

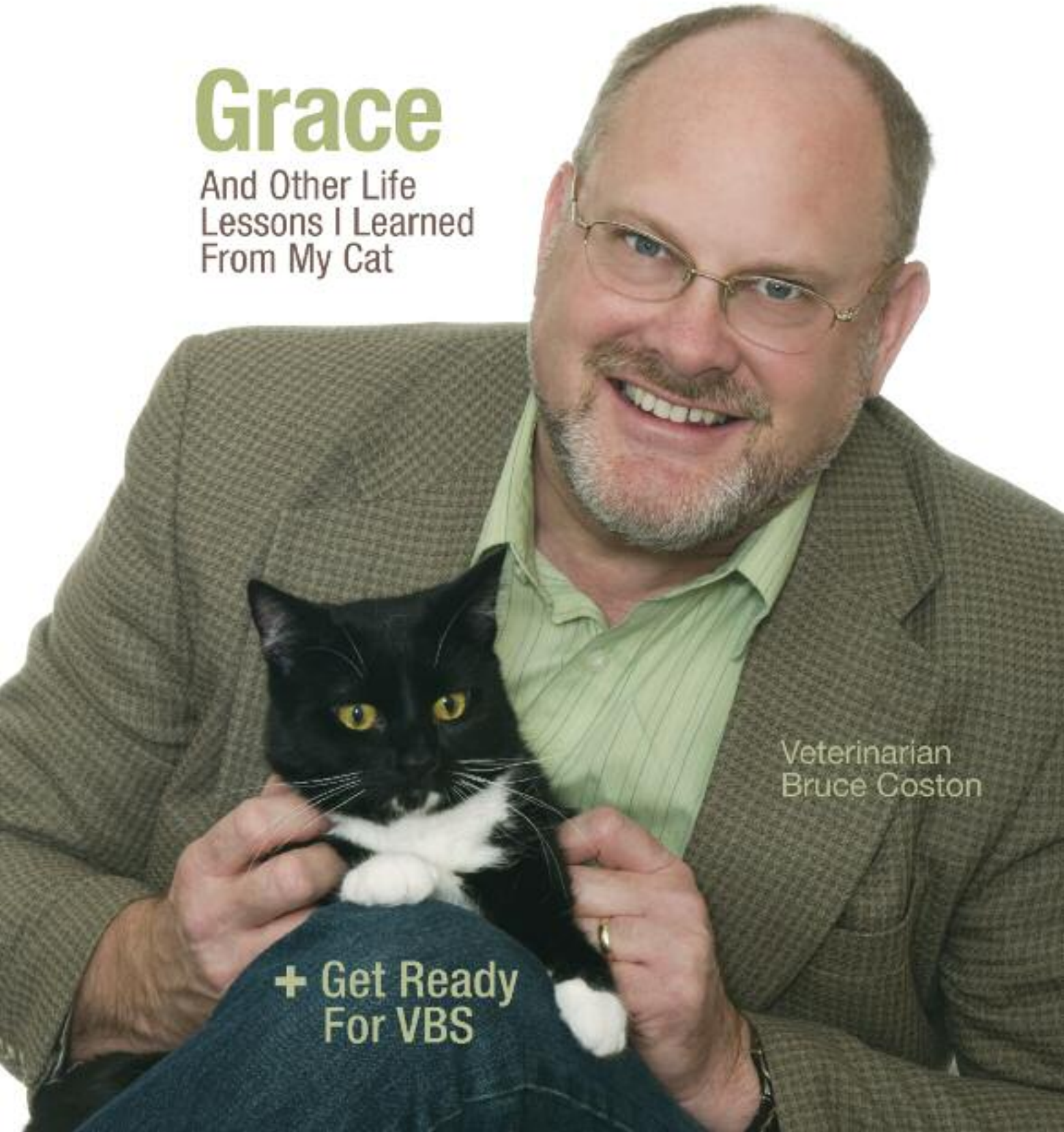
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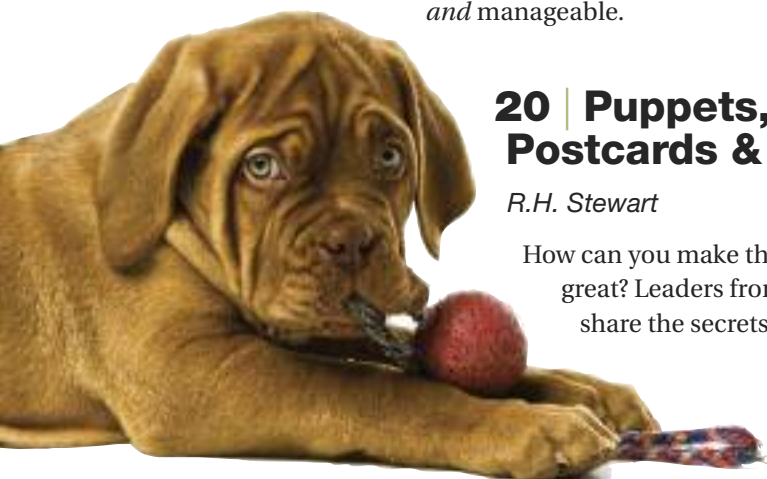
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## Meet Fred, My Therapy Horse

Ronald Reagan once said, "The outside of a horse is good for the inside of a man." I agree. In the 15 years he's been my horse, Fred has seen me through some dark hours and helped me sort through many decisions. He is a source of therapy for me. Let me explain:

As president of the Columbia Union Conference, I spend a lot of time on the road caring for the mission of our church. I chair or serve on more than 50 boards and committees and provide administrative support to our eight conferences, university, college and two healthcare networks. I visit our organizations and mission projects here and abroad, speak at our churches and schools, and meet regularly with our leaders and members. Though there is a lot to do, I love the work of ministry, and after 33 years, I can truly say it is my passion.

When I return home, I enjoy reuniting with my wife, Becky, and then I head to the barn to find Fred. He's a fantastic listener. I can tell him what's weighing on my heart, and he truly seems to understand. Then as I brush his white and gray coat, clean out his stall and replenish his supply of hay, it happens: I leave the world of meetings, pressing agendas and financial challenges behind, and begin to recharge my batteries.

## WHY DID GOD MAKE ANIMALS?

I've often wondered why God placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden surrounded by birds, fish and animals. He could have given them an earthly home minus the creatures and told them to tend the garden. That alone would have kept them busy and provided many meaningful experiences. But after sharing my home with a number of pets over the years—cats, dogs, fish, hamsters and horses—I understand. There's something inherently healthy about interacting with the creatures God made, something that enables us to better understand the meaning of life, love and wholeness.

For example, Psalm 23:3 says, "He restoreth my soul." Indeed, as I interact with His magnificent creations, God restores my soul. Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still, and know that I am God." By his very nature, Fred stills my mind and frees me from the hustle and bustle that envelops my daily life. Matthew 6:25-34 says that like the birds, we need not worry about tomorrow. Although Fred doesn't know what tomorrow holds or when he'll see me again, he steadily and peacefully goes about his routine. And I realize that to avoid burnout, I must also find that balance. And Psalm 42:1 says, "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for You, O God" (NIV). As Fred gallops past the brook, I quench my thirst with Living Water from a well that will never run dry.

In this issue of the *Visitor*, members share personal photos and stories about how God's creatures enrich their lives. There's also a special Bible study on page 10. Look up the texts and take some time to reflect on more of the lessons we can learn from interacting with God's creatures great and small.

*Dave Weigley (dweigley@columbiaunion.net), president of the Columbia Union Conference, and his granddaughter, Hailyn, enjoy hanging out with Fred on their farm in Maryland.*



## Groundbreaking Signals Growth at WAU

Cheers erupted from the crowd gathered at Washington Adventist University (WAU) last month as church and school leaders; WAU Board members; community, state, and educational officials; and a student representative broke ground on what will be the new music building—the first new building on the school’s Takoma Park, Md., campus in 40 years. “This is one small step for the music building, one giant leap for the university,” said Columbia Union Conference president and WAU Board chair Dave Weigley.

The new building, which will serve nearly 40 music majors and 150 others involved in the school’s renowned music program, will house a large rehearsal hall, administrative offices, practice rooms, classrooms and music libraries. “This is the culmination of 16 years of dreaming,” said James Bingham, chair of WAU’s Music Department.

But, as board member Dean Bouland explained, it’s much more: “It says we’re committed to remaining in Takoma Park, we’re expanding our programs and we’re moving forward,” he said.

Lupita Garza, Student Associa-



tion president, agreed. “This is a really important project for our entire campus because it’s kind of the initiation for new things to come. A lot of the students are really encouraged that there’s not just talk about a new building, but they’re actually getting to see it.”

For WAU president Weymouth Spence, EdD, it is a sign of progress. “Two and a half years ago when I was interviewed by the board, they made clear some of the objectives they wanted to have accomplished,” he said. “With the teamwork of our faculty, staff and students, we were able to get a shovel in the ground and start the process of building

our new music facility, which is scheduled to open fall of 2011.”

The hourlong ceremony opened WAU’s Alumni Weekend, which included a celebration of the school’s new university status and dedication of President Spence and his wife, Becky



(above). “This was a special time to celebrate a renewed focus at WAU,” Weigley said. “The spirit is growing here, and it’s a good time for students across our union and division to go to school near the nation’s capital and have the experience of being taught by dedicated staff who are focused on leading young people to Jesus Christ and preparing them for lives of greater service.”

PHOTOS BY AL PEASLEY



## Youth Prayer Congress Draws Thousands

Though she was hundreds of miles away, 9-year-old Veronica Slack (right), who attends Potomac Conference’s Capital Memorial church in Washington, D.C., decided to be baptized after watching, over the Internet, the Just Claim It 2 (JCI2) youth prayer congress in Columbus, Ohio. While it is impossible to say how many others were similarly impacted by the five-day event, it drew thousands of young people from around the North American Division (NAD). Themed “Salvation and Service,” JCI2 combined the Youth Ministries Leadership Summit, the Just Claim It 2 Prayer Congress, Ignition—GODencounters for Young Adults and the Children’s Worship Festival sponsored by the Ohio Conference.

Calling the different activities at the congress “filling stations for spiritual growth, training, motivation and encouragement,” James Black Sr., NAD Youth Ministries director, and his associate director

PHOTO BY BILLY WRIGHT



Manny Cruz, noted that delegates filled “their spiritual cups through prayer initiatives, community mission projects, evangelism outreach, teen preaching/testimonies, mass choir/orchestra, workshops/seminars, recreation and a Sabbath youth rally and parade.”

Vincent Dehm, youth pastor at



Allegheny East Conference’s Miracle Temple in Baltimore, said many of the 23 youth he brought were more interested than he first realized in filling their spiritual cups through service.

Dayna King (17), Tevin Carter (17) and Kellie Dehm (18) found a service session reaching out to juvenile offenders life changing. King noted that he could have been one of those offenders had he not accepted Christ.

Understanding that a strong prayer life leads to strong service, Ann Roda, Family Ministries pastor at Chesapeake Conference’s New Hope church in Fulton, Md., conceptualized several prayer experiences for attendees, including a string wall (left) for attaching prayer notes. “Most people need to feel, touch and hear Him before God becomes real,” she explained.

Ironside Ortega, a youth leader from New Jersey Conference’s Elizabeth Spanish church, brought 16 youth for training because “we have a new generation getting ready to take over.”

One was Priscilla Perez, 13, who teaches kindergarten and Vacation Bible School. “I went to the puppet ministry class, and I’m excited to do that in my church,” she said.

Paul David Spradley, a youth leader at Allegheny West Confer-

ence’s Hillcrest church in Pittsburgh, put his leadership training into action at JCI2. When he realized there was no one to lead a drama seminar, he stepped up.

Guest speaker Eddie Hypolite summed up the week’s meetings in his Sabbath sermon when he warned church leaders not to make the church’s doctrines a yoke and a burden. “We are teaching the traditions of men ... as commands of God. But the centrality of who we are is Jesus. Jesus is not a doctrine.”

PHOTO BY GERRY CHUDLEIGH



Above: Pine Forge Academy (Pa.) Creative Arts drama team; left: Morgan Mainess, Dale Wright Memorial Church, Germantown, Ohio; below: Mount Vernon Academy (Ohio) Echoliars



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## Potluck

BETH MICHAELS

### What's New?

#### Book >

##### **A Mom's Timeout** Tanya McInnis and Nicole Wilson

After reading many wonderful women's devotionals, friends Tanya McInnis and Nicole Wilson realized they had a difficult time finding devotions for mothers. These members of Allegheny East Conference's Emmanuel-Brinklow church in Ashton, Md.,



decided to fill the niche—just in time for Mother's Day.

"We sent emails to our family and friends requesting their stories about being a Christian

mother," they reported. "We also called local churches and placed announcements in their bulletins requesting stories."



The 23 contributors encourage mothers to take time to give God praise, trust Him, gain strength and be thankful. Copies are available at most online bookstores.

#### CD >

##### **Entonad un Himno Alabanza Pura**

This 26-year-old quartet is a ministry arm of Potomac Conference Hispanic Ministries based at the Evangelism and Discipleship Adventist Center in Temple Hills, Md. On their 17th CD, the group puts their southern gospel sound to popular hymns like "Salvador a ti me rindo" (I Surrender All) and "Perdido, fui a mi Jesus" (At the Cross).



### Keeping Score

**U.S. Pet Ownership**

- 81.7 Millions of Pet Cats
- 72.1 Millions of Pet Dogs
- 11.2 Millions of Pet Birds
- 7.3 Millions of Pet Horses

*Source: American Veterinary Medical Association (2007)*

"We want people to feel joyful, happy and hopeful as they listen to these songs," says member Becky Rivas, who attends the Capitol Spanish church in Washington, D.C. Other members are Gabriel Begle, Oskar Ortiz and Williams Rodriguez. Read more and order copies at [ministeriovuelve.com](http://ministeriovuelve.com).

## From the Archives

**MAY 15, 1992:** President Ron Marx of Washington Adventist Hospital (WAH) in Takoma Park, Md., and a young student from the nearby Sligo Seventh-day Adventist School, dump the hospital's first batch of white paper at its recycling kick-off.

**TODAY:** WAH recycles more than 263,000 pounds of cardboard, paper, glass, plastic, etc., each week. Their new facility in Silver Spring will be built LEED certified and environmentally friendly.



## What You Bring to the Table

### 5 Minutes With > Conference President José H. Cortés

Spending a year in one of the worst prisons on the island of Cuba was one of the darkest periods of José H. Cortés' life. Even though he has authored three other books, painful memories kept him from writing about it. Now the husband, father, grandfather and president of the New Jersey Conference shares his experience in *Nunca Pierdas La Esperanza* (Never Give Up Hope). The North American Division selected the 127-page manuscript as the Spanish missionary book of the year. Order it and the upcoming English version at [adventistbookcenter.com](http://adventistbookcenter.com).



#### What motivated you to finally write the book?

To be quite honest, I didn't want to write the book! I shared some of the stories in my sermons and people asked me to write about it. What finally convinced me was the letter I received from an inmate who is still suffering in a communist Cuban jail.

#### Why did you go to jail?

They have a [law] against proselytism outside of churches. A lot of pastors suffer religious persecution in that country. I was in jail for a year. At that point, I experienced the deepest feeling of spiritual brokenness. I dreamed of being a big time evangelist on TV. Instead I ended up in a communist prison in a very disgusting place. I felt that God betrayed me.

#### What kept you going?

In the moment of my deepest desperation, I remembered that Paul had a similar experience and decided to begin ministering. I praise God I opened my first small group Bible study and "underground church" [there]. So many people repented of their sins. There are many others still there living a Christian life and winning others for Christ.—*Taashi Rowe*



### On the Web

#### Retweets >

##### ReviewandHerald



Have you tested your fitness level lately? *Vibrant Life* shares the best barometer to test just how fit you are!—*Review & Herald Publishing Association, Hagerstown, Md.*

##### PastorHayden



There is nothing you can do to make God love you any more or to cause God to love you any less. You are loved unconditionally!—*Melvin Hayden III, Youth Pastor, Community Praise Center, Alexandria, Va.*

#### Facebooked >

##### Josue Sanchez



TGIS! [Thank God It's Sabbath!]*—Youth Pastor, Hagerstown (Md.) Church*

#### Blogged >



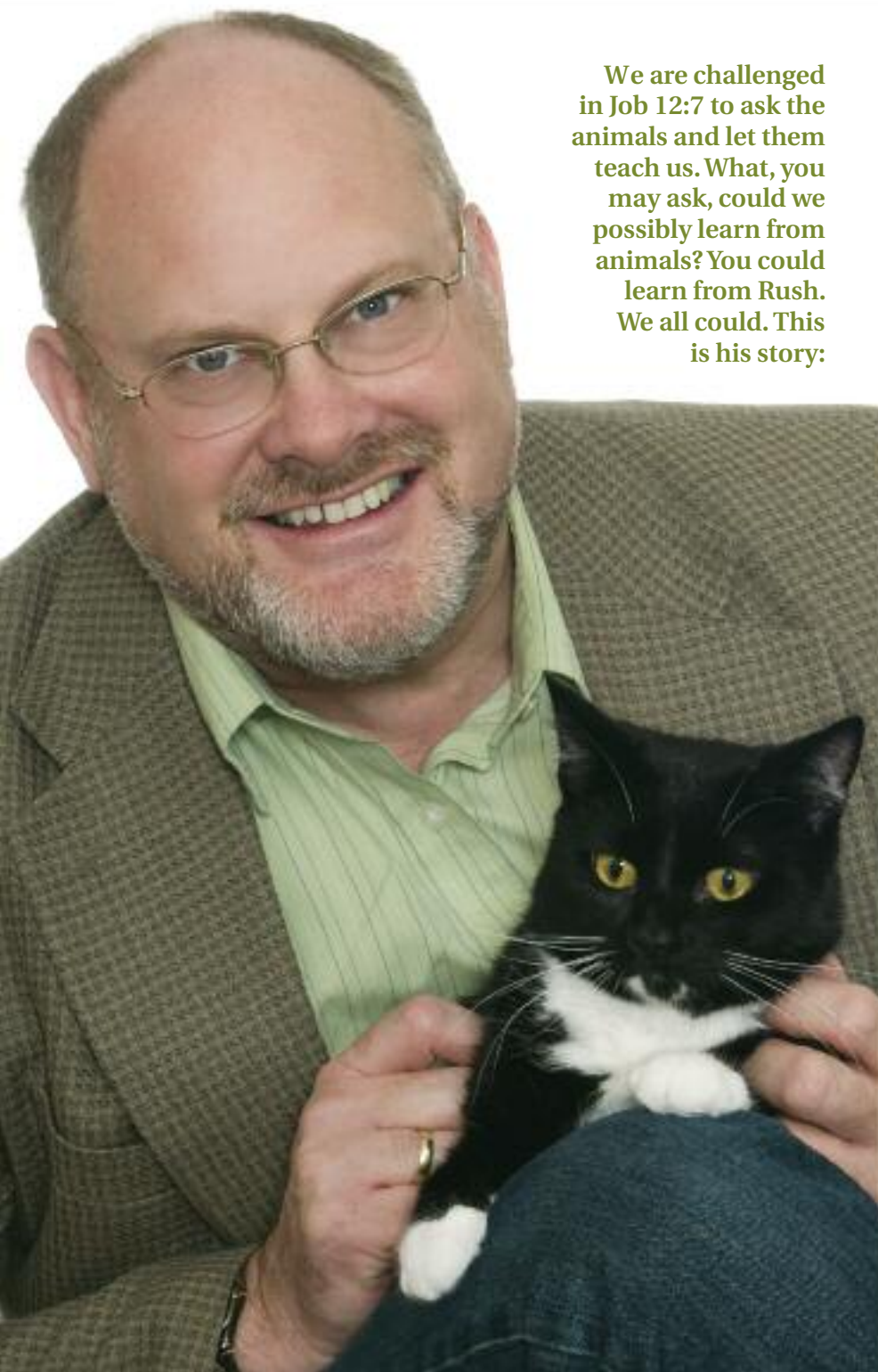
Never give up on your dreams! No matter how long it takes, or who or what stands in your way. Keep the dream alive in the darkness of night. And bring it to life with the sun of each new day! Leaving behind fears, or thoughts of your mistakes! Believe in yourself—and those who believe in you!—*March 23 blog entry by Linda Meikle, RN (http://dustyangels.blogspot.com), who attends Ohio Conference's Worthington church*

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# Grace

Bruce R. Coston

## and Other Life Lessons I Learned From My Cat



**We are challenged in Job 12:7 to ask the animals and let them teach us. What, you may ask, could we possibly learn from animals? You could learn from Rush. We all could. This is his story:**



**H**owever a soul is defined, Rush possessed a noble one. He came to us as a tiny, cast-off kitten; a patient in our veterinary hospital left by pitiless people who wasted not a thought before abandoning him to suffer the effects of the devastating head injury they had inflicted upon him.

Had he not been so pathetic, his condition would have been comical. Reduced to a quivering bundle, his searching eyes darted wildly back and forth; his head shaking so vociferously in a staccato rhythm that standing was impossible, much less walking. When he tried, his four legs shot out to all points of the compass seeking in vain to stabilize the rocking of his world. It was clear he could see, but he simply could not still the objects that vibrated in his field of vision adequately to identify them. All efforts to move would eventually crumple him into a trembling puddle of white and gray fur, where he emitted quiet, agonized mews.

Weeks of medical attention, assisted by Rush's intense determination and will to live, resulted in the resolution of his neurologic symptoms. But the injury left him permanently muddled, and for years I called him the first living brain donor. His lack of

coordination made his gait resemble not the lithe grace of a feline, but the trundling, hunched movements of a raccoon, tail stretched horizontally behind him, head down and back humped. His powers of recall were humorous too. When I walked in the door at the end of each day, he would look at me as if we had never met, his face innocently befuddled and confused, yet eagerly embracing the opportunity to make a new friend.

### Adept Baby Sitter

But what Rush lacked in superficial beauty was more than compensated for by an internal glow, a heart infused with selflessness. He so loved our sons that when they were little, he became an accomplished, and often used, baby sitter. He loved to clamper on board while the boys slept in the baby swing, kneading his feet contentedly on their chests and purring loudly, head bobbing with the motion of the swing. And when one of the boys awoke in the wee



hours of the morning fussing in his crib, exhausted parents could get additional sleep by opening the door just enough to admit Rush, who would bumple across the floor and leap

awkwardly into the crib. Then the unsettled baby and the nurturing kitty would entertain each other for another hour or more (above).

Rush was distinctly un-catlike. He very much enjoyed the water, for instance, diving headlong into the bath with the boys and wading around happily in water up to his chest, oblivious to their raucous play and the soaking he inevitably got. Neither did he exhibit the typical feline fastidious attention to his own hygiene. He simply countenanced no personal vanity, to the point that his own coat was often knotted and clumped. His commitment to the cleanliness of others, however, was legendary. He kept many a young boy, sweaty from a day of abandoned play, awake at night while at our house for sleepovers as he lovingly pasted their hair into saliva-soaked whorls. Unlike our other cats, who loudly registered their hissing disapproval, Rush always welcomed the



kitty and doggy patients I brought home for overnight care. Positioning himself as their protector and nursemaid, he carefully cleaned them with his spiked tongue. Then he stretched out beside them, sheltering them with his own warmth (above).

### Rush to Judgment

In the 17 years we had Rush, we learned a lot from him. He modeled devotion, loyalty, integrity and selflessness every day. Consistency, trust, dependence, contentment, faithfulness and grace—yes, grace, daily extended and gratefully received—all beautifully adorned this one, simple-minded but noble cat. He loved us unfailingly, and despite our inadequacies, always saw us through eyes of love and acceptance. If at the end, through a lifetime of devotion and study, I am able to mimic the Christ-like attributes Rush demonstrated every day, then my life will have been lived with meaning and virtue.

There's one more thing I learned from all those years with Rush: I need not fear judgment. I will rush to it, confident and secure. For Christ, who loves me even more than Rush, will cover me with His white robe and see me through gracious, Rush-like eyes.

*Bruce Coston, DVM, a member of the New Market (Va.) church, runs Seven Bends Veterinary Hospital in Woodstock, Va., with his wife, Cynthia. The author of Ask the Animals is currently working on a second book.*



# 10 Lessons Learned From Animals in the Bible

Bruce Coston

*Read the texts to discover how God used His creations to help us know more about Him:*

- 1. Matthew 10:29** - Though two \_\_\_\_\_ were valued at only a \_\_\_\_\_, their passing still warrants the attention of the Ruler of the universe.
- 2. Genesis 1:28** - Mankind was tasked by God with ruling over every living \_\_\_\_\_. It is a serious responsibility to be stewards over those whom God cares about so deeply.
- 3. Job 12:7-10** - Ask the \_\_\_\_\_, and they will \_\_\_\_\_ you. There are things about God we can learn best from the animals.
- 4. Numbers 22:26-32** - Balaam failed to see what was obvious to his \_\_\_\_\_. We should learn to see God as clearly as the animals do.
- 5. Proverbs 6:6-8** - We should mimic the \_\_\_\_\_ in our willingness to engage in tireless, committed labor.
- 6. Luke 12:24** - Consider the \_\_\_\_\_, whose food is provided by God. Though we should work diligently, it is God who provides for our needs—physical and spiritual.
- 7. 1 Kings 17:6** - The \_\_\_\_\_ brought food to Elijah. Like them, we can be instruments of service in doing God's bidding.
- 8. Mark 11:2-7** - If Jesus trusted His triumphal entry into Jerusalem to an untrained \_\_\_\_\_, surely we can learn to utilize the strengths of the young, uneducated and inexperienced.
- 9. Isaiah 43:20 and Luke 3:21** - Even the wild animals \_\_\_\_\_ God because that is the Spirit-motivated response to an encounter with Him. And the \_\_\_\_\_ symbolizes the Holy Spirit's authorship of our worship.
- 10. Isaiah 11:6** - Three surprising sets of natural enemies (\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_) will be led by children in heaven. Redeemed mankind will enjoy relationship with the animals in the Earth made new.



## DOES LOAN SIZE DETERMINE PROJECT EFFECTIVENESS?

### MOUNTAIN VIEW CONFERENCE SAYS IT DOESN'T

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In order to update their facility and make it more attractive to visitors, the Wheeling church needed new carpet in the foyer, hall and sanctuary. More recently, their hot-water boiler system needed to be replaced. The church called upon the Columbia Union Revolving Fund (CURF) to help them fund these projects—proving that CURF is available to help with needs of all sizes.

Although the two high-efficiency gas furnaces were a bit costly up front, the Wheeling church is saving significantly on their monthly gas bill. And the church is putting their updated building to good use. They held an evangelistic series last fall, and are giving Bible studies to several visitors. They even took the opportunity to witness to the workers who installed their new system.

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# Ministers

A. Grace Brown

## Sometimes Wear Fur

### Tina & Cimarron Share God's Word

Cimarron joined Tina Borland's family in June 2008 as a surprise gift from her husband, Earl. The miniature brown and white colt was unusually quiet and gentle. Not wanting him to be just another horse hanging out in the pasture, Tina and her family, members of Pennsylvania Conference's Erie church, began praying for a way to use Cimarron in ministry. When Tina shared her idea of using him as a therapy horse with staff at a local nursing home, they loved it.

After some training, Tina and her three daughters took Cimarron to the nursing home, where he was an immediate hit. And Cimarron enjoyed every moment. His first new friend was a wheelchair-bound woman. Unable to control her movements, she awkwardly stroked his face while he stood quietly and sighed with contentment. While the residents lavished attention on Cimarron, Tina shared her thoughts about God with them. "The residents love to visit with Cimarron," she says. "But oh how they love to hear God's Word. God is amazing—what He can use to share His love and salvation with others."



### Carol & Major Demonstrate Jesus' Love

Carol Baldwin, who attends Ohio Conference's Blooming Grove church in Galion, collaborates with her 9-month-old Australian shepherd, Major. Their ministry was born from Carol's desire to be by her husband's side as he offered special music at various nursing homes. *Since I'm not musically trained and I love animals, why not get a new puppy and train him for nursing home and church visits?* she reasoned to herself.

Major has now been an active part of the Baldwins' ministry for eight months. Carol says the unconditional acceptance he offers to elderly residents and young church members provides a tiny taste of the depth and fullness of Jesus' love for all of His creation. "Major loves to be around people," she reports. "He craves attention from everyone he meets." She hopes to expand their visits to hospitals, schools and other churches.

### Marwood & His Horses Illuminate God's Glory

In addition to his duties as director of Clergy Care and Leadership Development for the Ohio Conference, Marwood Hallett and his wife, Cindy, live on a ranch where they breed cows and horses and operate a bed and breakfast. The couple, who attend eChurch7 in Mount Vernon, had already dedicated their ranch to God as a sanctuary for others. Then five years ago, Marwood was exposed to the beauty of natural horsemanship training, which helps humans and horses establish trusting relationships. "When a scared horse looks you in the eye, you don't look at it ... you drop your hands and stand nondefensively," he explains as an example. "The horse will eventually walk up to you and put its head on your shoulder. Soon it'll trust you completely. This is called a 'join-up.'"

With this new understanding, Marwood started hosting ministry retreats for pastors and community members, using the training to share the gospel and illuminate the glory of God.

I care not for the religion of a man whose dog and cat is not the better for it.—Abraham Lincoln



### Donna Rescues Horses, and Vice Versa

When her first husband died unexpectedly in 2005, pain and loneliness overwhelmed Donna McDonald Mashburn. In the midst of her grief, she began reading *Hope Rising*, in which the author writes about her rescue farm for abused and neglected horses that are eventually paired with disadvantaged children. Donna decided to follow suit.

In 2006 Donna, a member of Potomac Conference's New Market (Va.) church and a former girls' dean at Shenandoah Valley Academy, purchased her farm, Bevans Glen, as an outward sign of inward healing. In addition to rescuing horses, she also started working with a local camp, where she assisted with the handicapped-riding program.

With the help of her parents, Donna now cares for 10 rescued horses and hopes to one day use them to bless others. "These horses have been more help to me at times than I have ever been to them," she says. "They have given me hope that anything is possible; you just need to trust."



PHOTO BY SCOTT FRIDAY

## Evelyn & Abby Make Friends

For Evelyn Shaw of Ohio Conference's Grove City church, life in her 70s is still marked with new beginnings and discoveries. In 2006 she and her husband, Harold, bought Abby, a golden retriever puppy, to help their adult son David, who was born with brain damage, cope with the loss of another dog. One week later, Evelyn took Abby to meet the Mental Retardation or Developmental Disabilities clients in their hometown. At the suggestion of the home's director, she decided to train Abby as a therapy dog.



"She visits with [the clients] and lets them pet her," Evelyn explains. "She loves it, and they love her."

Evelyn and Abby soon expanded their ministry to other local organizations and are often invited to their parties and other events. To date, the pair have made more

than 700 therapy visits and received every award bestowed by Therapy Dog International. "I see how it's helping people," Evelyn remarks. "So I gotta keep doing it."



## Bill & Kelsey Break Down Barriers

Bill Young III is the executive director of ManorCare Springhouse, an assisted living facility in Bethesda, Md. A few years ago, he read about pet therapy programs being used in similar facilities. Inspired, Bill started taking his dog, Kelsey, to work with him several times a week. Kelsey, a sweet and playful Border collie, was an instant hit with the residents, who were soon stashing treats and toys in anticipation of her visits.

Bill, a member of Chesapeake Conference's Spencerville church in Silver Spring, Md., finds it rewarding to watch Kelsey bring out the love, compassion and playfulness in virtually everyone—breaking down the barriers that humans might encounter. "Everyone knows my dog's name," he remarks wryly, "but not mine."

*A. Grace Brown is creative principal of The Write Design, LLC, in Columbia, Md.*

# For the Kids

## Mt. Aetna Nature Center

"I can't believe I am holding a snake!" This is a typical reaction of those who bravely face their innate fear of serpents while visiting the nature center at Mt. Aetna Camp and Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Md. Set in beautiful, temperate woodlands at the base of South Mountain, the 7000 nature center contains static displays of thousands



PHOTOS BY JOEL SPRINGER

of natural specimens. Showcases filled with seashells and minerals from around the world line the walls. Large dioramas containing full-size mammals, birds and plants illustrate the habitats of the Chesapeake Bay watershed and other regions of the world. In fact, there are as many full-size mounts of African mammals on display as featured at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

It's fairly academic to study a stuffed rhino and less so to watch live birds flitting from feeder to feeder, making the bird watching room a favorite. But neither compares to the thrill of wearing a six-foot black snake around your neck or having a rough-skinned bearded dragon climb your arm. The live animal room, which draws the most repeat visitors, contains turtles, frogs, fish, lizards and salamanders, a few birds, the occasional small mammal and more than a dozen snakes.



According to Joel Springer, camp naturalist, Mt. Aetna offers 16 weeks of outdoor school each year with more than 20 primarily Seventh-day Adventist schools participating. The center is also open to the public every Saturday from 2-5 p.m., drawing thousands of visitors. Many others visit by appointment, including home-school groups, Adventurer and Pathfinder clubs, public school environmental classes and government staff.

*Glen Milam is director of the Mt. Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Md.*

## New Books



### Ossie the Otter

*Kenneth C. Crawford*

Tag along with Ossie, a baby river otter, while he learns to survive in the Alaskan wilderness. Along the way, he encounters a tumbling river, battles a hungry osprey and befriends a beaver named Sage.

## Steve & His Amphibians Teach Love

When Steve Gatz pulls out a squirming turtle, frog, lizard or snake during any of his speaking engagements, he knows he's got his audience's undivided attention. Using the reptiles as props, Steve then shares many God-given truths. "I find God speaks to attentive, open eyes, hearts and minds!" he declares.

Steve, who attends Chesapeake Conference's Hagerstown (Md.) church, has been combining reptiles and learning since 1970, when he began teaching elementary school students. Even then, he was amazed by the emotional and spiritual impact the reptiles had on many of his students. In 1992, after retiring from full-time teaching at nearby Highland View Academy, he received an increasing number of requests from parochial and public schools eager to experience his amphibious presentations.

When he addresses audiences in faith-based settings, Steve is able to use the reptiles to teach students about a personal and loving God. In public school settings, he tailors his presentations to speak out against drugs and alcohol and to encourage students to safeguard the environment.



### Amelia, the Flying Squirrel

*Joe L. Wheeler*

In his sixth book of The Good Lord Made Them All series, Joe L. Wheeler, professor emeritus at Washington Adventist University in Takoma Park, Md., tells the stories of God's smallest animals—doodlebugs, a pet mouse named Guinevere, a chipmunk named Chatter, a dragonfly, a skylark and several more. Order both at [adventistbookcenter.com](http://adventistbookcenter.com).



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# More Than a Pet

*Members share why their pets are really more like family*



**Hannah White**, an eighth-grader at Mountain View Conference's Parkersburg Academy in Parkersburg, W.Va., loves her dog, Hamlet, because "he is funny and keeps me company. He also protects me," she states.

**Jeannie Ramsey** says it has become a tradition for students, like Declan Clerval, to get a "Tootie picture" on the first day of school. Tootie is a 9-year-old cockatiel that lives in Ramsey's first- and second-grade classroom at Potomac Conference's Desmond T. Doss Junior Academy in Lynchburg, Va. "She sets the new, anxious kids at ease and helps teach what God's love is like," Ramsey explains. "She also does public relations work when prospective parents visit."



**Adrienne Broomes**, pre-k and Kindergarten teacher at New Jersey Conference's Tranquility Adventist School in Andover, has four ferrets: Jeannie, Almond, Joy and Funny Face. "They make me laugh when I'm feeling sad," she says. "And I think it's interesting they're one of the animals mentioned in the Bible by name."

**Crystal Lubis**, a member of the Capital Chinese church in Silver Spring, Md., says her dog, a Chihuahua mix she rescued, is a blessing in her life. She adds, "Mocha shows me unconditional love!"



**Emily Gaskill**, a seventh-grader at Ohio Conference's Clarksfield Seventh-day Adventist School in Wakeman, meets new friends through her horse, Star. "She is just an amazing horse that does what you tell her to do," Gaskill says. "And she is very energetic! She is always ready to please no matter what my day has been like."

**Bryant Taylor, DMin**, communication director for the Allegheny West Conference, says there are two females in his Cleveland home who are the joy of his life: Tara, his wife of 19 years, and Birckey, the cockatiel who has been a family member for 14 years. "Birckey kept me company many late nights while I was writing my dissertation," he recalls. "She watches movies with me, eats my popcorn and drinks my ginger ale. She goes into the shower to bathe and only goes in her cage for food and water. She has added years to my life."



**Edith Tucker** is diabetic. But her corgi dog, Sir Winston Churchill, has been with her for so long, "he knows when I'm supposed to take my medication and makes sure I take it," reports this member of Allegheny East Conference's Berea Temple in Baltimore. "He's also an all and out good friend."

**Ray Hartwell**, Pennsylvania Conference president, enjoys the companionship and fun his dog, Nessie—a Christmas gift from his wife, Jeanne—adds to his life. "And taking the dog for a walk has opened opportunities for me to talk to neighbors," he notes.



# Get Ready for VBS

## 6 Ways to Make Your Program Effective, Affordable and Manageable

Stacey Bondurant

**1 Get Training** – The idea of coordinating a great VBS may seem daunting or nearly impossible, especially when everybody’s expecting you to do it on a shoestring budget with volunteers. So don’t even try to do it until you get some training.

Your conference and North American Division Children’s Ministries directors, or experienced leaders in your area, are your best sources for training and practical resources. Check with them to see when the next training will be offered in your area. In addition, there are several VBS specialists who will gladly come to your church anytime to teach you proven methods of success, demonstrate crafts and food-art snacks and share money-saving tips. Two of them are Rose Gamblin, EdD, who co-authors VBS programs for the Review and Herald Publishing Association in Hagerstown, Md., and her colleague Candy Devore, who serves as Children’s Religious Education Resource coordinator. Consider asking

**D**id you know that over 90 percent of all decisions to accept Christ are made by people under the age of 13? One of the best ways to reach that group is through Vacation Bible School (VBS), a proven community-based outreach program that usually runs for one to two weeks during the summer. But too often by the end of this popular evangelism effort, organizers are exhausted and over budget. It doesn’t have to be that way. Whether this is your first attempt at VBS or your umpteenth, here are a few tips to help make this year’s program effective, affordable *and* manageable:

them to provide training and invite area churches to share the cost. Their curriculum is thorough, and you’re guaranteed to leave empowered and equipped for this year’s program.

**2 Build a Team** – To recruit volunteers, leaders typically run ads in church bulletins, make announcements in church (some VBS kits include clever DVD ads for this purpose), mail information to members or place posters on the bulletin board. The best way to get good help is by personally inviting people to join your team. Many people won’t come forward because they feel they have nothing to offer; your encouragement will inspire them to get involved.

Don’t scare them away by giving them too much to handle. Keep job descriptions simple, divide responsibilities so no one is overwhelmed and make sure everyone knows their specific role. Also, organize your program by stations so each volunteer oversees just one job.



Finally, seek the ultimate support. “Surround yourself with a strong core group of people who will pray for you and your volunteers daily!” advises Devore.

**3 Spend Smart** – Just like birthday parties, VBS supplies can be expensive! But with VBS you don’t need to get new materials every year. Reuse decorations, rent supplies and scour eBay, Craigslist and other websites for good deals. Borrow new or used kits and decorations from your conference’s VBS library. And rather than patronizing expensive retail stores, shop discount catalogues or value-based websites (see sidebar list).

You can also save time and money by partnering with other churches in your area. Purchase supplies in bulk, swap kits or get together and make enough decorations for everyone.

Finally, don’t forget to tap the resources and talent of your congregation. Ask members to donate cash or supplies, and post your needs and quantities in the lobby along with a collection box.

**4 Advertise, Advertise, Advertise** – Hang posters at retail stores, libraries, playgrounds, day cares, Christian bookstores, cafés and other places your community gathers. Post a banner outside your church with dates and times. Ask members to give simple, handmade fliers to co-workers, friends and neighbors. Ask radio stations to air public service announcements (they’re free!), and advertise on Craigslist (also free!) or in local newspapers.

**5 Reinforce the Lessons** – There are two ways to accomplish this, and both are very important:

First, to be effective from a practical standpoint, repeat the chosen biblical messages over and over in different ways. Sing songs that reflect the day’s message, offer snacks in shapes that relate to or remind children of the Bible lesson and end games with discussions that highlight the featured biblical principles.

Second, remember that the most important thing you can do through VBS is help children experience God’s love. “Don’t underestimate



## Cost-Saving Decoration and Craft Suppliers

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what you are achieving in VBS!” says Gamblin, referring to the evangelistic opportunities it provides. So, be patient, show genuine interest in each attendee and radiate God’s love.

**6 Follow up** – After VBS is over, continue to minister to the children—and their parents—by offering Bible studies and family-friendly events. Engage them in parenting and marriage enrichment seminars, child development classes, free community fairs and health screenings, family movie nights and costume parties, camp meeting and summer camp.

*Stacey Bondurant has led VBS, Adventurers and other programs for 20 years, and most recently served as Children’s Ministries director for the Chesapeake Conference.*

## 2010 VBS Theme

*KGCN: Kids’ and God’s Communication Network* is a dynamic program that teaches children the many ways that God communicates. Read more at [kcnvbs.com](http://kcnvbs.com). Past VBS programs from the Review and Herald include *Castles and Crowns* and *Jesus’ Kids in the Kitchen*. For more information, email [cdevore@rhpa.org](mailto:cdevore@rhpa.org).

# Puppets, Postcards Prayer

R.H. Stewart

VBS Leaders  
Share Their  
Secrets to  
Success



## Beltsville Youth Lead the Program

Potomac Conference's Beltsville (Md.) church decided years ago to get their young people involved in their annual VBS. Last year most of the staff of approximately 50 was under the age of 20. Youth pastor Sonia Perez oversees the ministry and reports that the young people are the reason for their success. She especially likes the fact that this program gives her young "counselors" (some pictured above) the opportunity to use and grow their spiritual gifts.

"Our program works so well because the youth are given a chance to reach out to the next generation," concludes Perez. "When they have to teach and serve others, they own it better." Consequently, last year more than 140 children from the surrounding neighborhoods found their way to the church's VBS. And as the youth movement at Beltsville continues to

attract children of varying ages, their leaders are confident that Christ's kingdom will grow as well.

## Shamokin Makes VBS Cool

For the past five years, Pennsylvania Conference has been organizing a VBS-type evangelistic series in the form of a summer camp. Through Cool Camps, program directors Javier Mendez and Nydia Alvarado have been opening doors to a world full of interactive Bible studies and recreational activities (below).

In spring 2008, the Shamokin Three Angels Mission Group immediately bought into Cool Camps and hit the ground running. Prayer walks, flyer distribution, radio advertising and a flashing sign in front of the church brought in a tremendous



response from nearby communities. So much so that after several successful weeks of the summer camp, every other church in Shamokin canceled their VBS programs in order for their kids to participate in Cool Camps! Last summer, 70 kids regularly participated in the four-week camp, and some attendees—along with their parents—are now church members. Conference youth director Kris Eckenroth attributes much of the camp's success in Shamokin to promotions and members' consistent follow-up.

"Cool Camps has been a way to catapult churches and/or schools into contact with their communities, giving them the opportunity to develop meaningful relationships," he says.

## Akron Meets Needs and Plants Seeds

Ohio Conference's Akron First church is engaged in full-time VBS ministry at a community center within Wilbeth-Arlington Homes, a local housing development. Months of neighborhood visitations, block-to-block witnessing and networking with community leaders have been the secret to their success. Under the recurring theme "His Hands Puppets & Friends," adult and youth members work as a team, putting together a variety of Bible activities and a puppet show for the young attendees (above).

In addition to the church's VBS schedule each summer, members also take the program to the community center once a month on Sabbath afternoons. During the summer, attendance averages 30 kids; numbers for the school year are between 10 and 40. Meeting practical needs and building

positive rapport with families helps fuel the ministry.

Parents regularly attend with their children and sometimes join them in Bible studies. Akron church's VBS leader Susan McCullaugh summed it up by saying, "We are trying to teach the children who God is and to help their parents grow spiritually. We are a seed-planting and watering ministry... and we love to see a harvest."

## Frederick Brings the Bible to Life

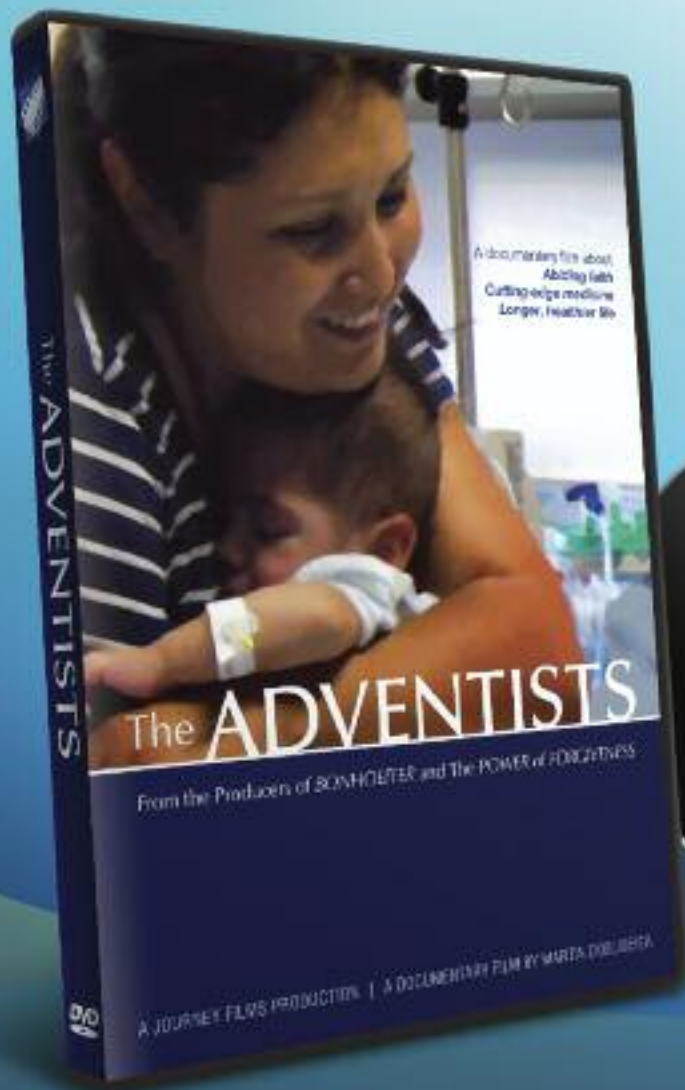
Last June Chesapeake Conference's Frederick (Md.) church hosted a wonderful weeklong VBS themed "Wildwood Forest." Kids learned about the power of God and gained the understanding that He is undefeatable, unmatched, uncontainable, unpredictable and unforgettable.

Postcard mailings, free newspaper ads and members' hard work paid off when 237 children—half from the community—registered. One night they even had 194 attendees! VBS coordinator Angie Brown attributes this success to the talented volunteer staff and amazing visual aids (below). For example, leaders built a 20-foot statue of Nebuchadnezzar to bring the biblical story of the three Hebrew boys alive.

"It's an amazing experience for everyone that works with the kids. We never know what God is going to teach us every day as we make it happen," Brown comments. "We learn about each person that walks through the door, and it becomes very personal in the end." This year's program is scheduled for June 19-26.

R.H. Stewart writes from Villanova, Pa.





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### A Three-Corded Rope is not Easily Broken

Roy Chew

In *The Tipping Point*, author Malcolm Gladwell writes, “The key to getting people to change their behavior, in other words to care about their neighbor in distress, sometimes lies with the smallest details of their immediate situation.” Likewise, we have come to realize the successful delivery of healthcare, with advanced knowledge, technology and medical skill, is still dependent on the tiny details we may view as unimportant. Studies show that patients respond more favorably to prayers offered by non-chaplain personnel because they understand it is spontaneous and a natural expression of their beliefs. This tells us that the culture of our hospital, the personal convictions of our employees, physicians, nurses—everyone—is essential and meaningful to patients in their care.

As president of a growing facility, I am confronted daily with choices that impact the culture of our organization. And I find myself relying heavily on my foundation—my relationship with Jesus Christ and my faith. These beliefs compel me to honor the seventh day as the Sabbath, to live a lifestyle of wellness and prevention and to volunteer at our church and school. This foundation—provided by the Kettering (Ohio) church, Kettering College of Medical Arts, Spring Valley Academy and our six medical facilities—is one that I have personally come to value through a personal journey that started in a far different place.

#### THE TIPPING POINT

Raised in a conservative Presbyterian home, I attended church twice each Sunday. In college, however, I lost interest and stopped all church attendance. It was during my senior year that I felt a desire to find something to fill my spiritual void and began “church shopping.” I didn’t settle on anything until I arrived in Kettering in 1976.

With a bachelor’s degree in respiratory therapy, I became a program coordinator at Charles F. Kettering Memorial Hospital, the single Seventh-day Adventist facility at that time. I continued to look for a spiritual family and eventually found it at the Kettering church. What was the tipping point for me? It was the combination of Adventist beliefs—the Sabbath, the Advent, lifestyle guidelines and devotion to the Bible—that appealed to me. I don’t know if the choice would have been as immediate or compelling without the people who reached out to me personally and brought me into a communion with other believers. This decision provided a relationship between my personal life, career and community, and continues to be a blessing that only grows deeper and more meaningful each year.



#### CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY

Ecclesiastes 4:12 states, “Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves, but a cord of three strands is not easily broken.” I can personally attest to the strength of a community deeply connected through work, church and school; of a cord that has supported and enhanced my life in a way that, I pray, is also a blessing to our employees, patients and community.

Roy Chew, PhD, serves as the president of Kettering Medical Center in Kettering, Ohio.



## Kettering Welcomes Producer of *The Adventists*

Kathryn Stiles

On a recent, gorgeous Sabbath—the first clear, warm day in months—award-winning producer Martin Doblmeier celebrated with the Kettering (Ohio) congregation the completion and release of his much-anticipated documentary, *The Adventists*. Doblmeier's first stop was the youth room (below), where he shared the complex process of creating documentary films for PBS, his passion for religion and spirituality, and his view of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. His presentation got the young people talking and excited about their role in a unique denomination that celebrates growing old and resting one day each week.

After Sabbath School, Doblmeier joined Pastor Karl Haffner at the pulpit where he presented an engraved crystal award to Frank Perez (pictured right, on left), Kettering Adventist HealthCare CEO. The award honored Perez as the key individual who facilitated support for the project from other health-care systems in the United States. Doblmeier then



Karl Haffner, Kettering church senior pastor, gives Doblmeier his first taste of Stripplles.



Producer Martin Doblmeier greets Millie Mills, a Kettering (Ohio) church member and one of the "stars" of his recently released documentary, *The Adventists*. In the film, she is captured saying, "I don't eat anything that has a mother."

discussed how the film came to be and expressed deep gratitude to members and local healthcare professionals for helping to make the film such a success. Pastor Haffner then put Doblmeier through a veggie food taste test—something he had not yet experienced. He was a great sport about it.

The following day, more than 600 people attended a premiere screening of *The Adventists*. Attendees also got to meet Doblmeier, get autographs and purchase DVDs. Doblmeier's visit was a wonderful opportunity to get the word out about the film, and its debut on public television stations across the nation during Easter week.

Kathryn Stiles serves as the marketing specialist for Kettering Adventist HealthCare based in Kettering, Ohio.



**Kettering Network Announces Seventh Hospital**

Following a unanimous vote by their hospital board, leaders at Fort Hamilton Hospital announced their intent to become the seventh member hospital of Kettering Adventist HealthCare (KAHC), based in Kettering, Ohio.

Fort Hamilton, a full-service, acute care hospital located at 630 Eaton Avenue in Hamilton, has been serving Hamilton and Butler counties for more than 80 years. Among other services, the 175-bed facility features interventional cardiology, a state-of-the-art intensive care unit, a full-service oncology program, obstetrical and behavioral health services and comprehensive wound healing. The hospital currently claims 1,140 employees and 150 actively practicing physicians.

"We had several suitors, but we were impressed with Kettering's track record of sustaining high quality care and financial performance," said Robert Weigel, Fort Hamilton Board chair. "They have also



shown the ability to successfully integrate different hospital cultures into theirs. As a community hospital, we thought it was just a good fit."

Frank Perez (left), KAHC CEO, concurs adding, "We are so pleased to welcome Fort Hamilton Hospital to

our network. This addition will really enhance our ability to serve the people throughout this bustling Dayton-Cincinnati corridor."

**Grandview, Southview Among Top 50 Hospitals**

Grandview and Southview medical centers were named among America's 50 best hospitals for 2010 in a recent report issued by HealthGrades, the leading independent healthcare ratings organization. The report, which analyzes objective patient outcomes at 5,000 of the nation's hospitals, places the two Kettering Adventist HealthCare facilities in the top 1 percent of all hospitals in the nation for the second consecutive year. Grandview and Southview are the only institutions in the greater-Dayton region to receive this designation from HealthGrades.

"This is so much more than a shiny trophy to place in our hospital lobbies," says Richard Haas (holding the award), Grandview Medical Center System president. "It means that our clinicians and support staff are completely focused on doing what is best for our patients."

According to the report, patients admitted to America's 50 best hospitals are, on average, 27 percent less likely to die and 8 percent less likely to suffer from a major complication when compared with



patients admitted to other hospitals. If all hospitals operated at this same level, 164,964 deaths and 18,900 in-hospital complications could have potentially been prevented each year.

**Greene Memorial Hospital Goes Green**

With a hopeful eye toward a greener tomorrow, Greene Memorial Hospital (GMH) kicked off its "Greene's March to Green" campaign. According to Marcy Winnenberg, campaign coordinator for the hospital, GMH hopes to reduce landfill waste by 25 percent in the first year.

"We produced 209 tons of waste last year, so that means we are shooting for about 52 tons less right away," Winnenberg reports. "Then we want to just keep getting better."

The Greene Memorial Auxiliary group donated 45 bins, valued at \$1,100, to the project. Placed throughout the hospital, these containers will hold virtually all nonhazardous waste.

"Our network can get hundreds of tons of waste out of our landfills, and we are doing all we can to accomplish that," says Greg Henderson, GMH president.

Grandview and Southview medical centers are using a similar system.



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**Disaster Relief Team Helps Rebuild New Orleans**

We came from Glassboro and Pleasantville, N.J.; Wilmington, Del.; Salisbury, Md.; Philadelphia; and several other towns in Pennsylvania. Who are we? We are a group of 40 church members from the Delaware Valley and Bay Area ministeriums who went to New Orleans to help a devastated community still rebounding from Hurricane Katrina. This marked the fourth year we visited the city to make repairs on homes and give residents a shot of love and care.

As we introduced ourselves, we could feel the warmth and love of Jesus Christ emanating throughout the room.



Eldred Pritchett and Mason Craig move drywall.

Our team leaders included Minnie McNeil, Allegheny East Conference Adventist Community Services director; William Hall, pastor of the Willow Grove (Pa.) church and area leader for the Delaware Valley Ministerium; Pete Palmer, pastor of the Germantown church in Philadelphia; and Stephen Boyce, pastor of Sharon Temple in Wilmington, Del., and the Bay Area Ministerium leader. Our team of lay volunteers and 16 skilled builders focused on restoring homes.

We began each day at 6 a.m. with breakfast, followed by a devotional. We were on location by 7:30 a.m. Contractor Ernie Norwood, a member of the Walnut Street Community church in Pottstown, Pa., and his brother, Robert, took on a shell of a house in one of the most devastated locations in the city. The team completely transformed the interior.

Another team replaced a kitchen and installed appliances. At another home, the team painted its interior. At a fourth location, the team completed the kitchen, replaced doors, carpeted three bedrooms, put new tile in the kitchen and placed new molding and trim. At the fifth location, we finished the fence in the rear of the home and the facing around the roof, and connected several appliances.

Since 2006 our group has repaired nearly 40 homes with help from the North American Division's Adventist Community Services department, which donated thousands of dollars for supplies. This year was our last in New Orleans. We have just scraped the surface of the tip of the iceberg in rebuilding there. Still, we thank God for the privilege to serve the families of New Orleans.



E. Earl Blackwell  
Pastor, First church of Coatesville, Pa.



Karen Douglas and Patrice St. Bernard place underlayment for the floor.



Pastors S. Peter Campbell and William Hall plan the day's activities with Muriel Lewis.

**NEWS**

**Brinklow Composer Wins Arts Award**

Composer James Lee III, who attends Emmanuel-Brinklow church in Ashton, Md., was recently named most promising midcareer composer by the American Academy of Arts and Letters in New York. Each year the academy honors over 50 composers, artists, architects and writers with cash awards. Lee received the Wladimir and Rhoda Lakond award of \$10,000.

"I primarily compose contemporary classical music," explains the associate professor of Composition and Theory at Morgan State University in Baltimore. "Much of it is inspired by the biblical books of Daniel and Revelation." He received the award for two of those works.



**Southwest Philadelphia Members Cook for Homeless**

Roosevelt Joint (below), a deacon at the Southwest Philadelphia church, is taking the commission to feed the hungry seriously.

Joint, who loves to cook, leads a team of six volunteers from the church in feeding hundreds of homeless men, women and children one night a month at the Life Center of Eastern Delaware County in Pennsylvania. The team—which includes church elder Duwaine Jenkins, the salad man, and deacon Gregory Jenkins, the juice man—cooks a nourishing, well-balanced meal. The other volunteers serve. "Thank God for people like those from the Southwest Philadelphia church. There are so many hungry people. And the numbers are only growing," said Jim Shelton, the center's director.—*Janice D. Jenkins*



PHOTO BY JANICE D. JENKINS



**Walking In Your Season: Acting on God's Call Over Your Life**

With many of our members planning to attend the General Conference Session in Atlanta this summer, the Allegheny West Conference leadership team decided to forego our regular summer camp meetings. Instead, we have planned two Spirit-filled, mission-driven, one-day camp meeting.

Both meetings will be themed "Walking in Your Season: Acting on God's Call Over Your Life." We are hoping that everyone will leave these holy convocations with a distinct sense that they are living right now in a God-ordained season of life. God is beckoning all of us to respond to this special calling He has placed over all of our lives. Come discover what that calling is! After attending this convocation you will leave with:

- A clear sense of purpose
- A clear sense of personal mission
- A clear sense of God's call over your life
- A clear sense that you are in the right season for God to work through you

The south camp meeting will be held Sabbath, June 12, in Roanoke, Va., for members living in Virginia and West Virginia. The north camp meeting will be in Columbus, Ohio, Sabbath, June 19, for those living in Ohio and Pennsylvania. I pray that these meetings will be life changing for everyone in attendance, and I hope to see you there.



**Fredrick Russell**  
*President*



**SPEAKERS**

**South Camp Meeting**

**Carlton P. Byrd, DMin • June 12 • Roanoke, Va.**

Pastor Byrd is a graduate of Oakwood University (Ala.) with dual degrees in theology and business management. He is also a graduate of Tennessee State University, where he earned a master of business administration, and Andrews University (Mich.), where he earned a Master of Divinity and a Doctor of Ministry with an emphasis in African-American religious studies. In nearly 16 years of pastoral leadership, Byrd has constructed and renovated churches, baptized more than 2,200 persons and served on numerous denominational and community boards. He has also appeared on the Trinity Broadcasting Network. He has pastored in Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Texas and is currently senior pastor of the Atlanta Berean church. Byrd, who has received numerous honors, was recently named associate director of Breath of Life Ministries, currently headed by Walter Pearson.



**North Camp Meeting**

**E. Dean Peeler, DMin • June 19 • Columbus, Ohio**

Pastor Peeler was born and reared in Sacramento, Calif. He holds a bachelor's degree from Loma Linda University (Calif.), a Master of Divinity from Andrews University and a Doctor of Ministry from Claremont School of Theology (Calif.). For nearly 25 years, Peeler served with distinction in various positions of leadership in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He has been a pastor, evangelist, associate ministerial director and college professor. He has evangelized globally and trained both pastors and laity to do successful outreach. Thus far, the Lord has blessed him to baptize more than 5,000 persons. After serving five years as senior pastor of the Dupont Park church in Washington, D.C., Peeler accepted a call to return to California in 2008 as director of Church Growth and Discipleship for the Southeastern California Conference.



**Serving God in the Workplace**

For the past 20 years, Pastor Duane Ferguson, Blue Mountain Academy's (BMA) guidance counselor, has organized a special career day where students have the opportunity to dialogue with professionals (pictured) from 12-15 careers. Each year students choose four career sessions allowing them to learn about 16 different careers over a four-year period. Presenters include community members, parents, BMA alumni and representatives from Seventh-day Adventist colleges and universities.



The general assembly keynote speaker, David Ferguson, undergraduate leadership development director at Andrews University (Mich.), stressed that Christian leadership empowers individuals to better serve God in any career.

I couldn't agree more. While the Seventh-day Adventist Church will always need traditional workers, such as pastors and evangelists, our church also needs Christian young men and women to serve God in the workplace. As Christian educators, it is our hope that someday, while using some of the educational and spiritual preparation gained here at BMA, our students may lead others to a personal walk with God.



Craig Ziesmer  
Principal

**Ping-Pong Experiment Encourages Scientific Curiosity**

In keeping with BMA's commitment to excellence in science education, the school recently hosted a demonstration to prove the power of shock waves. The demonstration took place during the Pennsylvania Conference Youth Ministries youth rally. Presenters included Ben Roy of Science Zone and his sidekick, Tim Carterman.

Science and math teachers Cary Corbin and Solomon Lazar, along with Lazar's daughter, Elga, and vice principal Charles Castle, were only too willing to capture this feat using a digital camera, computer and secondary strobe flash.

Audience members watched closely as Roy and Carterman assembled a Ping-Pong cannon using a 10-foot section of PVC pipe. Roy inserted the Ping-Pong ball into the pipe and sealed the ends with a thin polymer membrane. He then evacuated the pipe with a strong vacuum pump. He carefully aimed the pipe at a doomed soda can three inches away, then poked the membrane on the "trigger" end with scissors. The inrush of air launched the Ping-Pong ball at high velocity into the can, causing a loud bang.

"We proved the theory that the can would be crushed by the shock wave of high speed air before the

ball strikes it," Corbin reports. "As you can see in the picture, the ball is nowhere near the can, but the can has begun to buckle."



Notice that the can is bent even though the ball has not come close. Evidence of the high-speed shock wave is given by the pieces of silver polymer membrane flying by the can. It is this shock wave that sounds like an explosion and triggers the flash.

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**Alumnus Appointed to Key White House Post**

The United States Senate recently confirmed presidential appointee Orlan Johnson—a member of Allegheny East Conference's



Capitol Hill church in Washington, D.C.—to a key White House post. Johnson, a BMA ('80) and Andrews University (Mich.) graduate, will chair the Board of Securities Investor Protection Corporation. —*Taashi Rowe*

**Students Volunteer for Phonathon**

JoAnna Fils-Aime ('11) was one of several students who volunteered more than 100 hours during BMA's annual phonathon. Their efforts raised funds to support the school's \$60,000 Annual Fund goal. Fils-Aime manned the phones for more than five hours.



**Juniors Honored**

BMA's annual junior presentation weekend honored the Class of 2011. Paige Burnett and JoAnna Fils-Aime wrote and directed a play featuring classmates Kelsey Laue and Brittany Doyle (below) who took the role of Disney characters Fawn and Tiger Lily. After the play, the class presented their colors: black and platinum; aim: "One God, One Aim, One Destiny"; and motto: "Separate Paths, Same Destination."



**Girls Start Book Club**

Several girls at Blue Mountain Academy recently started a Christian book club. Diana Cordero ('11) leads the group and Kathleen Sutton, director of

*Book club members (left to right) Jevoni McAllister, Brenda Nyakanga, Brittany Ellis, Kaila Behrle, Diana Spencer, Paige Burnett, Diana Cordero and Kelsey Laue enjoy reading Christian books. Not pictured are Emily Schmidt and Olivia Murray.*

Advancement, sponsors them. The students meet monthly to not only discuss the chosen book, but to learn about each other, God and themselves.

"It's inspiring," says club member Brenda Nyakanga ('11). "I get to look at myself as a different person, a *better* person."

They are currently reading *Captivating: Unveiling the Mystery of a Woman's Soul*, by Stasi and John Eldredge. They are also planning to start additional groups next school year.—*Paige Burnett ('11)*

**Want to get BMA News Fast?**

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

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# THE CHALLENGE

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**Dispensers of Grace**

One of my favorite passages in the New Testament comes from the pen of Paul: "But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Him" (2 Cor. 2:14, NIV). The image brings to mind one of the old-fashioned atomizers women used before the perfection of spray technology. Squeeze a rubber bulb, and droplets of perfume come shooting out of the fine holes at the other end. A few drops suffice for a whole body; a few pumps change the atmosphere in a room. That is how grace should work. It enriches the atmosphere everywhere it is dispensed.

Unfortunately, I fear that the image for some of us has changed from that of the atomizer to a different spray apparatus—the kind we use for yard work. We pump it up and spray toxins everywhere we see a weed. Pump, spray, pump, spray. Some have taken on the role of moral exterminators, creating a toxic atmosphere everywhere they go.

I am struck by the power of grace as demonstrated by Jesus, who came for the sick and not the well, for the sinners and not the righteous. Jesus never countenanced evil, but He did stand ready to forgive it. Somehow, He gained the reputation as a friend of sinners, a reputation that His followers are in danger of losing today. It is difficult work to love the sinner while hating the sin, but that is how grace works. And that is what we are called to as His disciples—a life so open to God that He can dispense the fragrance of His amazing grace everywhere we go.



**Rob Vandeman**  
*President*

**Hispanic Lay Leaders Prepare for Small Group Ministry**

With the support of the Columbia Union Conference, the Chesapeake Conference recently launched the School of Discipleship, a leadership training program for Hispanic lay church leaders.

"We are hoping and praying for 100 small groups this year in our Spanish churches as a direct result of this training," says Kleyton Feitosa, conference evangelism coordinator.

The first session, held at the conference office in Columbia, Md., drew more than 100 church leaders to learn the theology and practice of small group ministry. Instructors Rubén Ramos, Columbia Union assistant to the president for Multilingual Ministries, and Raul Rodriguez, a Potomac Conference pastor, focused on the biblical foundation for small groups and provided instruction on how to develop and lead this ministry in their churches.

To fulfill course requirements, participants will attend four, full-day training sessions and must host and facilitate a small group. Upon completion they will receive certification and participate in a June 12 graduation ceremony during the Hispanic Mission Conference in Hagerstown, Md.

"This initiative aims to inspire and equip local church leaders to be more effective in ministry," says Eduardo Muñoz, Chesapeake Conference Hispanic

Ministries coordinator. "It will provide them with the necessary skills to be more effective in fulfilling the gospel commission."

The School of Discipleship is an ongoing instructional ministry; a new track is planned for September.



*As participants of a recent School of Discipleship training event, lay church leaders learn how to develop a small group ministry. Each Hispanic church in Chesapeake Conference was represented at the workshop.*

PHOTO BY KLEYTON FEITOSA

## Frederick Students Rally to Help Haiti

Students at the Frederick Seventh-day Adventist School in Frederick, Md., recently collected money and blankets for earthquake survivors in Haiti. Julie Pumroy, Student Council sponsor, organized the “Help for Haiti” project. The young people worked quickly to meet their goal to raise \$1,000 for the cause. Within two weeks, the pile of blankets grew high and the cash box overflowed.



“I heard the Haitians needed help, and I had some money,” said seventh-grader McKenna Wear, explaining why she gave.

As an incentive for students to donate money and blankets, they received a “dress down” certificate for every blanket or \$10 donated. Students with a certificate could choose a day to wear jeans to school instead of the school uniform. The school raised a total of \$1,065.75 and collected 45 blankets.

Third-grader Valerie Akinyi summed up the spirit of the project participants: “I think what we did for Haiti was wonderful. I know God is proud of each and every one of us.”—Anita Minty

Frederick Adventist School students John Schroyer, Alexis Fazio, McKenna Wear and Valerie Akinyi, display blankets they collected as part of the school’s “Help for Haiti” project.

PHOTO BY ANITA MINTY

## Spencerville Member Named Acting University President

Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, was recently appointed acting president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB). Reece, a member of the Spencerville church in Silver Spring, Md., will provide leadership at the university until the new president assumes the role July 1. He has been vice president for medical affairs at UMB and dean of the School of Medicine since September 2006. Before coming to Maryland, he was vice chancellor of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and dean of the university’s College of Medicine. He has also held faculty



appointments at Temple University in Philadelphia and at Yale University School of Medicine (Conn.).

His research focuses on the effects of diabetes during pregnancy, birth defects and prenatal diagnosis. Reece, a sought-after lecturer, has authored 11 books in his area of expertise.

He co-leads Health Ministries at Spencerville church and also serves as an elder and a Sabbath School superintendent.

His wife, Sharon, is a visiting associate professor at the University of Maryland School of Law. The couple has three daughters.

## Hispanic Mission Conference Planned

Plan now to attend the Hispanic Mission Conference June 11-13 at Highland View Academy in Hagerstown, Md. Bring the whole family for fellowship, great preaching, uplifting music and exciting children’s programs. Read the *Currents* newsletter or visit [ccosda.org](http://ccosda.org) for more details.



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# MOUNTAIN VIEWPOINT

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## Proclaiming God’s Grace

Welcome to the 2010 Mountain View Conference Camp Meeting. For nearly 30 years, we have been assembling at beautiful Valley Vista in Huttonsville, W.Va. We pray that you find the theme “Proclaiming God’s Grace” particularly compelling as we prepare our hearts to inherit eternal life. We encourage you to take time to commune often with Him during your stay June 11-19.

Our week together will highlight the work of our lay members, pastors and teachers who have proclaimed God’s redeeming grace over the past year. Through personal Bible studies, seminars, reaping meetings and meeting community needs, they extended God’s grace to others, and even reached the lost for Christ.

As always, it is the goal of the camp meeting planning committee that while at Valley Vista, campers will come to know Jesus better and allow His will to be reflected in their lives. Come and join us this year. We trust you will be blessed.



Larry Boggess  
President



Victor Zill  
Secretary/Treasurer

## WORSHIP SPEAKERS

**Maurice Bascom** began his ministry in California and was later called to the Far East where he spent 18 years as an evangelist and Personal Ministries director. He specialized in training lay members for evangelism. While overseas he began English language schools as a way to make contact with people for evangelism. He was later called to the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s world headquarters in Silver Spring, Md., where he served for 14 years. While there he prepared a Bible study guide and other biblical models for soul winning. He continues to preach, evangelize and train members



for witnessing. In addition to holding a master’s degree and a PhD, Bascom has completed a year of postdoctoral work. He currently works as a representative of Christian Record Services, an institution for the blind. He will open the weekend on Friday night, with a sermon titled “Let This Mind be in You,” and continue with compelling topics throughout the week that you won’t want to miss.

**Mike Tucker** is the speaker/director for *Faith For Today*, the oldest religious television broadcast in the world. He has devoted his life to ministry and has a career marked by service to God and his community. He served for 17 years as senior pastor of the 2,000-member Arlington (Texas) church. Tucker has additional experience as a counselor, high school Bible teacher, youth pastor and senior chaplain for medical and psychiatric facilities.

Tucker holds a master’s degree in counseling and has served as a “Pastor’s Pastor” for other Adventist ministers. He has authored several books, including *Journal of a Lonely God*; *Jesus, He’s All You’ll Ever Need*; *Meeting Jesus in the Book of Revelation*; *Every Good Thing* and *Ten Keys to a Happy Marriage*. He also hosts the award-winning television program *Lifestyle Magazine*.



Tucker will conclude the week presenting “Worthy is the Lamb”—a three-part series focusing on the book of Revelation and how Jesus, the Lamb of God, is revealed in this book.

## Seminars

**Saturday–Saturday, 6:30 a.m.**  
**Maurice Bascom** presents “His Name is Wonderful.” This session explores individuals in the Bible who were transformed by the power of Jesus in their lives and shares how this power is available to each one of us.

**Monday–Friday, 9:45 a.m.**  
**David Klinedinst** presents “Living an Evangelistic Life,” a workshop that teaches attendees how to be evangelists in everyday life by following simple principles of personal evangelism. It includes Christ’s method of reaching people, how to see little opportunities every day, how to bring a spiritual subject into a conversation, how to give a Bible study, how to recognize conviction and how to have a daily devotional life.

**Monday–Friday, 11:15 a.m.**  
**Clarence and Dianna Schilt** present “How to Die Right and Live to Tell About It.” They bring fresh thought and vitality to their seminar that focuses on the theme of surrendering and dying to self. They do this in two ways. First,



they bring unusual insight and thought-provoking perspectives to key biblical passages. Second, they present some remarkably practical applications for living the surrendered life.

**Sunday–Friday, 2:30 p.m. • Jere Franklin** presents “You Can Survive.” Through the spoken word and inspirational sacred music, Franklin addresses the urgent need

to prepare for the end times. Topics include: “The Soon Return of Jesus,” “Restoration and the Time



of Jacob’s Trouble,” “God’s Appointed,” “The National Sunday Law” and others.

**Sunday 7-9 a.m. and 4 p.m.**  
Participate in and learn how to hold Health Expos in your community. Join **Elizabeth Iannacone** in the breakout room of the Youth Center. Go thru each station of a health expo, focused on the seven laws of health.

**Monday-Wednesday 4 p.m.**  
Join **Chuck Cleveland**, MDiv, MPH, founder of Health Education Resources, in the Pavillion. He will teach attendees how to organize and use the health expo as a natural bridge to spiritual meetings. Learn the simple steps of how to organize an expo in your community.

**Thursday 4 p.m. • End the Health Expo training** by running the expo yourself, as others participate in the Youth Center’s break-out room.

## Special Features

**Prayer Convocation • Friday, June 11, 6:30 p.m.** Gather at the flagpole to pray and ask for the Lord’s blessing as camp meeting is officially opened.

**ShareHim Graduation • Saturday, June 12, 2:30 p.m.** Jeremiah Weeks, assistant director of ShareHim ministries, will recognize participants from the ShareHim boot camp.

**Lay Advisory • Sunday, June 13, 8:30 a.m.** All are invited to the lay advisory in the auditorium.

**ABC Book Sale • Sunday, June 13, 10:30 a.m.** Come to the auditorium and stock up on reduced-price music, books and resources.

**Shepherdess Dinner and Meeting • Monday, June 14, 5:15–6:45 p.m.** All Mountain View Conference pastors’ wives are welcome to attend this inspirational dinner and meeting.

**Education Hour • Saturday, June 19, 4 p.m.** Cheryl Jacko will lead in this report about Mountain View education. She serves as principal of Highland Adventist School in Elkins, W.Va., and as conference associate superintendent of schools. All are welcome!

## Youth

Once part of a four-man, hip-hop group, with a major recording contract, **Ivor Myers** was introduced to the three angels’ messages while recording the group’s first album. He left it all to follow the call of Christ. Today he pastors the Templeton Hills church in California, is speaker/director of Power of the Lamb ministries and author of three books. He co-hosts the Three Angels Broadcasting program “Battles of Faith” with his wife, Atonte. The theme for the week is “What if?”



## Opening & Closing Sabbath

### Opening Sabbath

**Devotional, 6:30 a.m.**  
**Maurice Bascom** will begin a weeklong series titled “His Name is Wonderful.”

**Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.**  
**Bradley Galambos**, conference ministerial director, will be the Sabbath School superintendent. Randall Murphy will present the lesson study.

### Divine Service, 11 a.m.

**Maurice Bascom** presents “The Spoiled Dream.” In this sermon, Bascom will describe how God can always use us, just as a master potter can still use a vessel that has been marred.

### Closing Sabbath

**Devotional, 6:30 a.m. • Maurice Bascom** will conclude his weeklong study on “His Name is Wonderful.”

### Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.

**Cheryl Jacko** will be the Sabbath School superintendent. Education will be the mission emphasis.

**Divine Service, 11 a.m. • Mike Tucker** presents “Worthy is the Lamb,” a three-part series, starting Friday evening. It focuses on the book of Revelation and how Jesus, the Lamb of God, is revealed in this book and how the Old Testament is fulfilled in the person, ministry and sacrifice of Jesus.

## Musicians

**Darrell Marshall • Saturday, June 12, 4 p.m.** “Bringing God’s comfort, encouragement and healing through music” is Marshall’s (below)



slogan. A country and traditional gospel singer, he was raised by a gospel-singing family in southern Illinois. A regular guest singer on the Three Angels Broadcasting Network, he bases most of his musical testimony on his own life and the tragic loss of his wife in a sudden accident in 2002. He has personally experienced God’s comfort, encouragement and

healing and now feels led to sing and tell others of God’s miracles.

**Emmanuel Quartet • Saturday June 19, 2:30 p.m.** As the official music group for Adventist World Radio the group’s (right) concerts are designed to uplift the heart, inspire the mind and reveal Jesus Christ as Lord. Their music is 100 percent a cappella, featuring barbershop-style harmony and a clean-cut, pure vocal sound. They will feature music from their newest CD, *A New Day*.

## Young Adults

Scott Shafer, pastor of the Cumberland and Frostburg, Md., churches and his wife, Sarah (below), will lead



out on the weekends for young adults. Clarence Schilt will speak for the first Sabbath and David Klinedinst for the second. Meetings will be held in the cafeteria.

## Hispanic Camp Meeting

**August 20-22 •** Come and enjoy a spirit-filled weekend. For additional information on speakers and events, go to [mtviewconf.org](http://mtviewconf.org). Contact the Mountain View Conference for lodging information at (304) 422-4581.

Mountain View Conference Camp Meeting Schedule  
**Proclaiming God's Grace**

| Valley Vista Adventist Center |   | June 11-19, 2010   |   |  |           |          |        |  |
|-------------------------------|---|--|---|--|-----------|----------|--------|--|
| Friday                        | Sabbath                                     | Sunday   | Monday                                  | Tuesday  | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sabbath                                      |
| Registration                  |   |  | 6:30 a.m. - "His Name is Wonderful"     |  |           |          |        |  |
|                               | 9:15 - Sabbath School<br>Supt. Cheryl Janko | 7:30 a.m. - Cultural Fasting, Blood Drive & Expo in Chapel | Maurice Bassom<br>Breakfast 7:45 - 8:45 | 8:15 - 9:15 a.m. - Youth Center - Conference Employee Meetings |           |          |        | 10:15 - Sabbath School<br>Supt. Cheryl Janko |
|                               | Lesson by<br>Russell Murphy                 | 8:30 - Auditorium Lay Advisory                             |   | 9:45 a.m. - "Living an Evangelistic Life"                      |           |          |        | 11:00 - Worship Hour<br>Mike Tucker          |
|                               | 40-minute Sermon                            | 10:30<br>ABC Big Book Sale                                 |   | 11:15 a.m. - "How do Die Right and Live to Tell about It"      |           |          |        | 11:00 - Worship Hour<br>Mike Tucker          |
|                               | 11:30 - Worship Hour<br>Maurice Bassom      | Serve Meals Lunch  |   | Clarence and D'anna Schilt                                     |           |          |        |  |
|                               | 12:30<br>Shoreline Jeremiah Weeks           |  | Lunch 12:30 - 1:30                      | 2:30 p.m. - "You Can Survive"                                  |           |          |        | 2:30 Concert<br>Emmanuel Quartet             |
|                               | 4:00 Concert<br>Durrell Marshall            |  |   | Jere Franklin  |           |          |        | 4:00<br>Education Hour                       |
|                               |   | Health Expo-Youth Center                                   | Chuck Cleveland                         | 4:00 p.m. - Health Expo & Training                             |           |          |        | Free Time / Program for Sabbath              |
|                               |   | Monday 5:15 Shepherdless                                   | Chuck Cleveland                         | Chuck Cleveland  |           |          |        | Health Professionals Program                 |
|                               |   | 7:00 p.m. - "Proclaiming God's Grace"                      | Supper 5:30 - 6:30                      |  |           |          |        |  |
|                               |   |  | Frank Boudarant                         | David Wiegley  |           |          |        |  |
|                               |   |  | Ivor Myers                              | Neville Barcombe   |           |          |        |  |
|                               |   |  | Maurice Bassom                          | Ivor Myers   |           |          |        |  |
|                               |   |  |   | Mike Tucker  |           |          |        |  |

## Return Unto Me ... Living a Life of Stewardship

This year's camp meeting promises to be a real blessing for all of our members. In keeping with the conference theme for 2010, "Return Unto Me ... Living a Life of Stewardship" will also be the camp meeting theme. The youth, however, will enjoy an exciting Sabbath under the theme "CROSS Training." I encourage you all to reflect on "how great will be the joy when the redeemed of the Lord shall all meet, gathered into the mansions prepared for them! Oh, what rejoicing for all who have been impartial, unselfish laborers together with God in carrying forward His work in the Earth!" (*Medical Ministry*, p.134).

I long to be there, but, in the meantime, I believe this year's camp meeting will be a marvelous occasion to come before Him, count all our blessings and renew our commitments to Jesus.

Please note that because of the General Conference Session in Atlanta beginning June 23, the New Jersey Conference will only hold a one-day, combined English and Spanish camp meeting Sabbath, June 12, at Tranquil Valley Retreat Center in Tranquility. Spanish translations will be provided for all programs. I look forward to seeing you on that beautiful Sabbath day.



José H. Cortés  
President



## SPEAKERS

**G. Edward Reid**, featured speaker for the divine service, is the Stewardship director for the North American Division. He is also an ordained minister, licensed attorney and a certified finance teacher and counselor. Reid is a graduate of Southern Adventist University (Tenn.). He holds master's degrees from Andrews University (Mich.) and Loma Linda University (Calif.)



and a law degree from Georgia State University. He has served the church in teaching, pastoral ministry, evangelism and departmental positions.

He has also done considerable study on the topics of Christian money management and eschatology. He is the author of six books: *It's Your Money, Isn't It?*; *Even at The Door*; *Sunday's Coming*; *Ready or Not*; *Almost Home*; and *Battle of the Spirits*.

**Pastor Eddie Hypolite**, featured speaker for the youth services, is a Londoner by birth, and the youngest of 10 siblings. He is a pastor, educational consultant and motivational speaker. He travels internationally, speaking and teaching in the areas of urban evangelism, church planting, social education and youth and street culture. His vocational background is originally in the area of residential social work. He currently serves as teens director for Teens and Chaplaincy in the South England Conference. He and his family live in London.



## Seminar

**Money Management in the End Times, 2:30 p.m.** • Pastor G. Edward Reid will conduct this special financial seminar Sabbath afternoon.

## Musical

**4 p.m.** • Pastor Efrain Duany (right), Music Ministries director for the conference, will direct a special music program featuring the New Jersey Conference Choir, orchestra and several guest musicians.





## Volveos a Mí ... Viviendo una vida de mayordomía

El campestre de este año promete ser muy bendecido para todos los feligreses. El lema de la Asociación en el 2010: "Volveos a Mí...Viviendo una vida de mayordomía", será también el tema del campestre. Los jóvenes disfrutarán de un sábado emocionante bajo el tema "CROSS Training".

Les animo a reflexionar en "cuán grande será el gozo cuando los redimidos del Señor se reúnan en las mansiones preparadas para ellos. ¡Oh, qué gozo para todos los que hayan sido obreros imparciales y abnegados juntamente con Dios en la tarea de promover su obra aquí en la tierra!" (Consejos sobre mayordomía cristiana, página 363). Anhele estar allí, pero mientras tanto, creo que el campestre de este año será una ocasión maravillosa para venir ante Él, contar nuestras bendiciones, y renovar nuestro compromiso con Jesús.

Por favor noten que, debido a que el Congreso de la Asociación General en Atlanta inicia el 23 de junio, la Asociación de Nueva Jersey realizará el campestre de un día, combinando el de habla inglesa y española, el sábado 12 de junio en Tranquil Valley Retreat Center, Tranquility. Se proveerá interpretación al español para todos los programas. Espero verles en ese hermoso sábado.



José H. Cortés  
Presidente

## ORADORES

**G. Edward Reid**, el orador principal para el servicio de adoración, es el director de mayordomía en la División Norteamericana. Es pastor ordenado, abogado, instructor de finanzas y consejero con certificación. El Pastor Reid es graduado de Southern Adventist University (Tenn.). Obtuvo licenciaturas de Andrews University (Mich.) y Loma Linda University (Calif.) y una licenciatura en leyes de Georgia State University. Ha servido a la iglesia en las áreas de enseñanza, ministerio pastoral, evangelismo y también como departamental.



El Pastor Reid ha estudiado considerablemente los temas sobre la administración cristiana de las finanzas y la escatología. Es autor de seis libros que incluyen, Su dinero y usted, ¡El domingo viene!, Even at The Door, Ready or Not, Almost Home y Battle of the Spirits.

**Pastor Eddie Hypolite**, el orador para los jóvenes, nació en Londres, y es el más joven de 10 hermanos. Es pastor, asesor educativo, y orador de motivación. Viaja internacionalmente hablando y enseñando temas de evangelismo urbano, plantación de iglesias, educación social, y cultura juvenil de la calle. Su formación profesional es en el área de asistencia social residencial. Actualmente se desempeña como director de adolescentes y capellanía en la Asociación del Sur de Inglaterra. Vive con su familia en Londres.



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## Seminario

**Administración de las finanzas en el tiempo del fin, 2:30 p.m. • El Pastor G. Edward Reid** presentará este seminario especial sobre finanzas el sábado de tarde.

## Musical

**4 p.m. • Pastor Efraín Duany**, director de los ministerios de música de la asociación, dirigirá un programa musical presentando el Coro de la Asociación de Nueva Jersey, la orquesta, y varios músicos invitados.



## Ohio Hometown Camp Meetings

Several "hometown camp meetings" are planned for locations across the state. These special events—planned by local congregations—will incorporate traditional camp meeting features, such as preaching, teaching, music, food and fellowship. Invite your friends and family to enjoy one or more of these meetings in your area!

### Columbus

**Date:** June 9-13  
**Location:** Columbus Eastwood church  
**Theme:** "I Will Come Again"



**Speakers:** Dave Weigley (left), president, Columbia Union Conference

Philip Samaan, professor of Religion, Southern Adventist University (Tenn.)

Richard O'Fill, author and speaker

**Concerts:** One Voice, Friday evening, June 11

Larry Ford (Gaither artist), Saturday evening, June 12

**Other Info:** Adventist Book Center will be on-site. Free primitive camping will be available on the banks of Big Walnut Creek. For more information, contact Pastor Larry Grahn at lgrahn@att.net or (614) 327-6687.

### Akron/Wooster

**Date:** June 18-19  
**Location:** Secrest Amphitheater, Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, Wooster  
**Speaker:** Clive Wilson, MDiv (left), chaplain, Kettering College of Medical Arts (Ohio)



**Other Info:** Attendees will sing together, share in God's Word and enjoy the beauty of the gardens.

### Cincinnati/Clifton

**Date:** June 21-26  
**Location:** Clifton church  
**Theme:** "Investing in Your Future"

**Other Info:** Camp meeting and Vacation Bible School programs will run daily from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Each day an expert will lead in discussing a special topic, including health, finances and parenting.

### Mount Vernon

**Date:** July 15-17  
**Location:** Mount Vernon Hill church  
**Theme:** "In the Beginning, God Created ..."

**Speaker:** Fred Shoemaker, PhD, pastor, Mount Vernon Hill church

**Topics:** "Are There Two Separate Creation Accounts in Genesis 1 and 2?"-July 15, 7 p.m.

"The Link Between the Cross and a Seven-day Creation"-July 16, 7 p.m.

"The Adventist Contribution to the Creationist Debate"-July 17, 11:15 a.m.



### Portsmouth/Manchester

**Date:** September 10-11  
**Location:** Portsmouth church  
**Theme:** "Keep On Keeping On!"



**Speaker:** Jim Gilley (left), president, Three Angels Broadcasting Network (Illinois)

## Women's Camp Meeting Tea

The annual Women's Ministries Camp Meeting Tea will be held in the Mount Vernon Academy cafeteria Sunday, June 13, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. The theme is "Tea By the Sea" and will feature delicious food, an inspiring devotional, gifts and door prizes. Tickets are \$3 payable at the event and *must be reserved in advance no later than May 31*. Order tickets online at ohioadventist.org, or call Ruth Ann Van Nostrand at (740) 397-4665, ext. 111.



## NEWS

**New Hispanic Ministries Coordinator Appointed**

Oswaldo Magaña (below) was recently appointed the new coordinator of Hispanic Ministries for the Ohio Conference. He has served as the pastor of the Cleveland First Hispanic and Eben-Ezer Spanish churches since 2004. Magaña has a wealth of ministry and leadership experience, having served the Inter-American Division in various capacities, such as district pastor, field secretary, Stewardship director and mission president.

"We're confident Elder Magaña will provide excellent leadership to



the robust growth and expansion that our Hispanic congregations are experiencing," says Raj Attiken, conference president.

**New Literature Ministry Aimed at Bikers**

Nearly a half million people gather each year in June, at major motorcycle rallies in Chillicothe and Sandusky. Hoping to witness to this specialized group, the Ohio Conference and the Review and Herald Publishing Association in Hagerstown, Md., have designed a plan to reach them.

Tom Hughes (top), pastor of the Newark and Zanesville churches, has served as a chaplain for the Christian Motorcycle Association for many years and baptized a number of people from these contacts. As



founder of Biker Ministries, Hughes is seeking donors to support the taping of his Bible studies for bikers so they can be broadcast on television during and following these major events. He is also hoping to distribute the Review and Herald's special edition of *Steps to Christ* that features a photo of Pastor Hughes' Harley-Davidson motorcycle on the cover.

Monte Sahlin, Ohio Conference director of research and special projects, is collecting from each pastor the names and contact information of members who own motorcycles and enjoy this form of recreation. These individuals are being asked to form a network to engage in witnessing among motorcycle enthusiasts.

The Review and Herald is also setting aside a portion of the income from the sales of the special edition of *Steps to Christ* to help fund Biker Ministries. The ministry is already sharing the gospel with individuals and families through the website biblebiker.com.

**New Treasurer Welcomed**

Doug Falle was recently welcomed as the new treasurer of the Ohio Conference. Falle has 30 years of accounting and treasury experience, and comes to Ohio from the New York Conference where he served as treasurer for the past five years. He holds a

bachelor's degree in theology from Canadian Union College (now Canadian University College) and has completed one year of coursework toward a Master's in Business Administration from Andrews University (Mich.). Falle and his wife, Ursula, (below) have four adult children and three granddaughters.

Desiring more family time, Andy Sutton, conference treasurer since 2006, decided to return to his previous position of conference auditor and association treasurer. His duties will also include sound and video production for conference events.



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# Pennsylvania Pen

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CAMP MEETING PREVIEW

**Called to be Different**

At this year's camp meeting, we will focus on what the theme "Called to be Different" means in God's eyes and how to joyfully live as that different kind of person. From the beginning of each weekday to its close, this difference will permeate our time of spiritual growth and refreshment. A special seminar will involve attendees going on location to examine scientific evidence for the biblical flood right here in Pennsylvania. We will also have opportunities to help package food to alleviate hunger in America. Practical training will be shared for ministry, including Children's Ministries, Health Ministries and community-based ministries.

But most of all, camp meeting is a wonderful opportunity for Bible study, prayer, fellowship and spiritual growth in a relaxed setting on the beautiful campus of Blue Mountain Academy in Hamburg. I encourage you to join us June 11-19, and I pray for God's richest blessing as we learn, share and grow together.



Ray Hartwell  
President

**Worship**

**June 11-12 • Jud Lake**, a professor of preaching and Seventh-day Adventist studies in the School of Religion at Southern Adventist University (Tenn.), and author of the forthcoming book *Ellen White Under Fire*, shares the relationship between God's people and the testimony, the gospel and the last message.

**Music**

**Lori Bryan**, a gifted and versatile Christian recording artist, will present an afternoon concert. She has sung throughout the United States and internationally. She has appeared on the *Breath of Life* telecast, *It Is Written* and the *Voice of Prophecy*.

**Youth****God Encounters for Young Adults**

Young adults will worship at Blue Mountain Adventist Elementary School where they will discover the "Incredible Journey" of grace. The weekend will include powerful messages, praise and worship and the God Encounters Café.

**Hispanic Camp Meeting**

El Lema de las presentaciones del pastor Cortez es: Dios está determinado a salvarnos. Los títulos de los temas que presentará son: La muerte del testador y herederos de un nuevo pacto.

**El Dr. Félix Hadid Cortez** tiene un doctorado en estudios del Nuevo Testamento y actualmente es Catedrático y Secretario Académico para el Posgrado en la Facultad de Teología de la Universidad de Montemorelos en Mexico.

**Music**

In the afternoon, **The Emmanuel Quartet** will share their a cappella, barbershop-style harmony in a concert designed to uplift the heart, inspire the mind and reveal Jesus Christ as Lord.



**June 18-19 • George R. Knight**, a retired professor of church history at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary (Mich.), will speak on the topic "Adventism and the Apocalyptic Vision." He will take worshippers on a journey through Daniel and Revelation, exploring the church's roots, exploring prophecies and challenging all to live the church's doctrines while focusing on the Lord of those doctrines.



**SPEAKERS**

**Nancy Stickney**, Pennsylvania Conference Children's Ministries director, explores "Child Evangelism" and teaching children to lead on Sabbath, June 12. Monday-Friday, she will discuss ways to reach children and the community and how to fill your church with "Kingdom Kids."



**Terry Johnsson**, WGTS radio chaplain, shares that "With God, ALL Things are Possible" because he believes that when the world says, "No," God says, "Yes!" Learn to never underestimate what God can do through you in this powerful worship message.

**Ray Hartwell**, Pennsylvania Conference president, believes that we are "Called to be Different, Peculiar, if You Will." Why is the Adventist Church supposed to stand out? Hartwell shares from Scripture and spirit of prophecy the uniqueness of the church and our central focus and message in these last days.

**Stephen Bohr**, speaker/director for Secrets Unsealed and pastor of the Fresno Central church (Calif.), shares "Elements of Present Truth" for evening worship. Study some of the distinctive doctrines of the Seventh-day Adventist Church with new and fresh perspectives. His afternoon seminar, "Prophecy's Certain Compass," will highlight many previously overlooked insights.



**Rudolph Pelley**, retired conference treasurer, examines "Christ, Our Righteousness" through the writings of the apostle Paul and Ellen G. White during early morning worship.

**Linda McCabe**, a business owner and joy coach, will share biblical



and scientific principles for building and maintaining a joyful life for you and your family in her seminar

"Happy, Happy Home."

**Pastor John Peters** will share keys to unlocking the mysteries of the apocalyptic book of Revelation. His seminar will address the following questions: What is futurism and what effect does it have on the third angel's message and the second coming? How significant was the midnight cry, and what is its importance for us today?



**Pastor Jim Wibberding** will search for truth on the debate over women in ministry in this Monday morning seminar. Learn a new, but biblical perspective. Then Monday afternoon, he shares God's vision for sex.



**Cindy Tutsch**, associate director of the Ellen White Estate, traces our Adventist roots and mission through Revelation 10. During her morning worship series, she will share Ellen White's ongoing relevance to such issues as the global economy, 9/11, the latter rain, close of probation and individual as well as corporate preparation for the final crises. During her afternoon seminar, she will draw from White's teachings on practical Christian living topics like youth, prayer, diet and the Holy Spirit.



**John Baldwin**, professor of Systematic Theology at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary (Mich.), will begin his sermon series

on Sunday at 1 p.m. with a field trip to a coal mine. From there he will explore the theological and spiritual reasons why a recent creation matters so deeply. His afternoon seminar underscores that never before in the history of this planet has the Adventist dimension of who we are mattered so much.

**Pastors Andrew Clark and Tom Hennlein** present a practical lesson series that will give church teams the proper tools to begin assessing their own community as well as steps for initiating a compassionate, community-based ministry.



Those completing all classes will receive a certificate for the Introduction to Community-based Ministry module from Washington Adventist University's Center for Metropolitan Ministry.



**Pastor Lynn Gatz** will lead an inductive study from the Scriptures and the spirit of prophecy, with a review of early, middle and current historical Adventist Church practices and polity regarding women in ministry roles.



Church planters **Joe and Cynthia Stigora** share how Joy of LIFE Fellowship, the first house church planted in the Pennsylvania Conference, is living LIFE for God.

**Denise Reinwald**, a certified massage therapist and wellness educator, will teach "Simple Solutions for Better Health." Learn effective hydrotherapy techniques, how to keep your family



strong during cold and flu season with powerful immune boosting habits, hands-on massage tips that will show stress the door and other natural health skills.

**SPECIAL FEATURES**



**Organizing a 5K ... Where do I Begin?** Sabbath, June 12, 2-3 p.m. and Sunday, June 13, 7-11 a.m. A 5K can be a powerful community building event that brings people together and inspires healthy living. Join Lilly Tryon, conference Health Ministries director, for this hands-on workshop, which will cover planning, insurance issues, race course logistics, budget, promotion, "what ifs" and more.

**Health Screening** Sunday, June 13, 7 a.m. Visit Adventist WholeHealth's mobile screening unit and discover your cholesterol, glucose and blood pressure numbers.

**Miller-Keystone Bloodmobile** Sunday, June 13, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Give the gift of life at this annual blood drive sponsored by Adventist Community Services and the Health Ministries department. To reserve your space, call Karen Borton at (610) 985-9900.

**ABC Book Sale** Sunday, June 13, 9:30-11:30 a.m. This is the biggest camp meeting ABC sale ever!



**What is CURF?** Sunday, June 13, 1 p.m. Join Peggy Lee, secretary/treasurer for the Columbia Union Revolving Fund, and discover one of the best-kept secrets in the Columbia Union.

**Blood From a Turnip** Sunday, June 13, 2 p.m. and Friday, June 18, 2:30 p.m. Join Michelle Stanfill for this practical workshop on budgeting and become more aware of how you spend money. Discover how to save money at any income level.

**Local Treasurer's Seminar** Sunday, June 13, 2-4:30 p.m. The conference treasury staff (below) will present a smorgasbord of tools for both church and school treasurers. Topics include "Quiver of Services," "Local Need Dialogue," "Joy of Budgets" and "Thrill of Reports."



**2010 Lay Ministry Training Course Orientation** Sunday, June 13, 2-3 p.m. Learn about this free course and how it can help you serve God better. Take it in person or online.



**Guide for the Healthcare Professional-Supporting Grieving People** Sunday, June 13,

2-5 p.m. The ability to provide meaningful and appropriate support to those who are grieving is an integral part of a Christ-centered ministry of healing. Join Chaplain Joyce Christman who will share insights gained from her years of professional experience. (CEU credit)

**Kids Water Slide** Sunday, June 13, 2-4 p.m. Children under 12 are invited to slip and slide the afternoon away on the hill near the pavilion.

**Small Group Bible Studies** Monday-Friday, 8:20-9:20 a.m. Get into God's Word and discover what He has for you. Judy Butler will lead people through a look at Psalm 91 while Art Randall looks at the "Essentials of Salvation."

**Community Outreach for the 21st Century** Sunday, June 19, 1:30-3:30 p.m.



Vernon Bramble, president of Bramble and Associates, a financial consulting and business operations firm, will share tools that can help to identify who and how ministry can serve and better impact in the local community.

**Family Worship**  
Monday-Friday  
9:30 am  
BMA Chapel

Feeling small and insignificant?  
Wondering if God can use even you?  
Come join us as we learn how God can use even the most seemingly insignificant things to achieve big results.



**Bill Miller**  
President

## The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

During this year's camp meeting, June 15-19, we are coming together again as a family to worship an incredible God. According to Ellen White, "the beauty of camp meeting is that, when "properly conducted, [it] is a school where pastors, elders and deacons can learn to do more perfect work for the Master. It should be a school where the members of the church, old and young, are given opportunity to learn the way of the Lord more perfectly, a place where believers can receive an education that will help them to help others" (*Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 6, p. 49*).

In keeping with this year's theme, "The Ministry of the Holy Spirit," I believe camp meeting is about being energized, equipped and encouraged to be about the Father's business. What is the Father's business? Reaching and saving a lost world.

My prayer is that time spent in fellowship, worship, seminars and meetings will draw us ever closer to our Savior and Lord and help us receive afresh the outpouring of His Spirit. Thank you for joining us!

## SPEAKERS



**Ron Clouzet, DMin**, is secretary of the North American Division (NAD) Ministerial Association, director of NAD Evangelism Institute and professor of Christian ministry and pastoral theology. He previously served as dean of the School of Religion and professor of theology and ministry at Southern Adventist

University (Tenn.). In addition to his administrative responsibilities, he has taught graduate and undergraduate courses in ministry, preaching, prophetic guidance, evangelism, the gospels and Christian spirituality. Clouzet holds a Master of Divinity from Andrews University (Mich.) and a Doctor of Ministry from Fuller Theological Seminary (Calif.).



**Halvard Thomsen, DMin**, assistant to the president of the North American Division, works to increase the efficiency of the administrative units of the division so the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church can be more effectively carried forward. Before coming to the division in 2003, he was a pastor and administrator in several conferences, including Montana, Wisconsin and Northern California. He holds a Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry from Andrews University (Mich.).



**Henry Wright** has served as senior pastor for the Community Praise Center (CPC) in Alexandria, Va., for 16 years. During those years, the congregational membership has grown from 57 to more than 1,100, and through Web streaming live services every Sabbath, are now growing an online congregation from around the world. In the past year, CPC has planted a new congregation in the Lanham area of Maryland with an average attendance of almost 500 per Sabbath. Plans are also in the works for a third plant in Fairfax County, Virginia. Wright combines his duties as pastor with teaching homiletics and church administration at Washington Adventist University in Takoma Park, Md.



**Fredrick Russell** is president of the Allegheny West Conference. He previously served as senior pastor of Miracle Temple in Baltimore, where he led the rapidly growing congregation for more than 12 years. Russell also travels internationally developing leaders in church, corporate, academic and governmental

settings in the areas of leadership, conflict resolution, leadership team development and organizational development. Russell holds a bachelor's degree in theology and a master's degree in management with an emphasis in managerial leadership.

## Called to be Different

| FRIDAY<br>June 11  | SABBATH<br>June 12   | SUNDAY<br>June 13   | MONDAY<br>June 14  | TUESDAY<br>June 15  | WEDNESDAY<br>June 16   | THURSDAY<br>June 17  | FRIDAY<br>June 18  | SABBATH<br>June 19  |
|--|--|---|--|---|--|--|--|---|
| <p>Welcome to Pennsylvania Camp Meeting 2010</p>   | <p>Sabbath School<br/>The Force of Church Worsening<br/>Bill Peterson<br/>9:15-10:40 am</p> <p>Sabbath Worship<br/>God's People and the Gospel!<br/>Jud Lake<br/>10:50 am-12:15 pm</p> | <p>Health Screenings: 7 am<br/>Organizing a SK<br/>Lily Tryon<br/>7-11 am Room 4<br/>5K &amp; 1 Mile Fun Run<br/>8 am Church Entrance</p> <p>Called to be Different,<br/>Peculiar if You Will<br/>Ray Hutchell<br/>8:30-9:20 am Chapel</p> <p>Blood Mobile<br/>9 am-5 pm</p> <p>ABC Book Sale<br/>9:30-11:30 am<br/>Gymnasium</p> | <p>Breakfast<br/>Linda McCabe: Family Life seminar! Happy, Happy Home - Room 4<br/>John Peters: Unlocking Revelation: Fulfilling the Third Angel's Message - Choir Room<br/>Judy Butler: Trust: Psalm 91 (small group Bible study) - Room 3<br/>Art Randall: Small group Bible study - Room 2<br/>8:20-9:20 am</p> <p>Family Worship: Zepher into Heroes<br/>Buddy Goodwin<br/>9:30-10:25 am Chapel</p> <p>Women in Ministry<br/>Chapel<br/>10:35-11:45 am</p> | <p>Christ, Our Lightkeepers<br/>Kudopi Pulley<br/>6:30-7:15 am Chapel</p> | <p>Community Outreach<br/>for the 21st Century<br/>ACS-Vernon Bramble<br/>11:30-3:30 pm<br/>Choir Room</p> <p>Concert in Gym<br/>Lori Bryan<br/>7:30-9:30 pm</p> <p>Ordination Service<br/>Dove Weigley<br/>9:30-5:00 pm</p> | <p>Community Outreach<br/>for the 21st Century<br/>ACS-Vernon Bramble<br/>11:30-3:30 pm<br/>Choir Room</p> <p>Concert in Gym<br/>Lori Bryan<br/>7:30-9:30 pm</p> <p>Ordination Service<br/>Dove Weigley<br/>9:30-5:00 pm</p> | <p>Community Outreach<br/>for the 21st Century<br/>ACS-Vernon Bramble<br/>11:30-3:30 pm<br/>Choir Room</p> <p>Concert in Gym<br/>Lori Bryan<br/>7:30-9:30 pm</p> <p>Ordination Service<br/>Dove Weigley<br/>9:30-5:00 pm</p> | <p>Hispanic Camp Meeting<br/>Dios esta aconteciendo a Salvacion<br/>Dr. Felipe Haddad Cortez<br/>Chapel</p> |
| <p><b>Lunch</b><br/>The World Through Six Glasses:<br/>The Adventist Church Responds to Macro-Evolutionary Theory<br/>John Baldwin<br/>1:17-2:15 pm Chapel</p>   |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |   |
| <p><b>Supper</b><br/>Join John Baldwin on Sunday, June 13, on a trip to the Pioneer Tunnel Coal Mine in Ashland, Pennsylvania. Will leave at 1:00 pm outside the gym and return later in the day. Cost for this field trip, which will lead into the present issue in Biblical Eschatology including The US in Prophecy seminar, is \$15.00.</p> |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |   |
| <p><b>Evening Worship</b><br/>God's People and the Lost Message<br/>Jud Lake<br/>7:00 pm</p>   |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |   |
| <p><b>Evening Worship</b><br/>Arib of a Movement<br/>George Knight<br/>7:50 pm</p>   |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |   |
| <p><b>Evening Worship</b><br/>Adventism Gets Re-baptized<br/>George Knight<br/>7:00 pm</p>   |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |   |



## SEMINARS

**Growing Healthy Disciple-making Churches • Bill Miller**, president of the Potomac Conference, looks at the principles



provided for healthy churches in the parable of the sower in Matthew 13 and chapter 2 of *Christ's Object Lessons*. Seminar attendees will learn how to identify a principle, apply a principle and the appropriate contextual applications for the principle. Attendees should bring their Bibles, as they will seek from God's Word His principles of growing healthy disciple-making churches.

**Help From the Sanctuary • Robert Banks, DMin**, ministerial director for the southern portion of the Potomac Conference, will discuss ways that the sanctuary illustrates rich truth concerning the plan of redemption



and the means God uses to save His people. This seminar shows the relationship of the sanctuary to prophetic portions of Scripture and addresses how to victoriously live the Christian life with confidence and assurance.

**Shepherding a Child's Heart • Byron Greenberg, PhD**, an assistant professor of clinical health psychology at Virginia State University, with a private practice for at-risk children and youth, leads this seminar based on the book *Shepherding a Child's Heart*. It is designed for parents, grandparents, foster parents or anyone facing the challenges of raising godly children in an ungodly world.



The Bible provides a wealth of information on how to gain a child's heart. This seminar will address those methods of refocusing parents and children on the root of behavior.

**Sharing God's Character Through Bible Studies • Dean Waterman**, who pastors in Chesapeake, Va., leads this three-part series exploring the Bible as the revelation of God's character. Attendees will see how their personal relationship with God



affects their witnessing, and how they can give Bible studies that will lead others to a new relationship with Him. He'll also introduce them to the comprehensive biblical truths held by Seventh-day Adventists and how these truths are essential to understanding God's character.

**CREATION Health: Live Life to the Fullest! • Lynell LaMountain**, a former pastor who now serves as a CREATION Health representative at Florida Hospital, will discuss this



Bible-based approach for enjoying whole person health that is rooted in the Genesis creation story. Participants will learn how to facilitate life changes using God's eight universal principles for living life to the fullest: Choice, Rest, Environment, Activity, Trust in God, Interpersonal Relationships, Outlook and Nutrition.

**Discovering your Spiritual Gifts • Pat Williams**, pastor of the Cornerstone church in Stone Ridge, Va., leads this course designed to give attendees the tools to recognize, develop and deploy their spiritual gifts in ministry. This class will help attendees discover their spiritual gifts and help those serving the church without joy begin to serve with joyful abandon.



**How to Improve the Health of Your Church • Ray Pichette, DMin**, vice president of Pastoral Ministries for the Potomac Conference, will show attendees practical ways to help their churches become stronger and healthier. According to



the Bible, the church is a dynamic, living organism and is referred to as the body of Christ with Jesus as the Head.

The church, like human bodies, can be healthy or sick. The good news is that whatever the current condition of your church, Jesus Christ, the great physician, can heal it and bring it back to health and vitality.

**Evangelism in the Work Place/ Living in the Real World • Richard Lukens, CPA**, a partner in a northern Virginia-based accounting firm, will



teach attendees to use business networking and interpersonal skills to form relationships for the kingdom of God. In this

seminar he will encourage attendees to turn their daily routine into a salt ministry. They will learn how to make a difference in the lives of those surrounding them without being an "in your face" Christian and how to enrich their Christian experience as they live in the real world.

**Tracking God: An Adventure in Bible Study • Robert Van Ornam**, a religion teacher at Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, Va., will teach this unique Bible study experience, where the student learns to see the Bible's true meaning by following God's footsteps through Scripture and time. From Genesis to Revelation, God has revealed Himself to mankind, leaving clues about His character along the way.

**The Coming Golden Age of The Church • Shane Anderson**, senior pastor of the New Market (Va.) church, will lead this seminar designed to spark revitalization in the local church. The solutions offered in it are not necessarily easy to implement, but they work. New Market church members have implemented



the principles in this seminar, and in the last year alone, have significantly increased Sabbath attendance,

baptized 20 people and added a second service. Attendees to this seminar will leave with the tools for making their churches thrive again.

## Sabbath Concert

The Breath of Life Quartet (BLQ) is an internationally known group, which has been involved in music ministry for more than 30 years. The group originated as part of the Breath of Life telecast and has performed concerts across the United States and around the world. Over the years, BLQ's CD releases have reached thousands with a mix of contemporary and traditional songs, as well as their original compositions.



| POTOMAC CONFERENCE  |  |                      |  |   |   |
|---|--|----------------------|--|---|---|
| CAMP MEETING   2010   |  |                      |  |   |   |
| Adult Schedule  |  |                      |  |   |   |
| Time  | JUNE 15<br>Tuesday                                     | JUNE 16<br>Wednesday | JUNE 17<br>Thursday                        | JUNE 18<br>Friday                                       | JUNE 19<br>Sabbath  |
|   | EARLY MORNING SERIES (GYM)                             |                      |  |   |   |
| 7:00-8:00 am  |  | Dave Vandewine       | Charles Tapp                               | Kenneth Netrebung                                       |   |
| 7:30-9:00 am  | BREAKFAST  |                      |  |   |   |
| 9:15-10:45 am   | MORNING SEMINARS<br>(See Seminar Page for Locations)   |                      | 9:15-10:45 am<br>Seminars                  |   | 8:00-9:15 am<br>Women's Ministries<br>Prayer Breakfast<br>(Hovatt Building)<br>*Ticket Required |
| 11:00 Noon  | MID-DAY WORSHIP DURING WEEK (GYM)                      |                      |  | Sabbath School<br>9:30 am (Gym)                         |   |
| 12:30-1:30 pm   | Dr. Halvard Thomson                                    | Dr. Halvard Thomson  | Dr. Halvard Thomson                        | Worship Service<br>10:45 am<br>Dr. Ron Clouzet<br>(Gym) |   |
| 3:00-4:30 pm  | AFTERNOON SEMINARS<br>(See Seminar Page for Locations) |                      | 2:30-4:00 pm<br>ABC Big Book<br>Sale (Gym) | 3:00-5:00 pm<br>Concert &<br>Special Feature            |   |
| 5:00-6:00 pm  | SUPPER   |                      |  |   |   |
|   | EVENING WORSHIP  |                      |  |   |   |
| 7:00-9:00 pm  | Fredrick Russell                                       | Fredrick Russell     | Fredrick Russell                           | Henry Wright  | BRILLIER  |
| *Ticket required for Women's Prayer Breakfast - Available at Location.<br>All services in the gym will be interpreted for the deaf. Interpreter services for Seminars depend on interpreter availability. |  |                      |  |   |   |

# Spotlight on Spencerville

MAY 2010

## POTOMAC CONFERENCE CAMP MEETING | 2010

| 2010 Camp Meeting Young Adult, Youth, and Children's Schedule   |                                 |   |  |   |   |  |
|---|---------------------------------|---|--|---|---|--|
| Division/ Location  | Tuesday                         | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Sabbath   |  |
| <b>Beginners I (Birth-2 yrs.)</b><br>(Elementary School)<br>Leader: Anita Fickens<br>Assistant: Alicia Boggs<br>Assistant: Sherita Barber<br><b>Beginners II (2-4 yrs.)</b><br>Co-Leaders: Darice Flood<br>Alicia Walters | Camp Arrival                    | 8:00-10:45 am<br>10:45-4:15 pm  | 8:00-10:45 am<br>10:45-4:15 pm   | 8:00-10:45 am<br>10:45-4:15 pm  | 8:00-11:00 am<br>10:45-4:15 pm  |  |
|   |                                 | <b>Kindergarten (4-5 yrs.)</b><br>(Elementary School)<br>Co-Leaders: Tamara Barber<br>Kaiti Crews       | 8:00-10:45 am<br>10:45-4:15 pm   | 8:00-10:45 am<br>10:45-4:15 pm  | 8:00-10:45 am<br>10:45-4:15 pm  | 8:30-12:00 pm<br>10:45-4:15 pm                 |
|   |                                 | <b>Primary I (6-7 yrs.)</b><br>(Elementary School)<br>Leader: Shelley Powell<br>Assistant: Kevin Powell | 8:00-10:45 am<br>10:45-4:15 pm<br>7:00-9:00 pm   | 8:00-10:45 am<br>10:45-4:15 pm<br>7:00-9:00 pm                              | 8:00-10:45 am<br>10:45-4:15 pm<br>7:00-9:00 pm  | 8:00-10:45 am<br>10:45-4:15 pm<br>7:00-9:00 pm |
|   |                                 | <b>Primary II (8-9 yrs.)</b><br>(Elementary School)<br>Leader: Wendy Wood                               | 8:00-10:45 am<br>10:45-4:15 pm<br>7:00-9:00 pm   | 8:00-10:45 am<br>10:45-4:15 pm<br>7:00-9:00 pm                              | 8:00-10:45 am<br>10:45-4:15 pm<br>7:00-9:00 pm  | 8:30-12:00 pm<br>10:45-4:15 pm<br>7:00-9:00 pm |
| <b>Juniors (10-12 yrs.)</b><br>(Church Fellowship Hall)<br>(Bring \$10 for Thursday)<br>Leader: L. A. Voss<br>Assistant: Annet Marlowe  | 8:00-9:00 pm                    | 8:00-Noon<br>10:45-4:15 pm<br>7:00-9:00 pm  | 8:00-10:00 am<br>10:00 am-9:00 pm<br>Trips to Camp Blue Ridge<br>Bring \$10 for trip                     | 8:00-Noon<br>10:45-4:15 pm<br>7:00-9:00 pm                                  | 8:30-Noon<br>10:45-4:15 pm<br>7:00-9:00 pm  |  |
| <b>Barbiees (13-14 yrs.)</b><br>(Girls Down Chapel)<br>(Bring \$10 for Thursday)<br>Leader: Fred Richard<br>Assistant: Richard James  | 7:00-9:00 pm                    | 8:00-Noon<br>2:00-4:15 pm<br>7:00-9:00 pm   | 8:00-Noon<br>2:00-9:00 pm<br>Off-Campus Activity<br>Bring \$10 for trip                                  | 8:00-Noon<br>2:00-4:15 pm<br>7:00-9:00 pm                                   | 8:30-Noon<br>10:45-4:15 pm<br>7:00-9:00 pm  |  |
| <b>Youth (High School Age)</b><br>(Administrative Building<br>Auditorium)<br>(Activity Fee: \$20)<br>Leader: Sara Perez<br>Assistant: Jennifer Davis  | 7:00-9:00 pm<br>Evening Program | 8:30-11:00 am<br>2:00-4:00 pm<br>7:00-9:00 pm<br>Evening Program<br>8:00-11:00 pm                       | 8:30-10:45 am<br>10:45-5:00 pm<br>City Plaza Bowling<br>7:00-9:00 pm<br>Evening Program<br>8:00-11:00 pm | 8:30-11:00 am<br>2:00-4:00 pm<br>6:00-10:00 pm<br>Bowling & Evening Program | 8:30-11:00 am<br>Sabbath School<br>11:00-Noon<br>Church Service<br>3:00-5:00 pm<br>Ministry Outreach<br>5:00-8:00 pm<br>Evening Program |  |
| <b>Collegiate (18-22 yrs.)</b><br>(Student Center)<br>Leader: Steve Anderson<br>Assistant: Janie Danthema   | 7:00 pm<br>Evening Program      | 7:00 pm<br>Evening Program  | 7:00 pm<br>Evening Program   | 7:00 pm<br>Evening Program  | 8:30 am<br>Beginning of Study Program   |  |
| <b>Developmental Disabilities</b><br>(New Encounters Room)<br>Leader: Michelle Miller   |                                 | 11:00 am-1:00 pm  | 11:00 am-1:00 pm   | 11:00 am-1:00 pm  |   |  |

**Note to Parents:**

- Registration for children ages birth through 9 years is required for safety and insurance.
- On-site registration is Tuesday evening at the 5PM adult meeting at Wednesday morning at the school.
- Children's Division will open 15 minutes prior to each meeting and remain open 15 minutes after each meeting. For safety reasons, no children are allowed in the building after the meeting times. Before and after programs, parents are responsible for the supervision of their children and for the well-being of their children. Please be aware of the weather and other conditions.

### Bringing out the Best in our Students

"It's all her fault." My stomach lurched as I heard those words, spoken for all to hear, at the teacher in-service I was helping to lead. I scanned the room to see who would dare to say that in public, and my eyes landed on Ron Jacoban. He continued, "It's because of her that I am here today as a teacher. She helped me realize in second grade that we all had special gifts that God wanted us to use for Him." I started breathing again as the adrenaline ebbed.

Though Ron is now teaching in another union, I have often pondered his words. What message do we as parents and educators give the little (and not so little) ones under our guidance? I am currently reading *The Power of Our Words* by Paula Denton, which is a guide that shows educators how to use their most powerful teaching tool—their words and tone of voice—to bring out the best in children. An even more valuable eternal gift we can give our children is our loving and loveable Christ-like example.

Please join us in praying for parents and teachers who are on the forefront of bringing children to make their commitments to Christ.



**Barbara Plubell**  
Elementary School Vice Principal

### Middle School Students Perform Tom Sawyer Musical

Middle school students from Spencerville Adventist Academy (SAA) recently performed *Tom Sawyer*, a musical adaptation of the book by Mark Twain. Not only did the 14 boys and girls (pictured) from grades 5 through 8 get an opportunity to act, they also put their other talents to work. The students even choreographed the musical's 10 songs. Many of the students also played one or more instruments in addition to singing.

The students reported having a blast practicing and singing over the months. They said they particularly



*Tom Sawyer*, (left) played by Matthew Fennell, tries to convince Josh, played by Cameron Sahly, how much fun he can have painting the fence.

enjoyed trying out their Southern accents.

"I enjoyed being in *Tom Sawyer* because I love acting, and *Tom Sawyer* is such an iconic character," said eighth-grader Matthew Fennell. "Acting as Tom was so cool because his world is so different from the world of today. I loved talking with a Southern accent and singing and having fun."

Drama teacher Jane Lanning says, "Drama is an important part of Spencerville, be it with the spring musical, the study of Shakespeare, the message skits incorporated into the gymnastics show or the student ministries. We really believe that the dedication it requires to work on a play is a great way to build character."

## Volunteers Enrich Athletic Program

We want our students to graduate as well-rounded and respected members of their communities,” says Marty Cooksey, SAA athletic director. “Athletics play a large role, both in and out of the community, as our students share their Christian ethics on and off the playing fields and courts in our region.”

Cooksey admits that without the school’s 28 volunteer coaches, the school’s diverse sports program would not be possible. “Through their tireless involvement, we are able to attain our program’s philosophy and enrich the whole person for service to God and man,” he adds. Students and parents agree that sports—be it golf, gymnastics, soccer, volleyball, softball, baseball or basketball—have helped improve students’ lives.

“Playing basketball these past three years has given me the opportunity to be more responsible and manage my time better,” says junior Ryan Johnson.

“Athletics enable the student to become a part of something,” says Terri Sheahin, a parent of three student athletes. “It gives them a bond with others. The positive reinforcement they receive from



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the coaches is so beneficial to the development of their self-esteem.”

For the coaches, sports is a way to give something to students that is more than physical fitness and more than teaching them how to win.

“Right now I coach for what I call ‘the look.’ The look on the face of a player when she accomplishes something everyone told her she couldn’t.



Kevin Davidson, varsity baseball coach, directs a student during a game.

The look of pure joy when things go right. The look of determination when things go wrong,” explains basketball coach Sujey “Jey” Edwards (left). “I’ve also accepted the fact that I am not going to change the world, but maybe I can inspire someone who will.”

Kevin Davidson, a baseball coach, explains that being a volunteer coach “is about setting high standards and watching [athletes] grow and exceed them. It is about service to others and the desire that I might have a chance to model Christ to these young men.”

## Calendar

- May**
- 16** Education Fair  
Strawberry Festival  
Constituency Meeting
  - 22** Alumni Sabbath
  - 27** Eighth-Grade Graduation
  - 28-30** Senior Graduation Weekend

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Milton Brown and Steven Faehner (holding his son, Jack) coach middle school girls basketball.

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## Sophomores to Walk to Stop Trafficking

While in their 10th-grade World History class, Allison Handel, Natalie Herrera and Leslie Herrera learned about the exploitation of children around the world. They learned that child trafficking is one of the fastest growing crimes in the world, with over 1.2 million child victims forced into the global sex industry each year.

The students did not want to simply talk about this problem, they wanted to do something to fight it. So they and their teacher Gabrielle Griffin organized a walkathon to raise monies for the Stop Child Trafficking Now (sctnow.org) organization. Students found sponsors to pay them for walking laps on the Shenandoah Valley Academy (SVA) athletic field or for walking by the hour. All proceeds of the May 16 walkathon will be donated to Stop Child Trafficking Now.

When asked why this project is so important to them, Handel replied, “I think it’s important that we show people what is actually happening. Most of us don’t know about this, including the three of us who hadn’t heard much about the subject until our [classroom] discussion. We know we can’t fix this problem, but we want to try and do whatever we can to help.”

Natalie added, “This is a corrupt world, and we realize these poor children do not deserve what is happening to them. They deserve freedom, and we were inspired to do something about it.”

Leslie also said, “I believe the reason why we are so passionate about this is because not many people know about it. We want to make more people aware, so we can do something about this huge issue.”



Natalie Herrera, Allison Handel and Leslie Herrera, along with their teacher Gabrielle Griffin, are raising money to stop child trafficking.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MAY 28-30—Graduation Weekend



The 54 seniors of the Class of 2010 are eagerly awaiting graduation Sunday, May 30. Here is a program preview:

**Consecration**, Friday, May 28, 8 p.m. in the New Market (Va.) church sanctuary. The speaker will be Donna Hoffman Mashburn (left), ('74) a former dean of girls.

**Baccalaureate**, Sabbath, May 29, 11 a.m. in the gymnasium. Dale Twomley, PhD, (right) former principal, will be the speaker.



**Commencement**, Sunday, May 30, 10 a.m. in the gymnasium. Eugene Kitney (left), pastor of the Advent Hope church in Salem, Va., and Roanoke (Va.) church, will speak.



### JUNE 18—Camp Meeting Alumni Reception

Former SVA staff members and students—including the newest alumni from the Class of 2010 (below)—are invited to a dessert reception Friday, June 18 at 6 p.m., during Potomac Conference Camp Meeting. The reception will be held in the upper level of Hewitt Hall, which is directly behind the Student Center.



# HAPPENINGS

## Student Art Takes Center Stage

Julie Copiz, a graduate of the Class of 1998, has returned to SVA to teach art. She recently completed her master's degree in Children's Book Illustration at Cambridge School of Art in Cambridge, England. Her art class has become a popular choice for many students who need to fulfill a fine arts credit.

A visit to the art room will reveal students' most recent work, including self-portraits done completely



with wire, sock dolls and animals. Students also make origami, drawings, paintings and clay pots that have been dried in the art room kiln. Favorite art items are the bugs and insects that the students have made from wire and other supplies. Samantha Hegamyer ('11) says, "Art is my favorite class because I get to use my imagination and express myself."

Each month a new collection of art is displayed on the walls of the administration building for everyone to enjoy. Whether it is colorful origami hanging from the ceiling,

wire self-portraits hung on the walls or mosquitoes swinging through the air, everyone seems to enjoy stopping to view the latest student artwork.



Teacher Julie Copiz assists Ohana Lima ('11) with an art piece.



Blanca Saenz ('10) works on a project.

## Shenandoans Sing for Harlem Globetrotters

The Shenandoans recently sang the National Anthem for the opening of the Harlem Globetrotters basketball game at the Civic Center in Roanoke, Va. The trip was made available to all who wanted to attend, and nearly half of the student body got the chance to attend the game as well.

"The choir did an outstanding job of singing and did a great job of representing Shenandoah Valley Academy," said Melissa Anderson, choir director.

Choir member Catherine Kupratty ('10) said, "Performing for the Harlem Globetrotters before such a large audience was an experience I will never forget."



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## Student Meets With President Obama

One of the things I love most about being at Washington Adventist University (WAU) is getting to know the students who belong to our learning community. I recently met freshman Kevin Harmer, a remarkable young man who has overcome more in his 19 years than many of us will face in a lifetime. Despite numerous and lengthy hospitalizations, unknown diagnoses, family loss and difficult surroundings, Harmer's positive outlook on life never wavered. He has even developed a strong aspiration to public service in the political arena.

Sponsored by the Make-a-Wish Foundation, Harmer and his family recently met with President Barack Obama in the Oval Office. The two discussed healthcare reform and exchanged speeches. "He recognized me from a conversation we had when I was working on his 2008 campaign in Pennsylvania," recalls Kevin. "He showed me a speech he was about to make on healthcare reform, and I gave him some suggestions." Harmer is planning his run for the White House in 2040.

A strong Christian, Harmer is not a Seventh-day Adventist. On researching Washington, D.C., area colleges, he and his mother found WAU on the Internet. "We didn't realize there wouldn't be any meat in the cafeteria," he says. "But I like it here. It's like a family."

He was one of a group of political studies majors who I recently accompanied to Annapolis to meet our Maryland state delegates and senators. Like Harmer, each student impressed me with his or her knowledge of the system and passion to be a part of it. I'm proud of the excellent job our WAU professors do to prepare these students to be moral leaders in our community and around the world.



Kevin Harmer, a political studies major at Washington Adventist University, is elated to meet with Barack Obama, president of the United States.



Weymouth Spence  
President

## Students Visit Maryland Officials

A group of WAU students recently joined Weymouth Spence, president, in visiting the university's representatives in Annapolis, the capital of Maryland. Amanda Greenleaf, Aaron Wilson, Courtney Daley, Shavannie Braham and Kevin Harmer—all majoring in political studies—met with representatives in both the House and Senate. In addition to those pictured, the group met with Delegate Joseph Bartlett, R-Frederick County; House of Delegates Majority Leader Kumar Barve, D-Montgomery County; and Delegate Heather Mizeur, D-Montgomery County.



WAU president Weymouth Spence and Delegate Henry Heller, D-Montgomery County, discuss opportunities for growth in nursing programs in Montgomery County.



Sen. Jamin "Jamie" Raskin, D-Montgomery County, is a resident of Takoma Park and a longtime friend of the university. Posing in front of Raskin's favorite photo of Sligo Creek is Courtney Daley, WAU president Weymouth Spence, Kevin Harmer, Senator Raskin, Shavannie Braham, Aaron Wilson and Amanda Greenleaf.

## Summer Programs Orient Students to College Life



W AU has been offering the Capital Summer Program to incoming freshmen for many years. This three-week, intensive program, offered just before the start of the fall semester, allows new students the opportunity to earn college credit while immersing themselves in the cultural richness of the Washington metro area. Capital Summer Program 2010 will take place July 26-August 13.

W AU is also having its second annual, six-week Bridge Program July 5-August 13. It is a program for incoming freshmen who wish to strengthen their academic skills, build confidence, form friendships and enhance their potential for college success. In addition to taking courses in English, study skills and math, Bridge Program participants will benefit from a number of services designed to improve the

transition from high school to college. These services include: admissions counseling, financial aid education, student and faculty mentoring, social and recreational activities, campus and regional tours and ongoing academic advising following completion. The cost for the program is \$1,600 excluding food. However, students who enroll at W AU for the fall 2010 semester can receive a scholarship to attend the Bridge Program. Before submitting an application for the program, students must contact the Admissions Office whose staff will notify students if they meet the program's criteria. For more information about either the Bridge Program or the Capital Summer Program, students may contact the Office of Admissions at (301) 891-4502 or [admissions@wau.edu](mailto:admissions@wau.edu).

## Keough Lecture Explores Issues in Adventist Mission

W ashington Adventist University's Department of Religion recently held its 29th annual G. Arthur Keough lecture series with military and religious expert David J.B. Trim (right) as the keynote speaker.

A senior research fellow in the History Department at the University of Reading in the United Kingdom, Trim themed his talks "The Keoughs and Key Issues in Adventist Mission and Theology." On the first night of the talks, he explored the missiology of G.D. Keough, one of the Seventh-day Adventist Church's missionaries to the Middle East. On Sabbath afternoon, he discussed Adventist soteriology (the doctrine of salvation) and Christology of the early 20th century. He also delved into the many forgotten voices lost in the study of this topic,



including G.D. Keough and his son, G. Arthur Keough.

Each year the Department of Religion brings in a prominent theological thinker for these lectures to teach and inform the university community and begin new and challenging conversations.—*Geoffrey Crowley*

## Calendar

- May**  
3 W AU Musical Celebration  
*Strathmore Music Center,  
North Bethesda, Md.*
- 10-  
June 4** Summer Session I
- June**  
7-July 2 Summer Session II
- July**  
6-29 Summer Session III  
5-Aug. 13 Bridge Program  
26-Aug. 13 Capital Summer Program

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|              | May 14 | May 21 | May 28 | Jn 4 | Jn 11 |
|--------------|--------|--------|--------|------|-------|
| Baltimore    | 8:12   | 8:19   | 8:24   | 8:29 | 8:33  |
| Cincinnati   | 8:43   | 8:50   | 8:55   | 9:00 | 9:04  |
| Cleveland    | 8:38   | 8:45   | 8:51   | 8:56 | 9:00  |
| Columbus     | 8:39   | 8:46   | 8:52   | 8:57 | 9:01  |
| Jersey City  | 8:06   | 8:12   | 8:18   | 8:23 | 8:27  |
| Norfolk      | 8:05   | 8:11   | 8:16   | 8:21 | 8:24  |
| Parkersburg  | 8:32   | 8:38   | 8:44   | 8:49 | 8:53  |
| Philadelphia | 8:08   | 8:14   | 8:20   | 8:25 | 8:29  |
| Pittsburgh   | 8:28   | 8:35   | 8:41   | 8:46 | 8:50  |
| Reading      | 8:12   | 8:19   | 8:24   | 8:30 | 8:34  |
| Richmond     | 8:11   | 8:17   | 8:23   | 8:27 | 8:31  |
| Roanoke      | 8:21   | 8:27   | 8:32   | 8:37 | 8:40  |
| Toledo       | 8:46   | 8:53   | 8:59   | 9:04 | 9:09  |
| Trenton      | 8:07   | 8:14   | 8:19   | 8:25 | 8:29  |
| Wash., D.C.  | 8:13   | 8:19   | 8:25   | 8:30 | 8:33  |

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The fourth quadrennial session of the Mountain View Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at 10 a.m., Sunday, June 6, 2010, at Valley Vista Adventist Camp, Becky's Creek Road, Hut-tonville, W.Va.

The purposes of the meeting are to elect the conference officers, Conference Committee, Board of Education, and the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for the ensuing term, as well as to transact other business as may properly come before the conference at that session.

A meeting of the Organizing Committee, described in Article IV, Section I, of the Bylaws, will convene at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, May 2, 2010, at the Parkersburg Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1901 Park Avenue, Parkersburg, W.Va. The purposes of this meeting are to select members of the Nominating Committee for the session and to nominate members of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for the ensuing term.

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**OBITUARIES**

**BLANKENSHIP, Brian Keith**, born May 25, 1955, in Akron, Ohio; died November 1, 2009, in Akron Ohio. He was a member of the Akron First church. He attended Collegedale and Spring Garden academies and Southern College (today, Southern Adventist University) in Tenn. He is survived by his mother, Wanda Blankenship; his brother, James, and sister-in-law Darlene, all of Akron.

**COON, Norman Charles**, born February 23, 1933, in Richmond, Va.; died January 15, 2010, in Harrisonburg, Va. He was the son of Elder Clinton J. Coon, one of five ordained preacher-brothers from upstate New York. All served as pastors in the Columbia Union Conference. Norman graduated from Takoma Academy in 1952 and attended Washington Missionary College (today, Washington Adventist University) in Md., as a part-time student, working his way through college as a full-time driver for the then College Mill. In 1956 he married Lois Inez Ford. He was an employee of the Review & Herald Publishing Association for 38 years (1956-95). Weekends he additionally worked in the security department of the Washington Sanitarium & Hospital (today, Washington Adventist Hospital), and also spent many weekends as a courtesy driver for the General Conference. For many years, Norman served as a deacon in the Takoma Park church. Upon retirement in 1995, Norman and Lois relocated to Elkton, Va., and joined the Shenandoah Valley Academy church in New Market, Va. Norman is survived by his wife, Lois, of 53 years; his daughter, Debra Ann Miller; two grandchildren, Amanda Renee Miller and Jeremy Allen Miller, all of Stuarts Draft, Va.; and many cousins.

**DILLON, Emma Louise**, born October 7, 1906, in Terre Haute, Ind.; died February 12, 2010, in Williamsport, Md. She was a member of the Hagerstown (Md.) church. She is survived by her daughter, Marilyn Wilkinson; her son, Robert Dillon; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**FOWLER, John Wesley**, born May 15, 1935, in Heavener, Okla.; died November 30, 2009, at Hartland Healthcare Center in Adelphi, Md., after suffering many years with Alzheimer's disease. He was a graduate of Southern University. He served as conference president of the Missouri and Ohio conferences and served for two years in Africa as ministerial secretary. Evangelism was his first love and he conducted evangelistic meetings all across North America and many overseas countries. He is survived by his wife, Kay, of Hagerstown, Md.; three adult children; and six grandchildren.

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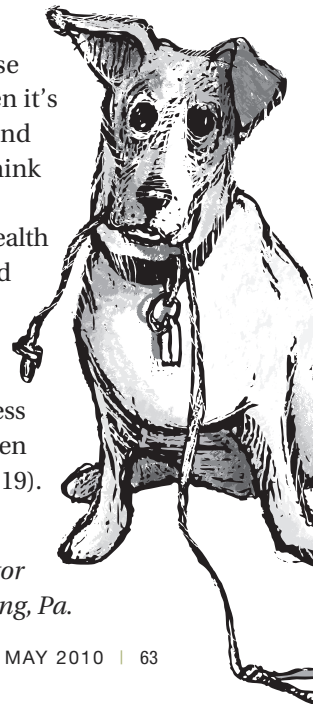
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