmer’s behalf and reflected on their friendship and years attending Oakwood University (Ala.). Family and friends shared special moments as they remembered Pastor Palmer as a child, teenager, college student, husband, pastor, and father.

The Palmers plan to relocate to Huntsville, Ala.  
—Jenell Strickland



## Gospel-Recording Artists Kick Off Bethel, Southeast Evangelism Meetings

Two well-known gospel artists were invited to set a tone of praise and worship for evangelism



Gospel recording artist Larnelle Harris was invited to the Southeast church to stir up the hearts of those attending a series about restoring families.



Pastor Jerome and Carolyn Hurst pose with singer Larnelle Harris (left) after a soul-stirring concert.

meetings at two Cleveland area churches.

With the theme “Reclaim and Restore Families,” Jerome Hurst, pastor of the Southeast church, led an evangelism campaign designed to “empower families for time and eternity.” To kick off the opening night of the series, Hurst invited Grammy award-winning gospel recording artist Larnelle Harris to sing. The concert helped open the hearts of many in the congregation.

“My prayer, after more than 30 years of singing the gospel, has not changed,” Harris said to the congregation. “It remains ‘Lord, now that I have your love in my heart, teach me how to give it away.’”

The featured artist for the free concert was gospel recording artist Helen Baylor. More than 400 people attended the holy service, which was held at the nearby Bethel church in Akron, Ohio. Led by the Holy Spirit, Baylor made an appeal, and eight people gave their lives to Christ.

The concert was part of the church’s yearlong effort to evangelize from within and outside the church. The first step was for the church to ready itself to receive people who were interested in learning more about the Lord, but who didn’t necessarily “look like us,” explained Calvin Roberson, pastor of the Bethel church.

“We truly believe that if the church is healthy and portrays the love of Christ, then people will naturally come,” he added.

The church also held a marriage conference for couples and invited people from the community. Then they started a Friday night program for young people, which has drawn youth from the community. Finally, the evangelism meeting, themed

“Earth’s Final Battle,” attracted community members who attended the Baylor concert. Several are now preparing for baptism.



Pastor Calvin Roberson and his wife, Wendy, pose with gospel recording artist Helen Baylor (center).



Helen Baylor’s concert jump-started a two-week prophecy seminar at the Bethel church in Akron.

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## Students Learn to Lead

True education involves all aspects of learning for “the joy of service in this world and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come” (*Education*, p.13). Blue Mountain Academy (BMA) seeks to fulfill its God-ordained mission to direct students to the source of all good, knowledge, and wisdom—Jesus Christ.

An important component of learning is leadership. The spiritual aspect of leadership continues to be emphasized in Leadership Bible 11 and 12, taught by Pastor Duane Ferguson. Since leadership is action, numerous opportunities are provided for students to practice their leadership skills.

Two classes have been added that address leadership in the workplace. Business leaders and board members Barbara Rutt and Jon Larrabee teach Steps to Leadership, and Leadership in the Workplace. These classes go beyond theoretical concepts through hands-on activities and interactive, online assessment tools.

Rutt’s class covers the qualities, styles, and skills of a leader. Larrabee’s class highlights the role of personal values in leadership, ethical decision-making skills, career options, basic organizational development, and management process tools. The high school national Junior Achievement curriculum will be incorporated into these courses.

As future leaders, Blue Mountain Academy students are encouraged to live in the world, but not be of the world. They are to step out in faith to develop their God-given talents for God’s glory and to spread the good news that Jesus is coming!



**Craig Ziesmer**  
*Principal*

## Advanced Science Course Now Available

One BMA teacher’s dream became a reality this fall with the addition of a dual credit Advanced Placement Biology course to the school’s curriculum.

“As a student at BMA, I enjoyed science and math so much that I took as many of these classes as I could possibly

fit into my schedule. As a science teacher at BMA, I have dreamed of offering an advanced class to students who share my love of science,” explains Rose Bechtel.

The course is designed for students who like the challenge of an upper level biology course that also allows college credit. Students who take this course through Reading Area Community College (RACC) will receive eight college credits in biology, as well as high school science credit. RACC and the College Board have the course’s curriculum as an Advanced Placement course. Instead of working through RACC, some students will take the AP exam in May and earn up to eight college credits in biology.

Students who take the dual credit biology through RACC their junior year will also be eligible to take anatomy and physiology their senior year as a dual credit course and receive eight additional college credits from RACC.

Students who wish to accomplish these goals will need to be serious about their classes from the beginning of their freshman year. They will need to have solid grades in Life and Health Science, as well as Algebra I, to take both biology and chemistry their sophomore year. “We hope the incentive of dual credit courses will stimulate students to achieve their potential of excellence,” Bechtel concludes.



*Rose Bechtel, a BMA science teacher and alumna, designed an upper-level biology course, which allows interested students to earn college credits.*

## NEWS

### Cross Reminds Campus to Pray

During a recent Sabbath School program, Carlos Abreu, a parent, asked students to write prayer requests on a piece of paper and nail them to a cross set up on the campus' lawn. The cross is a reminder that God is interested and will answer prayers. In the weeks that followed, Sabbath School classes were held on the lawn near the cross as a reminder that God is a solid foundation.



### New Chaplain Welcomed

Pastor Javier Navarrete (right) recently joined BMA's faculty as an assistant chaplain. Before coming to BMA, Navarrete taught at Pleasant Hill Adventist Academy in Pleasant Hill, Calif. One of his first responsibilities at BMA included planning the fall week of prayer.



Navarrete shares that his goal is "to challenge students to have a real relationship with God that transcends words and leads into actions."

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## Teacher Excels in Music, Math

**E**ric Engen, music and math teacher, has taught band at BMA for 23 years and bells for 17 years. He has directed the BMA Concert Band and La Sonnette Ensemble bell choir for seven years. Engen teaches private lessons for all band instruments, his favorite being the baritone horn. He

also teaches math and administers PowerSchool, BMA's online grading and attendance program.

La Sonnette Ensemble, one of the school's touring groups, has performed in many churches around the Columbia Union and in Bermuda this past spring. Under Engen's direction, La Sonnette released a CD titled *Let Us Be Joyful!* The album features a sampling of styles, including classical to contemporary, and even Christmas music.

Although the BMA Concert Band isn't a touring group, they do travel occasionally. Recently they visited the York (Pa.) church, where they presented music and testimonies for the worship service. The band performs for events such as alumni weekend, Christmas and spring concerts, and MusicFest.



Eric Engen, BMA's music and math teacher, works with Rebecca Richards ('11) during her music lesson.

## Upcoming Events

### December

- 11** Bel Canto Performs *Gloria* by John Rutter  
Sylvan Singers Perform *Gloria* by Antonio Vivaldi

- 12** Piano/Voice Recital  
La Sonnette Ensemble Band Concert

- 17–  
Jan. 5** Christmas Break

### January

- 19-23** Student FOCUS

For a more detailed schedule and up-to-the-minute information on news and happenings, check out the calendar online at [bma.us](http://bma.us).

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# THE CHALLENGE

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## Count Your Blessings

**D**o you remember the words of the old gospel chorus “Count Your Blessings?” The words are, “Count your blessings/Name them one by one/Count your blessings/See what God has done.”

I can't think of blessings without thinking about people I have been privileged to know over the past 25 years here in Chesapeake. These are people from every nook and cranny of our conference who have given generously of their time, talents, energies, and resources to build up their local churches, schools, and conference, or invested the same in ministry to their communities. These are people who have given the gift of themselves through love and kindness, wisdom and knowledge, and friendship and concern. And they have done all this without any expectation of public acknowledgement.

That is not to say that we should not thank these dedicated individuals. It is just to say that they aren't giving of themselves in order to solicit some expression of appreciation from the rest of us. They are providing ordinary, everyday examples of how I believe our faith instructs us to use what we have been given—our gifts and abilities—as offerings of our thanks.

It is a time for our thanksgiving, for counting and acknowledging our many blessings, for building on what our predecessors have built for us, for nourishing and strengthening the faith of those around us, and for otherwise demonstrating our stewardship of the gifts God has given to us today.



**Rob Vandeman**  
*President*

## Capital Brazilian Temple Members Attend African Women's Conference

**W**hen the Women's Ministries department for the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church invited Katia Reinert to conduct depression recovery and prevention seminars at the West Central Africa Division's

Women's Congress held at Babcock University in Nigeria, she readily accepted. Raquel Arrais, associate director for Women's Ministries for the world church, and Reinert, a public health clinical nurse specialist at Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, Md., are both active members of the Capital Brazilian Temple in Highland, Md.

Reinert led group seminars and consulted with women one-on-one during the weeklong event. She says the women were eager to learn and openly discussed their feelings, struggles with depression, and the limited options available to them. She learned that they suffer many stresses that women in the United States never encounter. The training helped participants focus on accepting circumstances they cannot change, and on strategies for improving their situations. “They are wonderful people—strong, courageous women,” reflects Reinert.

More than 4,000 women, representing 20-plus African countries, attended the conference. Two days of spectacular displays marked the opening ceremonies as the women marched behind their individual regional flags. The convention culminated on Sabbath with a call for women to recommit themselves in service to God.

Babcock University, a Seventh-day Adventist school, and the Adventist community have earned local respect for their positive impact in the region.



*Raquel Arrais and Katia Reinert, members of the Capital Brazilian Temple in Highland, Md., don the colorful, traditional garb of Nigeria for their presentations at a women's conference hosted by the West Central Africa Division.*

## Hagerstown's ACTS 9 Center Gives and Receives Aid

Despite increased demand caused by the current economy, the ACTS 9 Adventist Community Services Center in Hagerstown, Md., is able to keep their food pantry adequately stocked due to the support of some likely and unlikely sources. For 60 years the center has provided groceries and household goods free of charge to locals who depend on the aid for survival. Sandy Martin, the center's director and a member of the Hagerstown (Md.) church, reckons about 300 families receive a generous

allotment of groceries each month.

The ACTS 9 Center is a group effort financed by six Seventh-day Adventist churches in the region—Berkeley Springs (W.Va.); Frederick (Md.); Hagerstown (Md.); Highland View, also in Hagerstown; Williamsport (Md.); and the Willow Brook church in Boonsboro, Md.

Each autumn the churches join forces with two Hagerstown schools, Highland View Academy and Mount Aetna Adventist Elementary School (MAAES), in a food drive organized by MAES principal Kandace Zollman.

"It really puts our kids on board with helping people," says Zollman. Specific foods are collected each week and keep the center's food bank stocked for six months to a year.

A local association of motorcyclists has also supported the center for more than 16 years, by bringing groceries and new toys in time for the Christmas season. The bikers, many of whom are handy with tools, have offered to fix things when needed.

"I have wonderful volunteers," says Martin. "The Lord has really blessed us."

## West Wilmington Golf Tournament Benefits Neighbors in Need

People get excited about the annual golf tournament sponsored by the West Wilmington (Del.) church. For some avid fans of the sport, any excuse to play piques their interest. For others it's the hope of getting a hole-in-one and winning a new car donated by a local dealership. But most church

PHOTO BY TOM CLARK

members and neighbors who participate do so to support the Greater Wilmington Adventist Community Services Center.

Golfers pay greens and tournament fees that benefit the center. Local businesses donate gifts and prizes. Instead of awarding trophies based on scores, the prizes are given to the teams who solicit the most money from sponsors. One year a team of non-golfers took first place.

"The golf benefit has become the largest single source of income for the center," says Tom Clark, the center's treasurer. He says the autumn event gives Seventh-day Adventists an opportunity to really partner with the community to help residents in need.

In addition to supplying meals and clothing to people who come to the center for help, volunteers operate a mobile homeless ministry that dispenses much-needed toiletries, food, and hot or cold drinks according to the season. Clients can also take advantage of job placement opportunities through an area employment agency.

Clark says that clients especially appreciate having someone listen to



A full pantry enables the Greater Wilmington Adventist Community Services Center to serve more than 2,000 meals each month.

them and pray with them. "We're there to listen and talk, not to drop food and run," he says. One of the ministry's volunteer leaders is just 6 years old—proof that anyone can make a difference in the life of someone else.



Volunteer Bernadette Clark (middle) and two of the center's clients celebrate friendship at the Greater Wilmington Adventist Community Services Center, a joint venture of the West Wilmington and Sharon Temple Seventh-day Adventist churches in Wilmington, Del.

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# MOUNTAIN VIEWPOINT

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## Grace on Display

Have you ever asked yourself: What does grace look like? How would a grace-filled person act? Would others see that grace? Answering these questions would take more space than allowed here, but let's start with 1 Peter 2:9, which exhorts the Christian to "shew forth (display) the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

Ellen White wrote, "Seventh-day Adventists have been set in the world as watchmen and light bearers ... giving a living representation of the life of Christ ... a Christ-like life is the most powerful argument that can be advanced in favor of Christianity ... Men will believe, not what the minister preaches, but what *the church lives*" (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 9, pp.19-21).

Peter also states that we are to grow in grace (see 2 Peter 3:18). Could it be that one's experience in grace leads them to display it more and more, bursting to tell others about Jesus? It is my understanding from Scripture that if the grace of Christ is received into my life, it will be displayed so others can see it in action. If I claim to have received the grace of Christ, claim to be born again and be a follower of Christ, I will display that grace by sharing my experience of grace with others. I cannot keep from sharing Jesus—what He has done, is doing, and will continue to do in my life. I *will* want to share Him.

"How is it possible to grow in grace? It is possible to us only as we empty our hearts of self and present them to heaven, to be molded after the divine Pattern ... the grace of Christ will not make us proud, cause us to be lifted up in self, but we shall become meek and lowly in heart" (*Signs of the Times*, Jan. 1893).

This one thing is sure, when you have accepted the grace of Christ it will be displayed by telling others. "If we have tasted and seen that the Lord is good we shall have something to tell" (*Steps to Christ*, p. 68).



Larry Boggess  
President

## Parkersburg Church Hosts Cooking Class

Holding fast to the Adventist belief in health ministries as an entering wedge, the Parkersburg (W.Va.) church recently hosted the Healthy Living cooking classes. Led by Pastor Daniel Morikone and his wife, Valerie, the monthly vegan classes drew a mix

of community and church members. Valerie has been teaching vegan cooking classes since the 1980s.

The Morikones love to share healthy living tips and tasty recipes. "I thought that those who attended were very interested in learning how to incorporate healthy ideas into their cooking," Valerie shared. "One woman has been attending the Parkersburg church for several years and has been helping with care giving for a vegetarian/vegan Adventist family. She is very excited about all that she is learning. Her doctor is pleased with the progress she is making, and this woman is very happy with how much better she is feeling."

To top it all off, attendees were able to take home food prepared during class and recipe books at no cost.



Parkersburg member Vicki Mace (left) and visitor Sharon Jefferson sample healthy vegan dishes at the church's Healthy Living cooking class.

# MOUNTAIN VIEWPOINT

## Toll Gate Pathfinders Collect Pins for Sick Member

Seventeen year-old Brianna Foster (right) of the Toll Gate (W.Va.) church recently received 132 Pathfinder pins from the “Courage to Stand” International Camporee held in Oshkosh, Wis. Foster, who suffers from bone cancer, was unable to join her three sisters and other members of the Toll Gate Trailblazers on the trip.

While in Oshkosh, her sisters devised a way to bring back a little of the camporee for Brianna to enjoy. One of the main “past times” at any camporee is trading pins, so the Trailblazers set up a table with a sign requesting pin donations for Brianna. They had hoped for a few, but instead collected 132 pins at their table dubbed “Prayer, Pins, and Pens.” They also collected two shirts covered with signatures, well wishes, and many prayers.

One mother commented on how her son would have loved the Trail-

*Several members of the Toll Gate Trailblazers collect pins for Brianna Foster (right) who could not make it to the international camporee.*



blazer’s initiative. He also had planned on attending the camporee but lost his battle with cancer before the event. His mother took off her hat, contemplated for a moment, and then decided on his Adventurer pin, saying, “This is the one he would have wanted me to give.”



## Cumberland, Frostburg Churches Welcome New Pastor

The Mountain View Conference recently welcomed Pastor Scott Shafer and his wife, Sarah (right), to the ministry in the Cumberland (Md.) and Frostburg (Md.) church district.

Shafer’s father was a Seventh-day Adventist literature evangelist and pastor. As a result, he grew up being around many Adventist churches, ministries, and workers. He also lived in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Washington state, West Virginia, and Tennessee.

From a very early age, Shafer had a longing to be a pastor. His early education included Adventist elementary schools and home schooling. In 1993 he graduated with a bachelor’s degree in pastoral evangelism from Hartland Institute near Rapidan, Va. In 2002 he went on to complete his Master of Divinity at Andrews University (Mich.).

After graduation Shafer served as a student literature evangelist leader in Michigan and Georgia.



Next he conducted evangelistic crusades for Amazing Facts in Tennessee and British Columbia. He has served as a pastor in the Potomac and Kentucky-Tennessee conferences, and most recently in the Nevada-Utah Conference.

He and Sarah were married in 2005. They work together as a team in the ministry. They are thankful for the way the Lord has led them and are looking forward to being involved in the Lord’s work in the Cumberland and Frostburg churches.

## Mountain View EVENTS

### November

- 1 Board of Education
- 22 Outreach Leadership Team Meeting, Location TBA
- 30 Curriculum Committee/ Teachers In-Service

### December

- 1 Ministers Meeting
- 14 Executive Committee

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# NEWS NEW JERSEY

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## Is it Urgent, Important, or Vital to the Mission?

What is the mission of your church? Has your church developed an action plan to achieve that mission? Are pastors and members working as a team to achieve that mission? We need to recognize the difference between those plans, which we think are **urgent**, those we think are **important**, and what is really **vital** to accomplishing the mission of our church.

Pastors, elders, and other church leaders tend to confuse these three. We tend to decide individually what we think is important to achieving the mission. Then we work urgently to accomplish it. We become so involved in doing what we think is important that we do not stop to ask ourselves if this is really vital to the mission of the church.

Because we have decided individually what we think is important, and then made that our urgent task to accomplish, we tend to work alone as individuals without sharing our heavy work load with the whole team or assessing what progress the church as a whole has made in accomplishing its mission.

Pastors and church leaders need to stop and do group planning and then select only those activities that they as a team have determined are really vital to accomplishing that mission. Once you have prioritized those action plans that are vital to accomplishing that mission, go for it!



José H. Cortés  
*President*

## Edison Spanish Church Celebrates 10th Anniversary

Ten years after they began as a small group, members of the Edison Spanish church have a lot to celebrate. It didn't take very long for members to become a company, then a church, or to plant another group (West Long Branch Spanish Company), and purchase their own building.

The church is growing steadily, having baptized 23 people this year.

"We've only had two evangelism events," explains Pastor Mario Thorp. "Much of the work is being done by our members. They are the ones reaching out to friends, family, and neighbors and inviting them to church or offering Bible study."



He adds, "At Edison we believe that evangelism is not just an event, but a culture."

That commitment was seen two years ago when the church purchased its own building. Through prayer, a series of miraculous events, and members committed to faithfully tithing 10 percent and giving an additional 10 percent, they fulfilled a long-cherished dream of purchasing a church home (above).

With an average of 15 to 20 visitors each week, Thorp says that visitors are encouraged to get involved in church activities.

"And when we have a reaping event it is natural that they would want to become part of the family," he says.

José H. Cortés, conference president, attended the 10th anniversary celebration and pointed to Edison Spanish as a church that is a prime example of a healthy and growing church.—*Taashi Rowe*



Children at Edison Spanish church recently led out in the church's 10th anniversary celebration service.

## Two Converts Join Filipino First Church

On a recent Sabbath, two former members of the Baptist Church were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist faith at the First Filipino church in Plainfield. Though baptized on the same day, Edgardo Alegria, MD, and Edda Ang came to the church through different means.



*Pastor Adrie Legoh prepares to baptize Edgardo Alegria, MD, and Edda Ang.*

Dr. Alegria came in contact with Adventists through his friendship with Tina and Sam Pastores, who serve as treasurer and elder, respectively, at the First Filipino church. The acquaintance ripened into his attendance of a small group Bible study series held on Friday evenings by Manny Mullaneda, the church's Personal Ministries director. For over six months, Alegria did not miss one meeting. At one time Alegria spent eight years preparing to become a Catholic priest. Today he is convinced of the Adventist faith's validity.

"Instead of becoming a priest, my baptism today is my ordination," he said standing in the baptistery minutes before immersion. "This is the first time in my life that I've found a church [where] I feel that I

belong. It is human to be part of a flock with the Shepherd to obey."

Edda Ang traced her interest in Adventist belief to listening to the Internet sermons of Doug Batchelor of Amazing Facts ministries. Even before her baptism, she already loved to share her newfound faith by downloading Batchelor's sermons and distributing them to her family members and friends. She also took Bible studies with Mullaneda in person and over the phone.

"I now fully believe in the seventh-day Sabbath, and that the observance must be from sunset to sunset. Obedience in God's commandment and having the faith in Jesus [does] count," Ang said.

Adrie Legoh, the church's pastor, conducted both baptisms.—*Manny P. Mullaneda*

## NEWS

### Greene Appointed Director of Communication

José H. Cortés, president of the New Jersey Conference, recently announced that Jim Greene (below), vice president for administration, has been appointed as the new director of Communication.

Greene will be responsible for providing the leadership to our communication team, which will include Jorge Pillco, director of Media Ministries; Milca



Vazquez, administrative assistant; and Alberto Vazquez, webmaster, Cortés explained. "I am excited about his new appointment and Jim's willingness to take on this additional responsibility."

Greene plans to increase the ways conference leaders

communicate with constituents. He will work with pastors, teachers, churches, and schools to include more stories in the *Visitor*, make updates to the conference website, and start an email newsletter.

To send stories and photos to the Communication Department, email [NJCommunication@njcsda.org](mailto:NJCommunication@njcsda.org).

### Laurelwood Member Heads to Afghanistan

Laurelwood church member Lt. Charles Batista recently said goodbye to his family before reporting for his second tour of duty to Afghanistan. Batista graduated from Washington Adventist University in Takoma Park, Md., and taught at Garden State Academy in Tranquility. He is serving with the Seventh Tactical Theater Signal Brigade. His wife, Kimberly, and daughters Jayden, Analise (right), and Noemi remain in Germany. Please keep the family in prayer as he serves these next 12-15 months overseas.



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## Conference to Revive Simple Church Movement

According to Acts 16, the first church planted in the West started in the home of Lydia of Thyatira, Macedonia. It was a house church. Today there are a growing number of persons expressing their faith and worship of God in gatherings of believers that meet regularly in homes or places other than a church building.

In light of this house church revival in America, the Ohio Conference has established an organizational framework for this very old New Testament practice to take root in the state. The Ohio Conference Executive Committee recently voted to establish what is being called a Simple Church—an umbrella structure within which numerous house churches can exist in Ohio.

By this action, the Ohio Conference will participate in the North American Division-endorsed Simple Church project led by Pastor Milton Adams. The project is based in Florida and will now be extended to Ohio. Pastor



Adams will provide training, coaching, and guidance to Simple Church start-ups in Ohio.

“The potential impact of Simple Church in Ohio is huge,” says Pastor Adams. “According to Dave Olsen,



*Pastor Milton Adams baptizes Shawn Watson, who came to Adventism through house church meetings. Based in Florida, Adams will be providing, training, coaching, and guidance to those looking to start house churches.*



who monitors religious trends in North America, in 2005 only 19 percent of people in Ohio went to church on a given weekend. With more and more people *not* going to public buildings for church, Simple Church takes Christ to them and meets them where they are—in your neighborhood.”

By definition, Simple Church is an organic, lay-led house church whose mission it is to reach unchurched and secular people with the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ. Simple Church lowers the bar on what it means to “do church” and raises the bar on what it means to “go and make disciples.” The objective of Simple Church is not to “grow up” to be a regular or large church in a church building. Simple Church grows by dividing into new “simple churches” as new lay leaders are trained. Multiplication, not unlimited growth, is the ideal. The focus of Simple Church is mission rather than size, buildings, or complex governance systems. Simple Church is not a small group or a “branch Sabbath School” that is an extension of a specific congregation’s ministry. Instead, it functions as a Seventh-day Adventist entity under the umbrella of the Ohio Conference’s Simple Church structure.

Simple Church will be one of the featured topics at the 2010 Ohio Ministry University to be held February 6-7 in Columbus. “In 2010 we are looking for 50 people from Ohio who are willing to reach unchurched people and become missionaries. Give it some prayerful thought,” Adams urges.

For more information on Simple Church, visit [simplechurchathome.com](http://simplechurchathome.com), or contact Monte Sahlin at [montessahlin@gmail.com](mailto:montessahlin@gmail.com), or Milton Adams at [miltonadams@adamsonline.org](mailto:miltonadams@adamsonline.org).

## Division-Wide Worship Event Slated for Columbus



Members of the Ohio Conference are invited to join thousands of Adventists from across North America, and the world, for Sabbath worship April 10, 2010. The day will be the culmination of a four-day event, themed “4 Extremes.” Organized by the North American Division and aimed at youth, young adults, and children, the event begins on April 7. It will combine the Youth Ministries Leadership Summit; “Just Claim It 2,” the division’s world youth prayer congress; “Ignition,” which focuses on Young Adult Ministries; and the Children’s Worship Conference sponsored by the Ohio Conference. More than 15,000 persons are expected to participate. All events will be held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

The program will include a 1,000-voice mass choir and a mega orchestra/ensemble. Details related to the Sabbath programs will be available at [www.ohioadventist.org](http://www.ohioadventist.org). For information on “4 Extremes,” visit [jci2.org](http://jci2.org).

## Spring Valley Academy Family—Back Home At Last

Less than one year after a devastating fire forced Spring Valley Academy (SVA) to temporarily re-locate, faculty and staff were thrilled to hear that they would be back in their building for the start of the academic year. Teachers at the K-12 school, located in Centerville, toured the new facility soon after receiving the news.

They were excited to see new carpet, new windows, redesigned

administrative and business office suites, a staff kitchenette/lounge, and boardroom. Other surprises included a new teacher workroom; remodeled middle school bathrooms; whiteboards; new cabinets for most classrooms; and entirely new kitchen workstations outfitted with cabinets, flooring, and appliances for the Home Economics classes. Before the fire, the school had two computer labs, but staff members were thrilled to find three labs with new computers and desks.

One Friday morning before the school’s open house, teachers and staff members traveled in groups to dedicate and give thanksgiving for each classroom and office. Afterward, teachers, staff, parents, and church members worked diligently in preparation for a Sunday open house.

Once the hour arrived, more than 500 parents, students, relatives, church members, and a few of the founding members of the school eagerly flooded into the new Spring Valley Academy.

“As we reflect over the past year since our school fire, we can truly



*Students enjoy new, but familiar, classrooms with old friends.*

see how God has worked wonders for SVA in so many ways,” said Jeff Bovee, principal. “Not only have we been blessed with a facility featuring the latest upgrades in technology, security, and architecture, but a student body filled with the spirit of praise and thanksgiving!”

By the time school re-opened, 50 Spring Valley Academy teachers and staff greeted 279 students. What was thought to be an impossible task just one week prior had become a blessed reality.—*Kari Schebo*



*Zelda Dunn, a kindergarten teacher, and her students Alyssa Martin (left) and Justina Lumbert-Stevens are thrilled to be back home.*

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# Pennsylvania Pen

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## Souderton Marks 100 Years of Fulfilling Mission

Seventh-day Adventists opened their first church school in Indian Valley in 1908. By its second year, the school had 22 students, and the Fairhill church opened with 27 charter members. The church was entirely lay-led for its first 20 years. They moved twice before settling on their present location in Souderton in 1969. This new Indian Valley church eventually became known as the Souderton Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Souderton members recently marked their 100th anniversary with a day of celebration. Barry Tryon, Pennsylvania Conference's executive secretary and ministerial director, spoke for the morning worship service. Dave Weigley, president of the Columbia Union Conference, shared a message titled "Faith and History" for the afternoon service.

Vince O'Domski, from U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent's office, presented a citation to the church and to head elder Lloyd Swartz for serving as the church's primary lay leader for 55 years. The church received congratulation letters from Edward Rendell, Pennsylvania governor; Arlen Specter, a U.S. Senator; Don Schneider, North American Division president; and Ray Hartwell, Pennsylvania Conference president.

Honored guests included former pastors Bernyl Mohr, Tom Grove, and Skip Dodson

and 96-year-old Elsie Conway, (right) who was born into the local church. Conway is Souderton church's oldest living member.

Jerry Ivanowicz and Tom Lawless joined the church through baptism that day, adding another cause for celebration.

"Reviewing these 100 years reminds me that success is less about big moments than it is about steady service," said current pastor Jim Wibberding as he reflected on the momentous day.



Front row Becky Weigley and Lloyd Swartz and (back row), left to right, Dave Weigley, Columbia Union president; Jim Wibberding, Souderton pastor; and former Souderton pastors Bernyl Mohr, Skip Dodson, and Tom Grove gather to celebrate the church's 100th anniversary.

## NEWS



### Stroudsburg Member Celebrates 100th Birthday

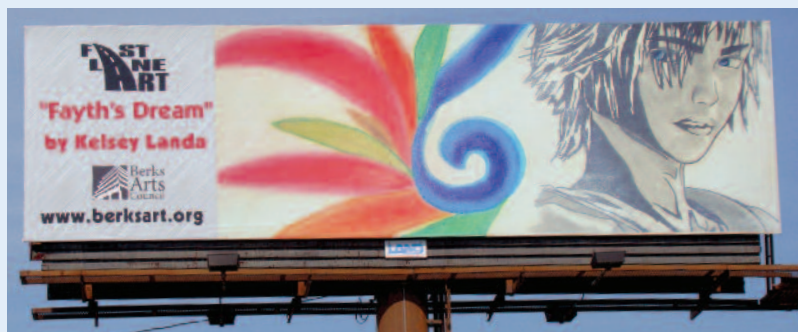
Margaret Kitchen (left) celebrated her 100th birthday surrounded by family and friends. A member of the Stroudsburg church, Kitchen has been an Adventist for 70 years.

She has volunteered for many years at her community service center.—*Nettie Martling*

### Hampden Heights Member Wins Art Contest

Hampden Heights church member Kelsey Landa placed first in the second annual Fast Lane Art Exhibition, which was sponsored by the Berks Art Council of Berks County. Landa placed first in the high school

student category. Winning entries are displayed as billboards throughout the county. Landa's winning entry, "Fayth's Dream," is on display as a billboard (below) in the Reading area. She entered the contest with the encouragement of an art teacher at the Goggleworks Center for the Arts in Reading. There were six adult winners and one high school winner.



## Gettysburg Church Member Gleans Fields for Needy

Jan Althoff, a member of the Gettysburg church, and her husband, Jerry, have been extremely busy this summer. They, along with about 20 volunteers, have facilitated the delivery of more than 20,000 pounds of fresh produce from area growers to Adams County shelters, food pantries, and soup kitchens.



The couple, owners of the Countryside Gardens Nursery in Gettysburg, noticed that area growers often leave behind unwanted or imperfect yet edible fruits and vegetables from their large farms and farm stands. That is when they were moved by God to form the Adams County Gleaning Network (ACGN). “Gleaning,” Jerry explains, “is going into the fields and harvesting leftover produce.”

Relying on a network of volunteers, ACGN allows those already receiving assistance through agencies in the area to add healthy and

wholesome fresh foods to their diets at no cost. The donations are very well received by the agencies, many of which have been forced to stretch their budgets due to recent government cuts. Patrons of the soup kitchens, shelters, and pantries express delight at having fresh produce rather than the canned ones they usually get.

“We have volunteers from all walks of life—retirees, people out of work, college students, church groups, and Scout groups,” says Jerry.

In some cases, the gleaners go out and pick (or pick up from the ground) the strawberries, berries, peaches, apples, corn, cucumbers, tomatoes, melons, and other produce. In other cases, the produce is already boxed and ready for pick up. Volunteers then sort and deliver the foods to the agencies that need it.

The two work tirelessly six days a week soliciting prospective donors, answering calls for pickups, arranging volunteers, plucking fruit and vegetables in the gleaning fields, organizing deliveries, and lining up the recipient agencies. It is a



*Jerry and Jan Althoff were inspired to organize volunteers to glean imperfect but edible produce from several farms in Adams County Pennsylvania.*

labor of love, and they are truly thrilled to add color and nutrition to the plates of those who need it most in Adams County. For more information about ACGN, email [jlalthoff@pa.net](mailto:jlalthoff@pa.net), or call (717) 334-0601.—*Susan Karpkala*

## Couples Invited to “Island Cruise”

Couples are invited to the Pennsylvania Conference’s annual marriage retreat, themed “Island Cruise.” The event will be held February 26-28, 2010, at the Crown Plaza Hotel, in Reading, and will feature speakers Dick and Jo Ann Davidson, PhD (right), who both teach at the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary at Andrews University (Mich.). The cost per couple is \$255 and includes two nights’ lodging, breakfast, boxed Sabbath lunch, an “Island Cruise” banquet on Saturday night, seminar materials, welcome basket, and hotel amenities including indoor pool and free Wi-Fi.

Prizes will be given for the most romantic, the most creative, and



the most authentic costumes at Saturday night’s banquet. The deadline for registration is January 20, 2010. For more information and to register, contact Jeanne Hartwell at (610) 374-8331, ext. 218, or [jhartwell@paconference.org](mailto:jhartwell@paconference.org)

## What’s happening

### November

- 6-7 Blue Mountain Academy Senior Recognition
- 6-8 Adventurer and Pathfinder Leadership Retreat  
*Laurel Lake Camp*
- 8 Hispanic School of Theology  
*Blue Mountain Academy*
- 13-15 Equipping University  
*Holiday Inn Harrisburg East*
- 14 Youth Leader Training  
*Conference Office*
- 20-22 BMA Parent Weekend

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# Potomac People

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## Go Boldly

On October 4, 1957, the former U.S.S.R. successfully launched the first artificial satellite. Seven times a day that satellite orbited the United States, creating incredible fear and paranoia in the American public. The Cold War reached new levels of tension. In 1958 the White House published *The Introduction to Outer Space*, a small booklet to garner support for the space race, which would allow the U.S. “to boldly go where no man has gone before.”

Adam and Eve used this axiom several millennia ago—“to boldly go where no man has gone before.” They went to the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, and this world changed at once. But the God-man Jesus also boldly went where no man had gone before—from an embryo to the cross—and again the world was changed at once.

“He made himself nothing; he took the humble position of a slave and appeared in human form” (Phil. 2:7, NLT).

This man Jesus has been on a mission much grander than NASA or Star Trek—a mission to “seek and save those who are lost” (Luke 19:10, NLT). And He has invited us on the same mission. He commands us to “Go, make disciples of all nations” (Matt. 28:19, NLT). This is the mission of the church. This is why the church exists. The sign that Jesus’ mission is complete is when “the good news about the kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come” (Matt. 24:14, NLT).

Jesus’ call to mission is to reach our neighbors, our communities—to go boldly. Let’s be His true church. Let’s be ambassadors for His mission.



**Bill Miller**  
President

## Hundreds Respond to Community Fellowship’s Bible Study Invitation

For Pastor Dean Waterman, mailing Bible study cards to the community before an upcoming evangelistic series is “standard operating procedure.” He and the congregation of Community Fellowship in Portsmouth, Va., determined they needed to make evangelism their top priority. With evangelism in mind, the congregation



*Bill Murat (left) and Pastor Dean Waterman of Community Fellowship in Portsmouth, Va., review some of the 450-plus Bible study request cards they received.*

was led by God to sell their church building of 57 years and relocate to a new facility, which would position them physically and financially to reach a broader segment of the community around them.

The congregation then mailed 24,000 Bible study request cards to two zip codes around the church—Chesapeake and Portsmouth—to find interests for the evangelistic series. They expected to receive a response of about half of 1 percent from the mailings, or approximately 140 requests for Bible study material. Unbeknownst to Community Fellowship, God had other plans.

By press time, they received more than 450 requests for Bible studies—three times the amount anyone expected! “This is all about God,” Pastor Waterman says. “He is definitely the One who is leading this effort, and we’re amazed at the response! We feel very motivated by this, and look forward to seeing what God has in store for Community Fellowship.”

With thankfulness and amazement, they are responding to Bible study requests and holding their contemporary evangelistic series this month. While no one can completely predict what the results will be, Community Fellowship members know from personal experience that, with God, they truly can expect great things.

# Potomac People

## Pearisburg Baptisms Increase Church Membership by 25 Percent

After 15 years without a baptism, the Pearisburg (Va.) church is seeing its membership grow. Today Pastor Vince Maclsaac and several volunteer Bible workers are leading multiple Bible studies that are bringing new faces to the church.

“Pastor Maclsaac is very dynamic and driven to increase evangelism and outreach,” explains Craig Manning, a Radford (Va.) church member who is a Bible study volunteer in Maclsaac’s district.

Bible studies, combined with a 20-day evangelism meeting, is the key, Manning says. Under the theme “Truth for Today, Hope for Tomorrow,” speaker Jonathan Martin used ShareHim materials to lead the meetings. The following are stories of several new members:

Rex and Lori Hughes often drove by the Pearisburg church but never realized what it was until the church

decided to put up a new sign—the largest one the city would allow. Intrigued, they decided to attend the meetings. Lori would faithfully state that she was Catholic every evening—that is, until the night they discussed the Sabbath. From that night on, she started writing Seventh-day Adventist on her card, and she and Rex are now thrilled to be members of the church.

Debbie Stewart had been attending several different churches for over a year. One day an elder and some church members knocked on her door and asked if she wanted to take Bible studies. She asked if they were Sabbathkeepers, and once they confirmed that they were, she stated that she had been looking for a group like this! Stewart started attending church regularly and was baptized during the meetings.

Virginia Peters was already taking



From left to right, new members Virginia Peters, Lori Hughes, Debbie Stewart, and Rex Hughes celebrate their baptism with speaker Jonathan Martin (in black) and Pastor Vince Maclsaac.

home Bible studies with a temporary Bible worker and was thrilled with what he was learning. After he started attending meetings, he did not miss one! The church was so thrilled to have Peters as a new part of the group that, when it turned out his kidney dialysis treatments were in conflict with the worship service, they moved to an afternoon service to accommodate him.

## Town Hall Meetings Slated for Multiple Churches

In a follow-up to the highly successful town hall meetings that were held in 2007, the Potomac Conference is once again holding meetings at churches throughout the conference. This will be an opportunity for members to meet and hear from the conference’s newest leaders. In addition, attendees will have an opportunity to discuss any pertinent questions relating to finance, education, and church ministry. Check dates, times, and locations listed below, and we’ll look forward to seeing you soon. For more information, contact Denise Hevener at (540) 886-0771, ext. 207.

<b>November 1</b>	10 a.m.	<b>Richmond Evangelistic Center</b> 5300 Walmsley Blvd., Richmond, Va.
<b>November 1</b>	6 p.m.	<b>Lynchburg Church</b> 19 George St., Lynchburg, Va.
<b>November 7</b>	7 p.m.	<b>Community Praise Center</b> 1400 Russell Rd., Alexandria, Va.
<b>November 8</b>	6 p.m.	<b>Southern Asian Church</b> 2001 East Randolph Rd., Silver Spring, Md.
<b>November 14</b>	6 p.m.	<b>New Market Church</b> 62 W. Lee Hwy., New Market, Va.
<b>November 15</b>	10 a.m.	<b>Wytheville Church</b> 1600 Chapman Rd., Wytheville, Va.
<b>December 5</b>	6 p.m.	<b>Tidewater Adventist Academy</b> 1136 Centerville Tpke., Chesapeake, Va.



Pictured, clockwise: Bill Miller, president; Jorge Ramirez, vice president for administration; Steve Wilson, vice president for finance; and Keith Hallum, vice president for education; will share their administrative overview for 2009-10 at seven town hall meetings.

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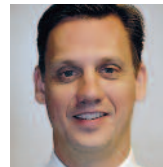
# Spotlight on Spencerville

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## Are We Champions?

**M**y favorite Bible character is David. The passion and zeal he had for serving the living God influenced almost every decision he made. Every young boy loves the story of David and Goliath. Goliath was denouncing the God of Israel, and David stood in the gap. David was a champion for the cause of God! He was not willing to compromise but instead had confidence that God would protect him if he followed His leading.

Our politically correct, postmodern world has affected our church and schools more than we like to admit. I think about Jesus' words to the church in Thyatira in Revelation 2:25-26 to "hold fast what you have till I come ... to him I will give power over the nations" (NKJV). When I read this, I have to ask myself if we are making compromises in our schools and churches. Have we become too tolerant in allowing the world to influence *our* curriculum? Let us stand and, like David, be champions for the cause of God.



**Brian Kittleson**  
*Principal*

## NEWS

### Staff Visits New School Property

Spencerville Adventist Academy (SAA) faculty members (right) were recently treated to a walking tour of the building site on Spencerville Road for the new school building. DeWayne Nitz, project manager, helped the excited faculty envision where their classrooms would be and answered questions about construction. The group is excited that the reality of a new school is getting closer.

### Messiah Sing-a-long Planned

Mark your calendar for Sabbath, December 5, at 4 p.m., when SAA will present its second annual *Messiah* Sing-a-long at Spencerville church in Silver Spring, Md. Join the SAA choir, under the direction of Robert Martinez, in singing favorite pieces from Handel's *Messiah*.



## Calendar

### November

- 11-15 Acrofest
- 23-27 Thanksgiving Break

### December

- 5 *Messiah* Sing-a-long
- 6 Student Council Christmas Banquet
- 8 Elementary Christmas Concert
- 10 High School Christmas Concert
- 18 Christmas Break Begins—12:15 p.m. Dismissal

### January

- 4 School Resumes
- 15 End of First Semester



# Spotlight

## High School Retreat Strengthens Our Bonds

At the start of every school year, Spencerville Adventist Academy's high school students go to the Mt. Aetna Camp and Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Md., for a very real bonding experience. This year's annual High School Spiritual Retreat proved to be as competitive and intense as in previous years. The freshmen and the new students use this time to become acquainted with returning students, while returning students get closer to the friends they have already made. Most importantly, it is a chance for everyone to become more in tune with God.



As part of the weekend's competition, sophomore Jimmy Brockett keeps close tabs on his team's "dummy."

Dividing the high school into four random groups encouraged people who may not normally work together to make new friends. An ice-breaker game was followed by relay races, the traditional "push-the-bus-up-the-hill" competition, and many more games to build team spirit. This year a new component of the competition was the team "dummy." Each team made a dummy by stuffing clothes with newspaper. They had to carry it around with them everywhere they went. If a dummy was left unattended, a member of another team could take it and win additional points for their own team.

Shawn Paris, the youth pastor at Spencerville church, spoke to the group using personal stories to emphasize the retreat theme "Great Expectations." Students learned that God wants so much for them and that He also expects so much from them.

The favorite spiritual activity of the retreat was the night hike. It is completely optional, but participation is always nearly 100 percent. The hike is a 15-minute walk up a small incline. When the destination is reached, everyone finds a place to sit. The floor is open for testimonies or prayer requests, with singing and



Tired students take a much-needed break to relax between games.



Shawn Paris, Spencerville church's youth pastor, challenged students to accept the gifts God has in store for them.



Team spirit was strengthened through games such as leapfrog.

praying in between. Because it is dark and difficult to ascertain who is talking, people are not embarrassed to speak up. Speaking intimately with more than 100 people is difficult to do, but during the night hike, it seems almost easy. It is a very powerful experience to hear your contemporaries crying out to God. —Amber Tunney ('10)

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# SHENANDOAH VALLEY ACADEMY

# HAPPENINGS



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## Surviving Senior Survival

Being a senior at Shenandoah Valley Academy comes with a few more adventures than the average student experiences at another school. Every year the senior class takes a bus ride to Camp Overlook in the Massanutten Mountains of Keezletown, Va. There we each received five nails, a large piece of tarp, rope, and what we packed for our camping adventure. From there we walked up a hill to an area where we made our own shelters and set up camp. We had to cook our own breakfast and dinner and wash in the lake.

Before we left for the trip, our class sponsors—Mr. (Don) Slocum, Mrs. (Gabrielle) Griffin, Mr. (Tom) Hall, and Pastor (Tim) Harley—did their best to mentally prepare us for the experience. What they didn't prepare us for, however, was the spiritual and team-building experience it became.

The first night was mainly setting up and getting acquainted with the unfamiliar surroundings, which were still quite intimidating. Even though the woods made no promise of an easy or comfortable stay, there was something very exciting about getting to "rough it" in the wilderness.

The next morning, Pastor Harley, New Market (Va.) church pastors (Buz) Menhardt, and Pastor (Shane) Anderson shared amazing sermons that touched on topics with which all high school students struggle. Their sermons taught us about the end times and how to get ready for Christ's soon coming.

Mr. (Rusty) Litten, who was in charge of our Wilderness Survival class, taught us how to make a fire without a lighter or matches, how to react to an emergency out in the middle of nowhere, and generally how to survive without many supplies at hand. Mr. (Bill) Ponder of Plant Services showed us certain edible plants.

On Sabbath we had morning worship and then separated into our groups for a hike. This involved collecting all the hidden



*Author Jess Mills (top) and friends Janice Cosme and Diana Kim discovered the joy of teamwork on a recent trip to the wilderness.*



*Seniors at Shenandoah Valley Academy, with the guidance of their teachers, recently learned how to survive without modern conveniences.*

ribbons placed by staff, using nothing but a compass and their directions, and trying to be the first group to reach the end.

Senior Survival has been one of the most unforgettable adventures of my life. It taught our class to help each other out when one of us needs a hand. It helped individuals to understand more of what God has promised for us—His people in the end times. It has also helped me learn to see God in nature and to hear Him in the silence.—*Jess Mills ('10)*



*Buz Menhardt, here with Stephanie Hittle (left) and Meena Kim, was one of several pastors who spoke at senior survival.*

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## Destined for Eternity

**E**ducation should be about the pursuit of academic excellence. Every educator should desire to encourage their students to reach a level of understanding they never thought possible. Takoma Academy (TA) teachers understand this concept and use it to inspire our students to pursue academic excellence.

We are not only blessed with the unique opportunity of being Seventh-day Adventist educators, we also realize the privilege we have of helping our students accept their place in eternity. As we equip them with a competitive edge for this world, we remain focused on their destiny for the world to come. By reinforcing our classroom curriculum with Christ-centered principles—having worship as each class period begins, and meeting daily for worship as a TA family—we intentionally introduce our students to the love of Christ and His ultimate sacrifice. We believe each of our students has incredible potential and can be extraordinary witnesses for Christ.

We are destined for eternity because we accept the ultimate sacrifice of Christ and reflect His character.



**David Daniels**  
*Principal*

## NEWS

### 16 Students Accept Christ

During TA's recent week of prayer, 16 students dedicated themselves to Christ. They are now preparing for a life of service to God as they participate in baptismal classes led by Chaplain Melvyn Hayden III. "It's exciting to watch these young people make the conscious effort to follow the example of Christ," says Chaplain Hayden. "Only time will tell what God has planned for TA's students."

Senior Marie Stephenson (below) says she has been thinking about getting baptized for several years now, but never felt that the time was right. "I can't wait any



longer," she explains. "I need to make that commitment right now! I'm excited to have Bible study and baptismal classes at school because it's very convenient." She attends Metropolitan church in Hyattsville, Md., and plans to be baptized there before the end of the year.

### Concert to Raise Funds for Chapel Renovation

All are invited to Takoma Academy's Praise Band Lollapalooza planned for November 7. It will be held in the school's J.P. Laurence Auditorium to raise funds for the school's chapel renovation. Sponsored jointly by the Parent and TA Alumni associations, the event will bring together exceptional Christian bands and praise/worship teams for a spirit-filled evening. The



event lasts from 7 to 10 p.m.

Featured artists include the local band Jakob's Night (above) and praise groups from the New Hope church in Fulton, Md.; and nearby Washington Adventist University; and Sligo church's New Community Fellowship.

## Calendar

### November

- 2 Parent/Teacher Conferences—School Closed
- 7 Praise Band Lollapalooza, 7-10 p.m.
- 8 SAT Test
- 20 Noon Dismissal
- 23-27 Thanksgiving Break—School Closed
- 30 Spirit Week Begins

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## Good Things Are Happening Here

I'm pleased to report the many positive things happening at Washington Adventist University (WAU):

### Highest Enrollment in Four Years

We are celebrating a substantial increase in enrollment. The head count for the 2009-10 academic year for all three schools is 1,049, which is a 17 percent increase over 2008's head count of 893.

A significant increase, 47 percent, is in the freshman

class, with 144 first-time students enrolled in the School of Arts and Social Sciences and the School of Health Professions, Science, and Wellness. The highest upturn is in transfer students—with 119 new transfers compared to 62 last year—a 92 percent increase for the two schools.

The School of Graduate and Professional Studies continues to see growth in the enrollment of working professionals. With rolling admissions, numbers are constantly changing, but the most recent data reveals a head count of 306, a 17 percent increase over last year's 260 students on the same date.

### Financial Picture Shows Continuous Improvement

Patrick Farley, WAU vice president, reported to the Board of Trustees (below) that the trend of improvement

in our financial viability continues to be positive. "We've had one of the best summers I've ever experienced, taking cash flow into consideration," reported Farley. He added that our financial health is much more on par with that of our regional and national peers.

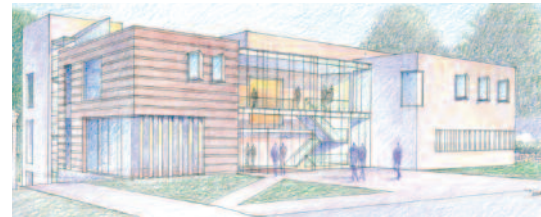
### Opening Convocation Reflects Positivity

My focus for our learning community this school year is that each of our lives mirror Christ to those around us. At our opening convocation held at Sligo, our campus church, I gave a short message and multimedia presentation to convey this thought, along with advice for success. Dave Weigley, board chair, closed the service with a prayer of dedication for the university's first school year.

Following the service, Weigley joined the WAU Management Committee for a luncheon and short meeting. "I observed three E's today," Weigley shared with WAU department heads. "**Energy** among the student body—they are already showing great school spirit. **Enthusiasm** among the students and faculty and staff—it was very encouraging to see that. And **Expectation**—there is a great deal of expectation on this campus that good things will happen this year."

### WAU is Building!

For the first time in nearly 40 years, we are putting up a new building. The board has approved the project and funding for the new music building, with groundbreaking set for spring 2010. With a solid funding plan in place (We will need your help with that, of course.) and a strong team overseeing the project, we will open our new music building in 2011.



### Keep Watching Our Progress

Fantastic things are happening at your university! For updates, please keep reading the *Visitor* and visit us online at wau.edu. We'd also be happy to visit your church to share more. I can always be reached at president@wau.edu.



Weymouth Spence  
President



Provost Susan Scharffenberg gives the welcome at WAU's opening convocation.



## New Vice President of Marketing and Recruitment Named

William E. Jackson, former director of Enrollment Services for the School of Graduate and Professional Studies (SGPS), was recently named vice president for marketing and recruitment.

This new role expands Jackson's oversight of enrollment to all three schools. He will lead a team of recruiters, admissions counselors, and financial aid experts. Jackson will also develop and execute a new university marketing plan.

While at SGPS, Jackson led a team of enrollment counselors who individually served prospective students assigned to them, from the point of inquiry through admissions

to enrollment and registration. Aspects of this model will now be applied to throughout the university.

"My plan is to take a more global approach, marketing the entire university," says Jackson. "We must reach out to all constituencies and ensure they know about the great programs in all three of the schools."

He came to WAU in 1996 to work as the director of marketing for the Adult Evening Program (now known as SGPS). In 2005 he became the director of Enrollment Services for SGPS. Jackson previously served as vice principal at Highland View Academy in Hagerstown, Md.



He graduated from WAU with a degree in theology. He received his teacher certification from Atlantic Union College (Mass.) and did graduate work at Andrews University (Mich.).—Keisha Tulloch

## Religion Faculty Inspire Students to "Get a Life"

The Department of Religion recently presented the university's annual Week in Spiritual Emphasis (WISE). Using WAU faculty for WISE was a departure from the traditional practice of inviting a single guest speaker.

Under the theme "Get a Life: The With-God Life," each sermon revealed how life is transformed when it is lived with God.

Bogdan Scur, MA, associate professor; Olive Hemmings, PhD, professor; Zack Plantak, PhD, department chair; Charles Tapp, pastor of Sligo church; Gary Wimbish, MDiv, vice president for ministry; and Gaspar Colón, PhD, MPH, professor and dean for the School of Arts and Social Sciences, all spoke for chapel services and the Sabbath worship hour at Sligo church.

"We were allowed to find our own way to God, instead of following someone else's way," William Cheatham ('13), biology major, said of the talks.

Theology student Noel Brooks ('12) found the experience to be a new discovery in spiritual life. "I think the essence of holiness was opened up for me in terms of who this God is and of His transcending nature," he said. "He was unclothed as to how vast He is and how complete He is, as far as the finite mind can understand it." Brooks said he was touched by the fact that such a vast God "is still interested in reaching me."

The object of WISE is to bring a

spiritual awakening to the campus. Marketing major Sean Stewart ('10), said, "The messages called for a need to change."—Jose St. Phard



Students come forward for special prayer following Professor Olive Hemmings' call to live a "with-God life" during WAU's Week in Spiritual Emphasis.

## Calendar

### November

- 8 Open House
- 9-12 Spirit Week
- 16-20 Health and Wellness Week
- 19 Third Annual Healthcare Open House
- 25 Agape Feast
- 26-29 Thanksgiving Holiday—School Closed

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School of Anesthesia



### Presidential Search

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The Board of Trust is seeking both nominations and materials from applicants for the position of President. The anticipated date of employment is July 1, 2010. Application materials will be received until December 15, 2009, with the review process beginning in January 2010. The President serves as the Chief Executive Officer and institutional leader, and will be responsible for the operation of all areas of the School. He/she reports to the Board of Trust.

Expected qualifications include: (1) an earned doctoral degree, (2) previous higher education leadership, at the executive level, as well as teaching experience/scholarship, (3) the ability to work with both internal and external constituencies which include the local medical community, health care facility administrators, and external accreditation agencies, (4) have higher education curriculum building experience, and (5) have high energy and the ability to focus and lead the institution internally. The salary will be commensurate with both experience and qualifications.

Applicants must supply the following materials: (1) letter of interest, (2) a personal vision statement focusing on the institution, (3) a detailed professional resume, and (4) a reference listing of five individuals, with contact information, who can provide focused information on the ability of the applicant to serve as a President of a small institution. Nominators must have permission from the potential candidate to forward his/her name to the Search Chairperson, and request that the individual nominated supply the required information within the appropriate time period.

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Cleveland	5:08	5:03	4:59	4:57	4:57
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Norfolk	4:57	4:52	4:50	4:48	4:49
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Pittsburgh	5:04	4:59	4:55	4:53	4:53
Reading	4:48	4:43	4:39	4:37	4:37
Richmond	5:00	4:56	4:53	4:51	4:52
Roanoke	5:11	5:06	5:03	5:02	5:03
Toledo	5:16	5:10	5:06	5:04	5:04
Trenton	4:44	4:39	4:35	4:33	4:33
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## Reflections on E.E. Cleveland

This preacher, brother was tall timber. He made no apologies for presenting scriptural interpretation in a straightforward “thus saith the Lord” motif. The power of his six decades of ministry and evangelism has earned him a place in the front ranks of the church evangelists of our generation. No description is adequate to reproduce the dynamic impact of this preacher of righteousness. He could mow down error with tirading tablets of texts, truths, and testimonies. He demonstrated that the right to say “thus saith the Lord” is not conferred with a degree from a seminary and not effected by the acclamation of church leaders or laymen.



### REMEMBERING COLUMBUS

I was in Columbus in 1982 when “Cleve” conducted his 50th evangelistic crusade in the Canvas Cathedral. I was awestruck and recharged by his moving and marvelous messages of unbridled truth. He electrified and satisfied an enthusiastic crowd of more than 700 people every weeknight, and 900 to 1,000 souls on weekends. His



preaching and teaching were couched in everyday situations and experiences, which were meaningful to the listeners. He was equipped as few men are with wisdom, experience, a knowledge of the Bible, a pure life, a mastery of the mechanics of communication, a sense of humor, and an understanding of human psychology to testify to God's goodness and care for His children. It

can be said of him, as it was of the early Apostles, that he was among those of us who helped “turn the world upside down.” He did so in Columbus, as he did in more than 70 countries around the world. Because of his journey to our city, and the baptism of more than 200 precious souls, Allegheny West Conference's Central Seventh-day Adventist Church was born. Under that big, canvas tent, he asked us all to search the dusty corners of our lives with the divine inspiration and revelation, which are indelibly imprinted on the hearts and minds of those who were fortunate enough to sit at his feet.

Through the veil of our tears and the silence of our emptiness, we have the blessed assurance that eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor human imagination envisioned what awaits Cleveland and all to whom he gave witness and ushered into the sunlight of God's everlasting love and coming kingdom.

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