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What is it like to be a single adult  
in the church today?

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*Michelle L. Chin*

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# The Call

In 1970 as I prepared to graduate from Blue Mountain Academy in Hamburg, Pa., and enroll in Columbia Union College (now Washington Adventist University) in Takoma Park, Md., my plan was to study law and become an attorney. But, God had other plans. That summer I ended up participating in a youth literature evangelism program in Arizona. Much like the dozens of young adults who participate in the Pennsylvania Youth Challenge with Pastor Tara VinCross in Philadelphia, we knocked on doors, sold books, prayed with people and witnessed for Christ. On Sabbaths we shared testimonies of our experiences in church.



That experience lit a fire in me that has yet to be extinguished. It changed the course of my life and inspired me to study theology. Though I was just 18, I knew I would spend the rest of my life as a disciple of Christ, calling others to follow Him too, and preparing them for His soon return.

It brought me deep satisfaction, and I'm grateful for the many years I spent on the front lines of mission in pastoral evangelism. It was hard and sometimes lonely and thankless work, but it was also rewarding. Though I am an administrator now, I still believe that leading people to Christ is our greatest work.

## iABIDE

Later this month, many of our pastors and their spouses—nearly 700 registrants in all—will attend our first unionwide pastors convention in nine years. They will come from the eight conferences that comprise the Columbia Union—Allegheny East, Allegheny West, Chesapeake, Mountain View, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Potomac—and gather for three days of worship, workshops and fellowship.

The demands of ministry are many, and it's easy to get so caught up in the lives of others that we neglect the one thing we need most—the careful nurturing of our own spirit.

That's the reason for our theme, iAbide, which comes from the words of Jesus recorded in John 15:5: "I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing" (NKJV).

We pray that the iAbide experience will afford our pastors the opportunity to connect with God, reconnect with their families and colleagues, be nourished spiritually, mentally and physically and renew their commitment to Christ's call and mission. Then they will return to their homes, churches and communities more committed than ever to finish His work.

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# Newsline

TAASHI ROWE

PHOTO BY SAMANTHA YOUNG



## UNION HONORS FORMER CONGRESSMAN, CHESAPEAKE MEMBER

Dave Weigley, president of the Columbia Union Conference, presents former Rep. Roscoe Bartlett with an engraved award for his 20 years of public service. The presentation took place at Chesapeake Conference’s Frederick (Md.) church where Bartlett is a member. Bartlett, 86, represented Maryland’s 6th District from 1993 to 2013. The Republican congressman lost his seat last fall after redistricting separated him from his core constituents. Read more at [columbiaunion.org/bartlettaward](http://columbiaunion.org/bartlettaward).—*Samantha Young*

## PATHFINDER, ADVENTURER COORDINATORS GATHER FOR FIRST TIME IN 10 YEARS

More than 100 Adventurer and Pathfinder coordinators from across the Columbia Union recently gathered at the Mount

Aetna Camp and Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Md., for their first combined retreat in over a decade. “Servant Leadership,” was the weekend’s theme, with a specific focus on how volunteer area coordinators could support the ministry of local clubs by mentoring staff and praying for their ministries.

“It was an awesome networking

PHOTO BY CHARLIE KOERTING



Small groups pray together to kick off the weekend.

experience,” said Pam Scheib, Pennsylvania Conference’s Pathfinder coordinator. “To meet our fellow coordinators in the Columbia Union and hear what they do in their conferences was enlightening. To know they have similar struggles and joys was comforting. We know we’re not alone!”—*Glen Milam*

## THE VISITOR INVITES MEMBERS TO SUBMIT ORIGINAL POEMS

If you write poems about God’s love, answers to prayer or any other inspirational or spiritual theme, you could get published in the *Visitor* magazine—and be a blessing to others! Entrants could win a first-place prize in three age categories—6-10, 11-17, or 18 and over—or win the grand prize. There will also be a special category of “poetweets”—poems of 140 characters or less uploaded to Twitter @VisitorNews using #VisitorPoetweet. All styles are welcome and must be unpublished. Submit entries by May 10 to [sjones@columbiaunion.net](mailto:sjones@columbiaunion.net) or mail to *Visitor* Poetry Contest, 5427 Twin Knolls Rd., Columbia, MD 21045. For more information, visit [columbiaunion.org/poetrycontest](http://columbiaunion.org/poetrycontest).



“ Jesus is knocking at the door. Maybe we need to let Him in. We have beautiful churches and institutions, but have we let Him in?

—*José H. Cortés, president of New Jersey Conference, giving the devotional at the first quarter Columbia Union Conference Executive Committee held March 14 at New Jersey’s headquarters outside of Trenton.*

### 3 LEADERS JOIN THE COLUMBIA UNION, 2 RETIRE

#### Welcome Aboard:

■ After several months of searching, the Ohio Conference Executive Committee selected **Alison Jobson** as the conference's education superintendent. Jobson has been serving as associate superintendent since last July.



During her brief tenure with the conference, she performed the duties of both positions and also developed and maintained educational social media for the department.

"With Christ's guidance, I hope to continue the Office of Education's legacy of excellence," said Jobson. The associate superintendent position will not be filled at this time.  
—Heidi Shoemaker

■ Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville, Md., recently named **John Sackett** the hospital's new president. He begins his new role at the Gaithersburg, Md., facility this month. Sackett joins Shady Grove and Adventist HealthCare after serving nearly 24 years as president and chief executive officer of Avista Adventist Hospital in



Colorado. He strongly believes that every act performed by each person within the hospital will help fulfill the hospital's mission.

He holds a bachelor's degree in business from Walla Walla College in Washington state and a master's degree in health administration from Loma Linda University (Calif.).—Tom Grant

■ At last month's annual convention of the Columbia Union chapter of the Adventist-laymen's Services & Industries (CUASI), the group named a new president for the first time in 14 years. **Emmanuel Pelote**, who served the group for the past two years as general vice president, was named president. Pelote is president of an IT support business called Symplicity Networks and an ordained elder at Allegheny East Conference's Fourth Street Friendship church in Washington, D.C.



Pelote, who is passionate about ministry, asks, "What if we could work hand in hand as members called to ministry, uplifting and supporting the mission and institutions of the church for Christ? Together, we will do even greater miracles than these!"

#### Fond Farewell:

■ **Charles Scriven, PhD**, president of Kettering College in Kettering, Ohio, retires next month. By then he will have served the college for more than 12 years. The fifth president in the school's 45-year history, Scriven came on board in the fall of



2000. Enrollment that year was 510, and under his leadership, that number reached an all-time high of 981 this fall. Scriven says, "Come May, I will leave here proud. Most of all, I will leave here grateful for everyone in the Kettering College family."  
—Mindy Claggett

■ After nearly 18 years with the Ohio Conference, education superintendent **E. Jay Colburn** retired from church ministry. Colburn began his work in education more than 40 years ago as a teacher and then principal at the Village Seventh-day Adventist School (Mich.). He moved to Ohio after accepting the associate superintendent position, and after three years, advanced to superintendent. "The educational system within the Ohio Conference was enhanced considerably during



Colburn's tenure. We were a K-10 system and he initiated and led the transition into a K-12 system," said Raj Attiken, conference president.

Colburn and wife, Carolyn, plan to enjoy retirement spending more time with their grandchildren and bird watching.—Heidi Shoemaker



## Noticias

TAASHI ROWE

### EL MINISTERIO HISPANO COMPLETA EL CICLO EN CLEVELAND

“A principios de este invierno, la iglesia Cleveland Spanish First oficialmente dedicó su edificio al Señor”, informa Miguel Torres, el director de comunicación de la iglesia. Lo que hace esta iglesia de Ohio Conference excepcional, es que también quemaron la hipoteca ese día, habiéndola pagado en menos de dos años.

La obra hispana comenzó en el noroeste de Ohio en los años de 1950 y 1960, con una familia Adventista en Youngstown. La familia comenzó a reunirse con una familia pentecostal al lado este de Cleveland. Reuniéndose en los hogares, el grupo estudió y adoró, atrayendo a otras familias pentecostales que finalmente aceptaron el mensaje Adventista del Séptimo Día.

“Recuerdo que cuando era niño iba a Cleveland con mi mamá y otros miembros de la iglesia para



*Doug Falle, secretario y tesorero de la Asociación, ayuda a la iglesia Cleveland Spanish First a quemar la hipoteca.*

repartir folletos a las personas [latinas] de Cleveland. Había un pequeño grupo de Adventistas que se reunían en una casa en el este de Cleveland”, recuerda Migdalia Mason, la secretaria de la iglesia y un miembro del comité ejecutivo de Ohio Conference. Al crecer el grupo, compraron una iglesia que estaba en venta al oeste de la ciudad, y de allí comenzó a desarrollarse en congregación.

¡Celebraron una ceremonia para quemar la hipoteca y culminaron el día con nueve bautismos para iniciar el año 2013!

### UN MIEMBRO DE MARANATHA IMPACTA A OTROS POR MEDIO DE LOS MINISTERIOS EN LÍNEA

Desde que respondió al llamado del Señor a la edad de diecinueve años, Radhamés Valerio (en la foto cantando en La Esperanza TV) ha dedicado sus últimos veintiocho años usando el don de la música para bendecir a otros. Además de su liderazgo activo en la iglesia Maranatha Spanish de New Jersey Conference, los esfuerzos de su ministerio internacional en el transcurso de los años, han incluido cinco producciones musicales, y su servicio como invitado especial



en muchos programas de televisión internacional y nacional. En los últimos catorce años, su ministerio se ha esparcido en el internet, donde mantiene varios sitios web, incluyendo alabanzas.net, y una estación de radio en línea, rvmradio.com, que también transmite en la mayoría de los teléfonos inteligentes. A la fecha, él ha ministrado a más de 300,000 visitas en línea.

RVM transmite bendiciones veinticuatro horas al día a los hispanos que viven en Norte América y en el mundo. Durante su transmisión en vivo, que incluye un sermón, más de trescientos oyentes que sintonizan en línea desde varios países, y más de ciento cincuenta personas, saturaron las líneas directas limitadas. “Para mí, es un privilegio utilizar el conocimiento que el Señor me ha dado en su obra”, dice él.—Paulo Macena

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### PAREJAS DE MARANATHA SPANISH RENUEVAN SUS VOTOS MATRIMONIALES

Isabel y Manuel Valcarcel de la iglesia Maranatha Spanish, Union City, de New Jersey Conference, estuvieron entre las doce parejas que renovaron sus votos recientemente. La pareja lleva treinta y cinco años de casada. Isabel comparte: “Fue una ocasión muy especial para nosotros. Agradezco al liderazgo de nuestra Asociación por preparar este evento e interesarse en mantener la armonía en la familia”.





### LAS IGLESIAS DE PENNSYLVANIA HALLAN LUGARES PARA LA ADORACIÓN

Por más de un año, los miembros de la iglesia Kingston Hispanic de Pennsylvania Conference, habían soñado con tener su propio lugar para adorar. Dios recientemente contestó las oraciones de su pueblo. Compraron un edificio en enero que incluye un santuario con aforo de 200 o más, un sótano grande con una cocina comercial, dos áreas grandes para el estacionamiento de por lo menos setenta vehículos, y una casa parroquial bien grande con garaje para dos carros.

El milagro de Dios no termina allí; el grupo Hazleton Hispanic Mission también estaba buscando un lugar para adorar. Perdieron el lugar donde se reunían por motivos de unos permisos. Buscaron un nuevo lugar, pero la mayoría de los lugares que encontraban eran

demasiado pequeños o muy caros. Dios contestó sus oraciones y los dirigió a un edificio de iglesia hermoso. Una vez más, Dios proveyó un milagro al aceptar los propietarios la oferta—que era más baja que el precio que pedían. Han estado adorando en su nueva iglesia desde diciembre.

### DUNDALK SPANISH COMPANY OBTIENE ESTATUS DE IGLESIA

La congregación Dundalk Spanish de Chesapeake Conference en Baltimore (en la foto), recientemente celebró su promoción de compañía a estatus de iglesia. Los oficiales de Chesapeake Rick Remmers, presidente; Kleyton Feitosa, secretario; y Eduardo Muñoz, tesorero, participaron en un servicio especial de sábado.

El pequeño grupo comenzó a

“ Cuando pensábamos que iba a ser básicamente imposible encontrar un lugar que podíamos costear, nuestro Señor ya estaba obrando y le cumplió a su pueblo”, comparte Edwin Mendoza, pastor de ambas iglesias. ”

—Edwin Mendoza, pastor de la iglesia Kingston Hispanic de Pennsylvania Conference y el grupo Hazleton Hispanic Mission. Después de mucha oración, ambas iglesias consiguieron un lugar permanente para adorar.

reunirse en el centro juvenil en el área de Baltimore en junio del 2008. La asistencia aumentó a más de ochenta personas, representando once nacionalidades desde su inicio, dice el pastor Orlando Rosales.

En el 2009, la iglesia madre, Baltimore Spanish, compró el edificio que pertenecía a la iglesia de habla inglesa Dundalk para la compañía Dundalk Spanish, así proveyendo a los miembros un lugar permanente de adoración.

#### ARTICULO ESPECIAL DE VISITOR

### Castidad en la ciudad

Dios creó a Adán y Eva y después los unió. ¡Aún todos los animales del arca de Noé tenían un compañero! Si hoy fuese así de sencillo encontrar una pareja. En el artículo especial de este mes, Michelle Chin, una soltera Adventista del Séptimo Día, habla de una fiesta para solteros con la esperanza de lograr alguna conexión romántica para sus amigos.

En el artículo, ella habla de algunos desafíos que enfrentan los solteros, especialmente las mujeres, ya que estas tienden a superar en número a los hombres de la iglesia. Ella escribe: “Nadie puede recalcar la crisis tan obvia que enfrentan las *mujeres* Adventistas mayores de treinta y cinco años de edad. Mientras que los hombres tienen opciones, las mujeres tienen que elegir. Si deseamos conocer a un hombre y casarnos, nos encontramos en citas aceleradas, chateando en línea con extraños, y jugando la versión Adventista de “seis grados de separación”. Lea más en inglés en la página 10.



# How Should Adventists Respond to the Growing Interest in Medical Missionary Work?

This spring the North American Division's (NAD) Health Ministries department is rolling out a new term, Comprehensive Health Ministries, which they hope will catch on because they believe it reflects a renewed effort to weave wellness into all areas of the church's many ministries. Of the multiple ministries that fall under the Health Ministries umbrella, medical missionary work—a controversial albeit growing trend—could be most impacted.

While there is no central clearing-house that monitors the numbers of students who participate in medical missionary training, two supporting ministries in North America that offer such training—Weimar College in California and the Wildwood Lifestyle Center in Georgia—have noted increased enrollment.

Despite the growing interest, medical missionary work has become a source of concern for some of the church's Health Ministries leaders, particularly for its training and implementation practices. Students can not only get trained at Weimar and Wildwood, but also at churches, over the phone, through the Internet, or through other small, unaccredited outfits that may or may not be affiliated with the church, but are attracting its members.

A year ago, for example, Beverly Corprew, a member of Allegheny East Conference's Willow Grove church in a Philadelphia suburb, enrolled in a lifestyle training program by phone. Run by Adventist members in California and led by a "Brother Luke" from Atlanta, it included lectures, worksheets and fact sheets concerning different



ailments that suggested how to treat them, what to eat or avoid and what herbs could promote healing. "There was Alzheimer's, prostate cancer, hypertension, glaucoma, multiple sclerosis, mental health, diabetes and a number of other common ailments," she revealed by phone while leafing through a hefty program notebook with a two-and-a-half-inch spine. "We knew he wasn't a medical doctor, but he obviously did his homework."

She says Brother Luke also gave his students a great deal of homework—a lot of reading, including Ellen White's *The Ministry of Healing*. "You really had to work to get that certificate," she recalls. "And I enjoyed the discussions and learning." So did many of the 700 other participants she says called the toll-free number and invested three to four hours a day, four days a week, for several months. "I think it's popular because people are tired of going to the doctor, taking medication and not getting results,

and so they are trying other things."

Some are also trying health lifestyle camps, like the 14-day programs run by the Allegheny East and Mountain View conferences each summer; while others spend 18 to 21 days at Wildwood, Weimar and a handful of other lifestyle programs run by Adventist members, hospitals or supporting ministries. All feature proponents of natural health and promote and share natural healing remedies or some level of medical missionary training.

Though reluctant to endorse any particular program, Katia Reinert, RN, MSN, NAD's Health Ministries director, says members interested in medical missionary programs should first contact her office so she can steer them toward some vetted programs or practitioners. She also encourages members to take a seminar run by the NAD called "Creating a Vibrant Health Ministry: A Comprehensive Model." She says this training provides the foundation for all other health ministry training. The class is offered



at regional events such as the NAD Health Summit held last month in New York City.

### EXTENDING THE HEALING MINISTRY OF CHRIST

Many of the people who lead such programs are called medical missionaries, a term that stems from a dual definition used by Adventists, almost from the church's inception. The first definition refers to traditionally trained doctors, dentists and nurses who travel to destitute places to provide medical care to those who can least afford it. The other, which seems to be more prevailing nowadays, describes those trained in simple, natural remedies, such as charcoal and hydrotherapy as advocated by the aforementioned Ellen White, one of the Adventist Church's co-founders.

For Reinert, a medical missionary does more than prescribe natural remedies; he or she is someone called to serve others through extending the healing ministry of Christ by meeting people's needs, be they spiritual, physical, mental or emotional. "[They attend to] the whole person," she says. She also finds the term "medical missionary" outmoded and confusing.

For those reasons, she's pushing for widespread use of the "comprehensive" moniker. According to Reinert, this new term encompasses the idea of a healing ministry that does not limit members. Instead, she believes it frees them to fully participate in the gospel work.

### TO PRESCRIBE OR NOT TO PRESCRIBE

As her department creates guidelines for comprehensive health ministries, one could be to encourage churches to eliminate prescribing natural remedies—a hallmark of medical missionary work. "We need to stay away from prescribing certain treatments because that puts the church at risk for liability," she says frankly. "That could happen if we are giving people advice on how to treat certain ailments. We can certainly teach prevention education, but we should send people to

their medical providers," she said.

Chris Vandenburg, Health Ministries director for Ohio Conference and a registered nurse, concurs. "I think the medical model has always been the science model, and while I think all medical people need to be trained to care for the whole person, I don't think you can be a medical missionary without that medical training," she said.

But in the Washington, D.C., area, Beniam Astatkie and his wife, Felicia, are doing it anyway. These members of Potomac's Light Bearers church plant in Clinton, Md., work with churches to offer five-week medical missionary training classes that cover the eight laws of health, baking and cooking, and share tips on natural remedies and poultices.

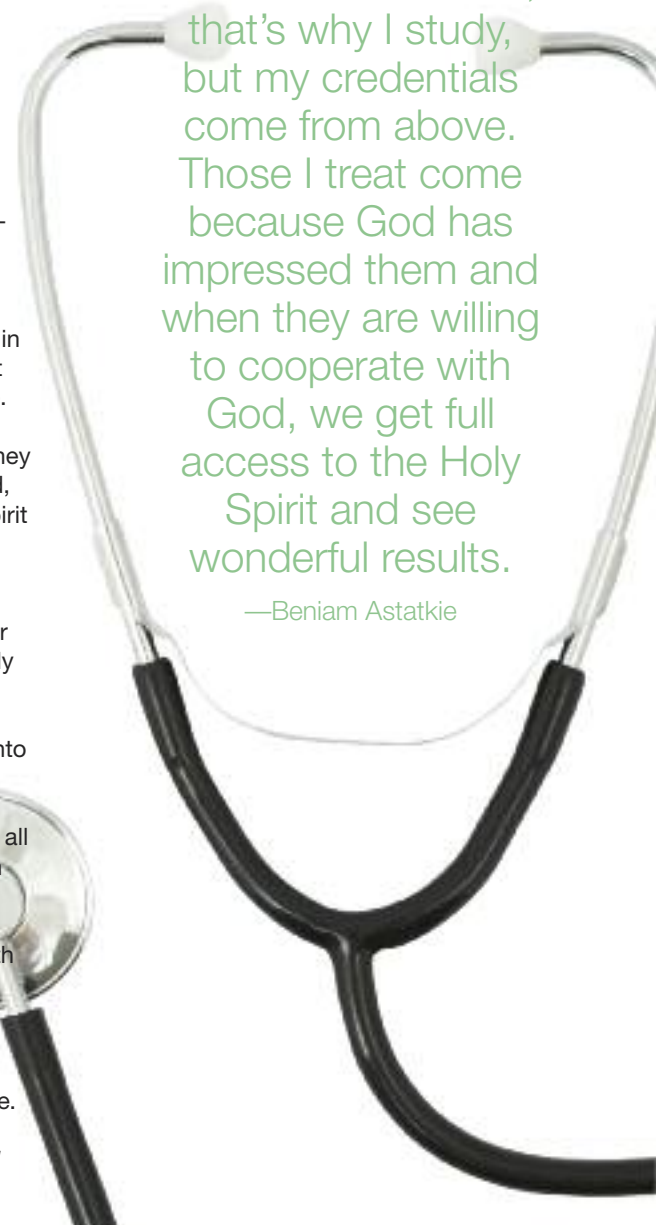
They also prescribe natural remedies, although they are self-taught and neither holds credentials. "In [White's book] *True Education*, we are told you don't need degrees. It's not that we should shun education; I believe in education, that's why I study, but my credentials come from above. Those I treat come because God has impressed them and when they are willing to cooperate with God, we get full access to the Holy Spirit and see wonderful results."

Timothy Scott, one of the Astatkies' clients, got results. He says that a combination of prayer and natural remedies have literally changed his life. He's lost 60 pounds, eliminated several prescriptions and was re-baptized into the Adventist church.

He isn't the only one. Others also sing their praises. They give all glory to God and hope interest in the "right arm of the gospel" continues to grow.

Reinert would like to see growth in her new comprehensive model and hopes that through its development, more and more people will learn of and benefit from the Adventist health message.

*Celeste Ryan Blyden contributed to this story.*



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—Beniam Astatkie



# chaste in the City

*By Michelle L. Chin*

God created Adam and Eve  
and then put them together.  
Even all the animals in  
Noah's ark had a mate!  
If only finding a spouse  
today could be so simple.



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**O YOU HAVE A HUSBAND?!”**

a 5-year-old innocently asked me. “No,” I replied. “Why not?” she asked. After a short pause, she declared.

“I have an idea! You could marry Uncle Andy!”

Most longtime singles have had to withstand intrusive but well-meaning inquiries into our marital status. The questions come not only from adorable kindergartners but also grandparents, parents and caring church folk. Singles can't sit together without curious congregants questioning their dating status. Even singles who may not be interested in dating, but would like to meet other professional adults who share the same faith, are often challenged about their status.

For those who *are* interested in finding a spouse, a common refrain is, “Meeting ‘the one’ usually happens when you least expect it.” Well, my experience tells me that you just can't expect it to happen in church, especially if you are a woman!

**The Reality of Gender Ratios**

According to one Baltimore single I spoke to, there is a 3:1 ratio of women to men at the Seventh-day Adventist church he attends. “Men have options,” he remarked. The North American Division Secretariat Office, with a poll conducted in 2009 by the Center for Creative Ministry, reported that males only make up about 44 percent of church membership in North America. A 20-year study by the Barna Group reports that other Protestant congregations also tend to be more filled with women than men.<sup>1</sup>

For the 30- and 40-somethings who missed their cruise on the college “love boat,” there is the uncomfortable reality that the ratio of living men to women begins to decline by the time we reach the 35-39 age group. According to the U.S. Census, the ratio at birth is 105 males to 100 females; but due to higher male mortality, the overall ratio is 96.7 males to 100 females. The tipping point for the decline in the number of males occurs in that 35-39 age group. The 2010 census confirms there were nearly 100,000 more women than men at those ages. Between the ages of 40-59, there are a million more women than men!

One cannot overstate the obvious crisis for single Adventist *women* over the age of 35. While men have options, women must make choices. If we wish to meet a man and marry, we find ourselves speed dating, chatting online to strangers and playing the Adventist version of “six degrees of separation.” To cover our bases, we also ask our married friends and pastors for recommendations. Sometimes a referral bears fruit and a lucky couple strikes a match. Most of us can think of at least one couple that would not have met without the assistance of a friendly introduction. Yet, a more common response to the referral request is a frustrating variation of, “Um, let me think. Hm. No, I'm really hard pressed to think of anyone I would want to recommend to you.”

In his book *Tipping Point*, Malcolm Gladwell describes “connectors” as people who have “a truly extraordinary knack for making friends and acquaintances.” Every Adventist who wants to get married needs friends who are connectors. Recently a connector couple at Potomac Conference's Capital Memorial church (CMC) in northwest Washington, D.C., decided to invite some of their single CMC friends for a Saturday night mingle in the Maryland suburbs with their single Adventist friends from other churches. The ratio of men to women was nearly equal, with enough interesting interactions to generate enthusiasm for another get-together, this time at my apartment in downtown D.C.

**Making Introductions**

About two weeks before my party, it became clear that without more bachelors, the single-mingle would likely become a girls' night out. So, I decided



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# 3 Lessons Learned From My Single-Mingle



Michelle Chin

**1 Invite people who are rays of sunshine.** These types inject positive energy into the group. They are happy and joyful. They laugh and smile. Talking to them is fun and entertaining. They ask good questions, listen intently and have good eye contact. They initiate and organize people to action, like “Who wants to play Scrabble?” or “If you want to play Taboo, stay on this side of the room.”

**2 Eligible men can be surprisingly passive.** Many of the male attendees did not take the initiative to walk around to mix and mingle; they were more passive than I expect marriage-minded, single Adventist bachelors to be. It appeared that the women were making an effort to be sociable, making conversation with people, while the men stayed seated. This is discouraging for women, especially those who seek an assertive leader, because it forces them to be the aggressors in the relationship. Perhaps, however, this is the natural outcome when men have so many options.

**3 Don't get stuck in the kitchen.** This is what one married couple advised, “So you have a chance to mix and mingle too.” Without realizing it, they highlighted a weakness of mine. I learned many years ago that I could overcome my discomfort at making conversation with strangers at a party by hiding in the kitchen, being useful and helpful. For those of us who are a bit shyer, it helps to have good ice-breaker and mixer games that force people to communicate. It also helps to have married people host the parties!

to ask a few married friends for recommendations. One person responded with names. It also occurred to me to call my former roommate, a connector who is responsible for at least two of my blind dates. She also gave me some names and suggested I write an article about the event. I agreed and told her I already had a title in mind.

I had intentionally downplayed the single-mingle aspect of this party, mostly because I wanted the guests to be able to connect with others without specific pressure to find a romantic attachment. So, I was stunned when I read my friend's email to her acquaintances inviting them to a singles party “that we're calling ‘Chaste in the City.’” It seemed to me to be 50 shades of awkward. One married, male friend explained that seeing the word “chaste” conjures up an image of a woman who probably isn't much fun. “I'm not sure I'll be able to make this one,” a bachelor wrote. “I'm sorry but I'm not going to be able to make it,” wrote another. I couldn't help wondering if they were spooked by the title.

In contrast, the women who had been invited responded with a higher level of enthusiasm. “Thanks for the invitation. It sounds like fun. I will be there,” wrote one woman.

Leave it to another married, male friend to observe that overt matchmaking exposes vulnerabilities for both genders. The probability of rejection is higher. Married people have already overcome their own fears of rejection and cannot understand why single people are so sensitive about this.

Group events, where singles are scouting, can also be frustrating as one quickly realizes there are no prospects. One woman arrived late to the party. After scanning the crowd and failing to find any obvious options, she turned to another guest and said brightly, “I see that I'm going to be making a lot of *friends* tonight.”

## Beating the Odds

It was a diverse and eclectic group of people who attended my party. There were 10 men and 18 women; but two of the men are engaged, and one of the women is married, which left only eight eligible bachelors. Of the bachelorettes, three are not looking for romance. Consequently, there were really only 14 women available for dating. The male-female ratio ended up at 1:1.75, which still beats the odds at church!

A couple of the women discussed how to expand the list of eligible bachelors to invite to the next

“I think some Adventists marry [each other] because it’s easier to be with someone who already knows what a haystack is.”



single-mingle. One of them asked a male guest to share the names of his single friends. “Why would I do that?” he joked. “I want a 5:1 ratio [of women to men]!”

One of my friends and another party attendee confirmed his sentiment, “The men don’t have to do much to attract women, because the ratio is in their favor.” She added, “Being single in D.C. is great until you go home and see your parents or grandparents, and the reality hits that you may never have someone to sit beside you and hold your hand.” As an optimistic woman, she says this is a rare emotional response. In fact, she believes, “Being single, just as being an independent individual in a relationship, is living life trying to be content with the blessings in my life.”

One of my former schoolmates, an attorney in Texas, recently told me, “As a man, you have a responsibility to the children you haven’t had to find a spouse who will be a good mom and someone who will work together to build a family unit.” A life-long Adventist, he says it is challenging to find a woman who is grounded in the faith. “There’s a difference between a real Adventist, who understands the biblical basis of our beliefs, and a cultural Adventist,” he said. “I think some Adventists marry [each other] because it’s easier to be with someone who already knows what a haystack is.”

In the end, Chaste in the City lived up to its name. At the close of a fun, booze-free evening, no one exchanged phone numbers, and there were no obvious new love connections. Yet, despite the apparent lack of interest in pair bonding, several shared an interest in organizing subsequent group events. One man extended an invitation to join his church group for Saturday night bowling the following week. Another man said he wants to organize a campfire gathering, but needs to find a location. Yet another suggested a regular Friday night gathering in D.C. One woman wants to organize a speed-dating event at her church.

## A Blessed Hope

Single people live on hope. Most of us did not set out to be single adults. “It is just that you wake up one day and realize that the time frame you had for yourself has passed,” remarked one party attendee, a fit, attractive and vibrant woman. “I still feel like a hopeful single,” she smiled. Persistence is important. The Texas attorney quipped, “If you lose your car keys, you don’t go out and buy a new car or give up; you keep looking.”

For me, hope is sustained by faith that if we seek first the kingdom of God, all these things will be added to us (see Matt. 6:33). It is nurtured by friendships with fellow believers who encourage me to “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in *all* circumstances” (1 Thess. 5:16-18).

“I think part of the Adventist teaching is that there is more to life than just focusing on being single,” observed a health professional in her 30s who is in a serious relationship. “There’s the idea that you build treasure in heaven. This is not my home. We’re looking for something better,” she continued. “So whatever you are going through now, this is not the end.”

<sup>1</sup> See “20 Years of Surveys Show Key Differences in the Faith of America’s Men and Women,” The Barna Group (barna.org)

## Your Turn

What has been your experience as a single adult in the Adventist church? Share your thoughts with us at [facebook.com/columbiaunionvisitor](https://facebook.com/columbiaunionvisitor) or tweet us @VisitorNews using #columbiaunion.

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## When God Leads

I began my teaching journey in Seventh-day Adventist schools and ended up spending the last 23 years of my 40-year career in education as a public school teacher, principal and mentor. I had no idea that God would bring me back to my first love. Still, God places us where He does for reasons we don't often understand. Years after He introduced me to a third-grader named Shayla, I understood why He put us in each other's lives.

As Shayla's teacher, I absolutely fell in love with her. As time went by, we lost touch. Through a series of God-ordained circumstances we got back in touch when she was in high school. In time I invited Shayla to our church, and she fell in love with the Sabbath and with God. She eventually joined our church.

When I joined the Allegheny East Conference (AEC) as superintendent last fall, she joined me on a tour of our 11 conference schools. She was struck by what she saw there and felt strongly that if she had the chance to do it all again, she would choose to attend Adventist schools. She said to me: "The peace and presence of Christ that resonates on these campuses is indescribable. ... If only I could have a do-over."

Unlike Shayla, I don't want a do-over. God sends us on journeys for different reasons. I believe that all Adventist teachers, whether they teach in our schools or in public schools, are missionaries. However, I believe that Adventist schools are especially blessed places. And, every day I pray that God will continue to use our faculty and staff to lead our students into a saving relationship with Jesus.



Judy B. Chiles-Dent  
Education Superintendent

## PINE FORGE ACADEMY NEWS

### 23 Students Travel to Europe

This year 23 students and six faculty and staff members from the Pine Forge Academy (PFA) in Pine Forge, Pa., traveled to Barcelona, Spain; and Paris. "The purpose was to allow the students who excelled in their Spanish and French courses to have a real life



experience of what they learned in the classroom; to expose them to the language, people, culture and lifestyle of the French and Spanish," said Delmas Campbell, principal.

The group spent three days in Barcelona visiting the popular sites of Antoni Gaudi's La Sagrada Familia and Park Güell. They spent time learning about the culture and eclectic style of the city. They then flew to Paris and spent four days sightseeing and food tasting. The group visited world famous places, such as the Eiffel Tower

and the Louvre Museum and took French lessons at a local school (left). "This was an experience that I will always cherish," said Jewe'll Lavalas, a senior. "I would definitely visit Barcelona again!"—Mylanah Sampson

### Junior Places Third in Poetry Contest

Armondi Stokes-Hicks, a junior, recently competed in the regional Poetry Out Loud competition in Lancaster, Pa. He placed third. He was also the first PFA student to enter this national poetry competition that is aimed at teaching students poetry through memorization and recitation. Hicks plans to join the competition again next year in hopes of winning the national title.—Jewe'll Lavalas



Stokes-Hicks is flanked by two English teachers, Paul Nixon and LaRhonda McKnight.

## Coatesville Pastor Named Senior Chaplain for State Police

Edward Earl Blackwell, pastor of the First church in Coatesville, Pa., and the Rehoboth church in Reading, Pa., was recently named chief of chaplains for the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP). Pastor Blackwell achieves two milestones with his appointment. He becomes the first Seventh-day Adventist and the first African-American to hold that distinction. The senior chaplain is the highest-ranking chaplain in the PSP. Blackwell has been a member of the PSP since January 2010.

"I have received strong support from my chaplain colleagues who are ordained ministers of the gospel, representing every denomination and faith group," Blackwell says. "I am grateful for the opportunity that God has given me to assist the men and women who serve as troopers for the state of Pennsylvania."—Robert L. Booker



## Brinklow Member Chronicles Wilson Family in *Highly Committed*



DeWitt Williams, EdD, is probably best known as the former Health Ministries director for the North American Division (NAD). After retiring in 2010, this member of the Emmanuel-Brinklow church in Ashton, Md., set out to write *Highly Committed*, a book about world church president Ted N.C. Wilson's family. He shares some thoughts on the book below:

### Q: Tell us about the book.

**A:** The book begins when Isabella Wilson joined the Adventist Church and influenced her husband, William Henry Wilson, to come and listen to Ellen G. White at a camp meeting. He joined that Sabbath day and became a lay leader in the church in Healdsburg (Calif.). Before he died about seven years later, he made his boys (among them Nathaniel C. Wilson, Neal's father) promise to dedicate themselves to a life of service to God and the church. So I follow the family from that point (1904) until 2011 when I finished the book.

### Q: Why write about the Wilson family?

**A:** I don't know of any other Adventist family—besides the Ellen G. White family—that has made such a long and useful contribution to the Adventist Church as the Wilson family. Nathaniel was president of five world divisions, Neal was president of the NAD and world church and Ted was president of a division and is the current world church president. We have had five generations of Wilsons serving the church. I try to emphasize the blessings and legacy of useful service that the family has devoted to the church and to God. That's why I titled the book *Highly Committed*.

### Q: Have you talked to Ted Wilson about the book?

**A:** I interviewed many of the members of the Wilson family in writing the book. I also had three very nice interviews with Elder Wilson. He looked at the final copy and told me that many in his family did not know this history. He even bought eight copies as Christmas gifts for his family.

### Q: Where can people find the book?

**A:** The book is available at the Potomac Adventist Book and Health Food Store in Silver Spring, Md., and at [teachservices.com](http://teachservices.com), Amazon and Barnes & Noble. Read more at [columbiaunion.org/highlycommitted](http://columbiaunion.org/highlycommitted).

## Leading Youth to Radical Change

Each year in Youth Ministries around the globe, youth directors choose a theme for their young people to rally behind. The Allegheny West Conference Youth Ministries Department has chosen the theme “Radical Change” as its focus for 2013.

“Radical Change,” admittedly, is not as warm and fuzzy as some of our recent themes—“Christ First” in 2011 and “Totally Committed” in 2012. However, the words signal a sense of urgency to all who embrace its purpose. We are all probably familiar with the old saying that “desperate times call for desperate measures.” We believe the state of the world demands vigilant action from the people of God.

In a recent sermon by Trevor Baker, a former president of the Northeastern Conference, he inspired listeners by noting that there is a difference, a certain sound, to Adventist preaching that pastors must continue to provide. That sound is a sense of urgency. It is what distinguishes Adventist preaching from that of other denominations. Living with urgency is not easy in a world that is ever evolving into deeper complacency.

We are determined to have our youth carry on that certain urgent sound. They are strong and resilient, but they need to be challenged to be different and to make a difference. To meet this challenge of radical change, we believe the youth of the church must be aroused to focus on three important points: 1. Time is short. We are living in the last days of Earth’s history. 2. We need to examine our lives and make certain we are ready for Christ’s coming. 3. We have been given the special task, not given to others, of preaching the three angels’ messages to the world.

I encourage you, and urge you to encourage our young people, to “talk to the Master.” Ask Him to show you how to be in the world but not of it. We must challenge the youth to seek and experience radical change in their lives. Listed below are some upcoming events that will help us to start that change. Join us!



**Joel Johnson**

*Youth Ministries Director*

## Upcoming Youth Events

**Purity Retreat/Bible Conference, April 11-14:** During this dual-purpose retreat at Camp Adena in Thornville, Ohio, high schoolers through undergrad college students are invited to better understand God’s purpose for relationships and sexuality. There will also be an in-depth study of God’s Word and attendees will learn how to make Scripture relevant to 21st century youth.

**Cotillion Banquet, May 5:** This annual event held in Columbus, Ohio, is designed as a “rite of passage” for high school seniors as they move from adolescence to young adulthood. After completing a prescribed course, the young people are presented to their parents, peers and community during a formal banquet.



*Joel Johnson, conference Youth Ministries director, presents last year’s cotillion queen, Lauren Porter.*



*A youth ministries team helps others during last year’s mission trip to Peru.*

**Peru Mission Trip, July 4-15:** This is the conference’s third youth trip to the tropical forest of the Amazon, where they will be engaged in medical and dentistry projects and sharing the gospel with the Iquitos villagers. Positions are still available.

For more information, write to Joel Johnson at [jjohnson@awconf.org](mailto:jjohnson@awconf.org).



## Glenville Young People Remember King, Black History

This year Martin Luther King Jr. Day (MLK Day) did not pass by the young people of the Glenville church without some reflection and action. The teens and young adults of the Cleveland-based congregation decided to honor the civil rights activist with a service project.

Young Glenville members Taina Casimir (pictured) and Orlando Grant led the special day. They started by teaming up with City Year, a volunteer organization that works with inner city youth.



Volunteers painted Glenville church classrooms as well as the office of John Coaxum, associate pastor, and picked up trash in the community. To give a sense of how far King's legacy has reached, organizers streamed live President Barack Obama's inauguration ceremonies throughout the day. When Obama started his

speech, everyone rested, enjoyed refreshments and reflected on America's history.

The youth and young adults got an opportunity to give their feedback on black history during a "segregation simulation" game. Members designed the game to help the young people understand how black men and women were treated in America's recent past.

Later the young people also took to the corner of a nearby major intersection—105th and St. Clair streets—



*Glenville church's young people appeal to passersby at a busy intersection to honk in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.*



*Glenville youth and young adults spend a day remembering black history and how far America has come since Dr. King appealed for change.*



armed with posters and signs asking passersby to honk for MLK Day. They set out to get 100 honks and spread awareness to those who may have forgotten about the day. They exceeded their goal, and many applauded their efforts.

At the end of the busy day, all of the volunteers stood in a circle (above) to share what they learned. After enjoying cake, each participant was sent home with a commemorative T-shirt.

"Most volunteers said they normally stay home and do nothing for MLK Day, but after this experience, they hope to do something like this again very soon," said Coaxum.

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## The Joy of Grace

Isn't it fun to give gifts and make others happy, to see someone's eyes light up with unexpected pleasure? I love to see the bright joy in the eyes of my children when they receive a surprise treat. What joy it brings to give and receive gifts. It becomes a cause for celebration. It results in a spirit of gratitude. Generosity is a catalyst for closer relationships. It generates heart-warming memories and enhances commitments.

Grace is the greatest, most undeserved gift we can receive. Without it we have no hope nor future. There is nothing we can do to remedy the problem of sin. "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast," (Eph. 2:8-9, NKJV).

It brings tremendous joy to the heart of God when we receive and celebrate His grace. In the Garden of Eden, God wanted to spend time with Adam and Eve. At His first advent, Jesus was Immanuel—God with us. Likewise, in the New Jerusalem, God will make His home with those redeemed by grace.

A natural, unstoppable result of experiencing God's grace is that we will share it—by demonstrating grace to those we interact with, by sharing in God's joy through expressions of extravagant grace and by telling of the great difference we have in a walk with God. "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever," (2 Pet. 3:18).



**Rick Remmers**  
*President*

## Young Adults Convene for Friendship, Spiritual Growth

The first Arise retreat drew nearly 100 attendees. Held recently at the Mount Aetna Camp and Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Md., organizers aimed to provide an opportunity for young adults to meet other Christian young adults in the area. On Friday night, the attendees interacted with new friends. On Sabbath and Sunday, participants attended breakout sessions, where they learned how to love difficult people, new Bible study methods and ways to increase evangelism efforts.



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*Attendees enjoy an evening of recreation during the retreat.*

Milena Mendes, who attends the Frederick (Md.) church, said, "This retreat reminded me of the ones I used to go to back home in Brazil. ... I felt God present in the camp!"

Arise is a conference-sponsored ministry for young adults aged 17 to 30-plus. To learn more and subscribe to news, email [ariseyoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:ariseyoungadults@gmail.com), or visit [facebook.com/ariseyoungadults](http://facebook.com/ariseyoungadults).—*Jen Blondo*



## NEWS

### Dundalk Spanish Company Gains Church Status

The Dundalk Spanish congregation in Baltimore recently celebrated their promotion from company to church status. Chesapeake Conference officers Rick Remmers, president; Kleyton Feitosa, executive secretary; and Eduardo Muñoz, treasurer, participated in the special Sabbath service.

The small group began meeting in a Baltimore area youth center in June 2008. Attendance has grown to more than 80 persons, representing 11 nationalities, since it began, says senior pastor Orlando Rosales.

In 2009 Baltimore Spanish church, the parent congregation, purchased the building owned by the Dundalk English-speaking church for the Dundalk Spanish company, giving members a permanent place of worship.



*Dundalk Spanish church treasurer Joel Saenz and first elder Alexander Saenz hold a commemorative plaque from officers of Baltimore Spanish, their parent church. Also pictured (from left, back row) are Kleyton Feitosa, Rick Remmers, Eduardo Muñoz, Orlando Rosales, (front row) Yolanda Flores, Joel Saenz, Alexander Saenz and Cristina McConnell.*

### Ministerial, Stewardship Director Retires After 41 Years in Ministry

John Appel, Chesapeake Conference Ministerial and Stewardship director since 2006, retired this month after more than 41 years of dedicated service to the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

“John brings a true shepherd’s heart to his ministry to our pastors and members,” said Rick Remmers, conference president. “He loves people! He’ll be missed and remembered for his warm smile and friendly spirit.”

Born to missionary parents, Appel spent his childhood in Asia, returning to the United States to begin the eighth grade. He graduated from Columbia Union College (now Washington Adventist University) in Takoma Park, Md., and attended the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University (Mich.). He served as both a youth and senior pastor—including senior pastor of the Atholton church in Columbia, Md., and the Frederick (Md.) church—as associate youth director for the Oregon Conference and as chaplain and Bible teacher at Forest Lake Academy (Fla.).

He is married to Sally (McKendrick) Appel, an elementary school teacher who recently retired from the Frederick Adventist School. The couple plans to relocate to Tennessee to be near their children and grandchildren.



### Dundalk Members Worship in New Sanctuary

Members of the Dundalk church in Baltimore recently hosted a grand opening of their new sanctuary with a full weekend of special events. The property, formerly owned by Verizon, was under renovation for more than two years. During that time, members held services in a small room on the lower level. The facility now offers a contemporary sanctuary with seating for more than 200, a fellowship hall and classrooms, says Sedley Johnson, Dundalk pastor.



*From left to right: Rachael Marshall of the Dundalk church and Beverly George and Sharon Brodie from the Northeast church (Baltimore) lift their voices in praise during the Sabbath morning worship service.*



## Basketball Teams Shine at “Big School” Tournaments

Highland View Academy’s (HVA) basketball teams traveled quite a bit this school season, but without violation! In January the men’s Tartans varsity basketball team traveled to Southwestern Adventist University (SWAU) in Texas for their annual basketball tournament, which included 44 Seventh-day Adventist young men’s and ladies’ teams. On the third and final day of the “big school” competition, HVA finished the tournament in fourth place overall in their division, bringing their season record at that point to a 15-6. Sophomore Arthur Thomas won All-Tournament Team Honors, which is the coaches’ pick for the all-around best player from their team during the game.

“Our young men conducted themselves and represented HVA and their parents very well. We were complimented several times by parents of other team players on how well coached they were and how they conducted themselves on and off the court. I am so proud of these boys,” said John Henline, coach and HVA’s athletic director.

In February all three of HVA’s basketball teams—the varsity Lady Tartans (right), junior varsity (JV) boys and varsity boys—headed for Andrews University (AU) in Michigan to participate in their annual Cardinal Classic three-day basketball tournament. While there, coaches report that all three teams played well and had a great time. On Saturday night, the varsity girls faced Shenandoah Valley Academy from New Market, Va., and won 31-19, sealing ninth place overall. The JV boys faced the Mount Pisgah Academy (N.C.) varsity and won in overtime 44-43, finishing seventh overall. The varsity boys faced Crawford Academy



(Toronto) and won 54-38 to finish third overall. Freshman Brayan Seidl and seniors Wendy Anyona and Justin Osoro won All-Tournament Team Honors in their respective divisions!

All of the players agree that they had a good time and enjoyed the experience. Sophomore Allison Calhoun said, “The faculty and staff at AU were friendly and welcoming. They made me feel like they were truly glad I was there.”

Sophomore Ray Fisher added, “During our basketball tournament, we became a family.”

Sophomore Hunter Sorensen concluded, “It was a really great team-bonding time, and we all had fun.”

Coaches Henline and Mark Thomas said they are proud of all of three teams, and were especially impressed that the varsity boys ended the season with a record of 22-6.



*The Tartans varsity basketball team had a great season and impressed others with their chivalry.*

## What I Gained From Serving in El Salvador

I recently went on a school mission trip to El Salvador to volunteer at an Adventist orphanage—an annual trip sponsored by the Frederick (Md.) church. For the past three years, HVA students have been building a retaining wall at the orphanage to keep the local violence out and create a safe environment for the kids. We also painted the children’s group homes on the campus and continue to take much-needed blankets, shoes, ties and other clothing items.

Although there was a lot of work to be done, in the evenings we did get to play with the kids. I helped them with their English, and, in turn, they helped me a lot with my Spanish. Not only did I gain new friends and “family members” on this trip, but also an appreciation of what we have here in the states. Their warmth and gratefulness for what we provided them is rewarding, but what they have given me is so much more.—*Kate Carbaugh* (\*14)

*Junior Kate Carbaugh embraces one of her new friends from the Adventist orphanage in El Salvador where she volunteered for a week.*



## Students Continue Blood Drive Success

It’s not easy to turn an academy gymnasium into a bustling blood donation center, but senior Anna Kim did it by coordinating efforts with the American Red Cross. Then she spent long hours reminding students about the importance of donating. Her hard work paid off when students, faculty, parents and community members flocked to the gym for the good cause.



*Junior Hunter Sorensen proudly displays his “battle scar” from the school’s blood drive.*

HVA has hosted a blood drive for several years, and each year a senior hands the responsibilities off to a junior. The students have been able to get such a good response that the Red Cross has requested HVA host more than one blood drive a year. Faculty say they are happy it’s a witness for the students and community.—*Renee Williams*

## Upcoming Events

### April 3, 17 and May 3: Shadow Days

Shadow Days are a free day for prospective students to experience HVA life, including a tour of the facility. Parents or guardians are welcome to attend and ask questions. Each date runs from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch is included. Register at [hva-edu.com/shadow-days](http://hva-edu.com/shadow-days).

### May 3-5: Highland View/Mt. Aetna Academies Alumni Weekend

The weekend will begin with a Friday vespers performance by the Adventist Christian Theater drama troupe. Guest speaker for the Sabbath convocation will be Mt. Aetna Academy 1966 alumnus John Jay Negley, who is assistant vice president of the Florida Hospital Tampa and executive director for its foundation. Learn more at [hva-edu.com](http://hva-edu.com).



### May 5: New Tartan Alumni 5K/1-Mile Walk-Run-Athon

The walk/run is a first for the HVA Alumni Weekend, and is organized by John Henline, boys dean and athletic director, and Steve Gatz, assistant boys dean and running club coach. All current students, alumni and their families can register at [hva-edu.com](http://hva-edu.com) (and qualify for an event T-shirt), or on Sunday morning. Space is limited. Trophies will be awarded in several age brackets.



# MOUNTAIN VIEWPOINT

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## Moorefield Couple Reunited Thru Adventist Church

**B**ruce and Linda Mutter got married as teenagers, had children and eventually got divorced. In time their paths would once again intersect. One day Linda's son-in-law read an advertisement in the newspaper for Bible studies. He requested studies and a member from the Providence Adventist church in Elkton, Md., came to visit him in nearby Delaware. He and Linda began studying the Bible together. When the subject of the Sabbath came up, Linda studied the topic by herself and was convinced about the Bible truth of the Sabbath. She soon found two Adventist churches near her, and, in August 2002, Linda was baptized into the smaller church.

Five years later, Linda and Bruce reconnected when Bruce moved into the same trailer park where Linda lived. Right away Linda began sharing with Bruce, who had been raised a Baptist, about her newfound faith and the teachings of the Adventist Church. Bruce called himself a "non-denominationalist" and told Linda, "I just believe what's in the Bible." Linda replied, "That's fine. Just read the Bible." She knew that if he really read the Bible, he would discover that what she was sharing with him was really true.

In 2008 Bruce and Linda remarried. Then an Adventist woman entered the picture and began studying with them. In 2010 tragedy struck the Mutter family. A driver who fell asleep at the wheel struck and killed their 15-year-old grandson, Bruce III, while he was waited for the school bus. Devastated, Bruce and Linda



attempted to stay in Delaware, but the couple found living in the same area where the accident took place too hard to handle. In 2011 they moved to Moorefield, W.Va. Looking on the Internet, they discovered there was an Adventist church in Moorefield they could attend. "Everyone just loved us. Everyone was so very nice. We were so happy," Linda said. As they left the church after that first visit, Bruce turned to Linda and said, "This is the one [Adventist church] we've been searching for."

Bruce and Linda recently entered the waters of baptism in the south branch of the Potomac River near Petersburg, W.Va. The waters were chilly, the day was overcast, but the joy in their hearts made the day super special as Bruce was baptized for the first time into the Adventist church and Linda was re-baptized.

Two Moorefield members, Howard and Phyllis Jeffers, brought Bruce and Linda a very unique gift—heart-shaped wicker baskets. Inside each basket were white doves. Phyllis explained "that just as the dove of the Holy Spirit came down above Jesus at His baptism, maybe these doves will be an acceptable symbol at your baptism."

Bruce and Linda opened their baskets and the 12 doves flew out and began circling above their heads as they grouped together before heading back to the Jeffers' home. Phyllis then shared that "the way the doves are circling together in the skies is what it will be like when Jesus comes back the second time; we'll all be gathered together in the air, headed for our home in heaven."—Valerie Morikone and Barbara Murnahan



*Pastor John Ott (right) baptizes Linda and Bruce Mutter in the Potomac River near Petersburg, W.Va.*



MOUNTAIN  
VIEWPOINT

## Summer Camp Registration Open

Registration is now open for summer camp at Valley Vista Adventist Center in Huttonsville, W.Va. Not only will kids of all ages spend a week with their peer groups racing down a 200-plus-foot zip line, conquering the challenge course, gliding down the football-length Slip 'n Slide, swimming in the pool and learning about the horses on campus, they will also be engaged in building a connection with Jesus.

This year's theme is "Hunt the Hero," which is based on Colossians 3:1, "Set your hearts on things above, where Christ is" (NIV). "We are wanting our campers to 'hunt' for Jesus all the time and then to treat others as if they were Christ," explains Geoff Starr, Youth Ministries director and summer camp director.

To help the campers "hunt" for Jesus, every camper will go through a Bible study class. The Bible will be introduced to campers in new ways so its stories will come alive. "When a young person leaves our camp and faces a problem, we want them to know that the Bible contains the answer they need," Starr says. "We are looking forward to a wonderful summer, where campers will grow in their knowledge of God and Scripture, and most importantly, grow closer to Christ and others."

### Summer Camp Dates

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| <b>June 30-July 7</b> | Adventure Camp<br>(ages 7-9) \$230       |
| <b>July 7-14</b>      | Junior Camp<br>(ages 10-12) \$230        |
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# SPIRIT

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## New Birth

*"But those who wait on the Lord, Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint" (Isa. 40:31, NKJV).*

**F**all winds and winter storms have raked the leaves from the boney branches of the trees. Naked fingers stretch toward the gray, cloudy skies of winter announcing readiness for the coming spring. The monochrome palette of the stark bare trees is the canvas on which spring will paint its colors. Deep beneath the carpet of shed leaves, roots stretch down and store up the resources for new beginnings.

The rhythm of the seasons remind us of the abundance of our Creator and His creation. He is the God of renewal and rebirth. He is the root that provides the energy, resilience and strength to begin again. The trees encourage me to keep my hands raised toward heaven and wait for the coming spring, for He will bring new birth.



**Daniel Kittle**  
Principal

## NEWS

### How God Blessed Me in the Dominican Republic

Whether it was by painting buildings or laying concrete for sidewalks (below), I can say that our recent mission trip to the Dominican Republic really exceeded all my expectations. The Dominican people really seemed like they were blessed by our presence. What was really awesome, though, was that we who came to bless them were also blessed.

I can really say that this trip humbled me to the utmost. God's light shone through that whole trip, and I am eternally grateful to Him and to all the people who made it possible for me to go to the Dominican Republic to witness and be witnessed to.—*Jordan Price ('13)*



### Senior Wins MLK Jr. Essay Contest

With her winning essay titled "Extraordinary Leadership," senior Sable Kessler kept the Knox County Martin Luther King Jr. Essay trophy at Mount Vernon Academy for the third straight year. Each year for the past 10 years, high schoolers around Knox County, Ohio, submit essays for the annual Martin Luther King Breakfast Celebration, held this year at nearby Kenyon College. The young authors of MVA have brought this trophy home four times out of the last five years.

In the last paragraph of Kessler's essay, the Mount Vernon Academy senior pays a fitting tribute to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. She wrote: "I realize, through Dr. King's life, that our influence isn't limited to those who are around us, but it can affect future generations. Our attitude and reputation will be reflected in the connections that we make with others. Through patience and influence we can cause a positive change in society by implementing the concepts that we learn from prominent leaders such as Dr. King."



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# CONNECTIONS

## INSPIRING STUDENTS TO KNOW FOLLOW SHARE JESUS

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### K-8 Students Present Projects at Science Fair

Spring Valley Academy (SVA) students in grades K-8 recently participated in their second annual science fair. Those in kindergarten through grade 3 conducted a class project, grade 4 worked in teams and those in grade 5 worked on individual projects. Students in grades 6-8 were the only ones able to present their projects before a panel of judges the Friday before Sunday's

science fair. The judges consisted of two science teachers, one youth pastor, two doctors and one engineer. The judges selected the top two projects in the areas of physics, life science and chemistry based on groups that followed the scientific method, had more than the minimum 10 data points and shared their findings in a well thought-out presentation. The winners are:



**Physics:** Ian Colquhoun and Zachariah Alexander, both seventh-graders, tied for first place

**Chemistry:** Devaney Ross (grade 6) won first place; Leesa Boddie (grade 8) won second place

**Life Science:** Sidney Collins (grade 7) won first place; Emma Nelson (grade 6) and Mitchell Jackson (grade 7) tied for second place

*Science fair winners (left to right) include Mitchell Jackson, Leesa Boddie, Zachariah Alexander, Ian Colquhoun, Sydney Collins, Emma Nelson and Devaney Ross.*

### Senior Named National Merit Finalist

After taking the 2011 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) SVA senior Kerstin Smith was named a finalist for the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program. To be considered for a merit scholarship award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition. Academically talented high school seniors, such as Smith, will have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,300 scholarships worth more than \$32 million that will be offered this spring.

"My years at Spring Valley Academy have not only influenced my scholastic efforts, but also aided me in my musical pursuits and future endeavors," said Smith, who enrolled at SVA for all 12 years. She plans to attend Washington Adventist University in Takoma Park, Md.



### Alumni Sabbath Planned for April 20

All Spring Valley Academy alumni are invited to Alumni Sabbath April 20. Those whose graduation year ends in a "3" or an "8" will be the featured 'honor' classes. Visit [springvalleyacademy.org](http://springvalleyacademy.org) for updates. Below is a schedule:

#### Sabbath—April 20

**9:30 a.m.** Meet & Greet at SVA

**10:30 a.m.** Church Service Speaker:  
Tim Bair ('74, SVA Teacher)

**Noon** Free Luncheon in Cafeteria

**2 p.m.** Tours of SVA

**9 p.m.** Alumni Versus SVA Varsity Basketball Game

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# NEWS

## NEW JERSEY

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### The Power of Compassion

According to the 2010 U.S. Religious Census: Religious Congregations and Membership Study, more than 150 million Americans do not attend any church. Some don't go because church attendance was never their practice, while others have simply given up on attending. Every day the number increases. Unless the church awakens, and, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, begins preaching the gospel and doing God's work, many more millions of human beings will go to their graves without knowing Jesus or His message of salvation.

My fellow Christians, please let us present spiritual truth attractively to those of secular and post-modern minds, and please do not forget our senior citizens! Let us give unbelievers a reason to believe in God and solid reasons to change their way of thinking! Surely we can find ways to help them trust in Christianity, and see the church as a body of believers who are sincerely concerned for them and for the needs of every individual as well as entire communities. Jesus came to this world to offer hope, love, grace and salvation to all of them! Nobody will resist the power of compassion. Let us love one another and unite in this holy task. Allow Jesus' prayer to be fulfilled through us so "That they all may be one; as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that you have sent me" (John 17:21, King James 2000 Bible).



José H. Cortés  
President

### NEWS

#### Members Learn to Become Friends of Hope

With a bold approach and lots of prayer, Jorge Aguero, director of the Personal Ministries department, and his team have set the following four goals for the next five years:

- Encourage members to primarily become engaged in friendship-based personal evangelism. The project Friends of Hope was created to teach each member of the local churches how to invite and keep their friends in church.
- Create at least three discipleship small groups in every church of the New Jersey Conference.
- Develop a missionary plan for reclaiming former members.
- Support the Mission Caleb evangelism project.



Pastor Jorge Aguero leads a seminar at the Vineland Spanish church about starting discipleship small groups. More than 50 leaders attended.

To achieve these goals, the Personal Ministries team recently held seminars all across the conference. Many church leaders report leaving the meetings inspired and motivated to personally reach their friends, neighbors, colleagues and co-workers.

#### Maranatha Spanish Couples Renew Wedding Vows

Isabel and Manuel Valcarcel, were among 12 couples belonging to New Jersey Conference's Maranatha Spanish church in Union City who recently renewed their vows. The couple have been married for 35 years. Isabel shared, "This was a very special moment for us. I thank the leadership of our conference for putting this together and having an interest in keeping the family harmonious."



## NEWS

### Wayne Members Host Blood Drive, Nutrition Class

"It is fascinating to me that Jesus gave His blood to save humanity," said Delma Avila, the Health and Temperance leader at the Wayne church, when asked why she helped organize a recent blood drive at the church. "To have the opportunity in cooperation with Christ, of somehow alleviating someone's pain, just blows my mind. This is an opportunity I didn't want to miss!"

The blood drive, which the church has hosted twice a year since 2008, attracted 23 people and was a mix of

community and church members. During the blood drive, the church also hosted a nutrition seminar and cooking class.—*Taashi Rowe*



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*Pictured (left to right) are Wayne members Jane Tacbainan and Edwin Barreiro and Community Blood Services staffers Sandy Reynolds and Bob Donza.*

### Meadow View Students Share International Cultures

As parents, students, staff and friends recently entered the Meadow View Junior Academy gymnasium in Chesterfield, they were greeted with an array of colorful flags during the school's international night. Some of the countries represented were Brazil, Haiti, India, Dominican Republic, Ghana, Trinidad, Mexico, Canada, Puerto Rico and Italy. The students shared their talents through singing, poetic readings, video producing, instrumental music and gymnastics. Parents also brought foods from their countries to share.



## Hispanic Ministries Comes Full Circle in Cleveland

Earlier this winter, the Cleveland Spanish First church officially dedicated their facility to the Lord,” reports Miguel Torres, the church’s communication director. What makes this exceptional is that the church also burned their mortgage that day, paying it off in under two years.

The Hispanic work began in northeast Ohio in the 1950s and 1960s with a Seventh-day Adventist family in Youngstown, who started meeting with a Pentecostal family on Cleveland’s East side. Meeting in homes, the group studied and worshiped together, ultimately attracting other Pentecostal families who eventually accepted the Adventist message.

“As a kid, I remember coming to Cleveland with my mom and other church members to pass out tracts to [Latino] people in Cleveland. There was a little group of Adventists who were meeting in a house on the East side of Cleveland,” recalls Migdalia Mason, the church clerk and an Ohio Conference Executive Committee member. As the group grew, they purchased a church for sale on the West side and started growing the congregation.

Through the years, the Hispanic work has had its ups and downs, expanding to several churches in northeast Ohio and in the Columbus and Akron areas. Peter Simpson, pastor of the Cleveland district, established a definite plan to continue expansion back to the East side. A short time after this winter’s dedication, the church started a new congregation, renting a church from the Allegheny West Conference.

“So, we have kind of come full circle. The [Adventist] movement in Cleveland originally started on the East side and now has come back to the East side. With the



Pastor Peter Simpson baptizes Pathfinders at the Cleveland Spanish church.



Lord’s blessing, [we established] a church congregation [there],” explains Mason. “The first Sabbath the group met (earlier this year), there were 25 people congregated—including those involved in planting the church. The rest were visitors and some former [Adventists] who are working their way back to the church.”

Pastor Simpson started a revival soon upon his arrival last February, and much has happened during his year leading in Cleveland. “Between February and December 2012, there have been 48 new people baptized in his district,” reports Oswaldo Magaña, the conference’s director of Hispanic Ministries and clergy care and leadership development. “They had a mortgage burning ceremony and ended the day with nine new baptisms (candidates are pictured above with Pastor Simpson) to begin 2013!”

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Doug Falle, conference secretary/treasurer—with member Isaac López—burns the Cleveland Spanish First church’s mortgage.



## Education Department Director Retires

After nearly 18 years with the Ohio Conference, education superintendent E. Jay Colburn retired from church ministry. Colburn began his work in education more than 40 years ago, as a teacher and then principal

at the Village Seventh-day Adventist School in Berrien Springs, Mich. He moved to Ohio after accepting the associate superintendent position, which he served in for three years before advancing to superintendent.

“The educational system within the Ohio Conference was enhanced considerably during Colburn’s tenure. We were a K-10 system and he initiated and led the transition into a K-12 system,”

said Raj Attiken, conference president. Other significant transformations he led included the implementation of technology enhancements to teachers; encouraging schools to develop a mission focus to their communities; “raising the bar” on teacher professionalism and accountability; and providing professional support to school boards. Colburn served on the conference executive committee, the Columbia Union Executive Committee and the Columbia Union Board of Education.



Colburn’s influence extends to co-workers as well. “Jay has been a noble and God-fearing mentor who holds the standard high for Seventh-day Adventist education,” commented Alison Jobson, associate superintendent, who recently succeeded him. “He truly cherishes the schools that he has dedicated his life’s work to. Whether he’s administrating or advising, his godly character reveals a kind and wise spirit. He leaves behind a legacy of true servant leadership.”

Colburn and wife, Carolyn (pictured left), plan to enjoy retirement spending more time with their grandchildren and bird watching.



Alison Jobson, Jay Colburn’s successor, and Janice Straub, administrative assistant for the education department, display the quilt Straub stitched using hand-designed squares from Ohio schools, which they presented to Colburn and his wife.

## Men Plan Second Gathering at Camp Mohaven

Helping men become disciples of Jesus Christ is what the conference hopes to accomplish at the second annual men’s gathering themed “The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Leadership in a Christian Context.” Held at Camp Mohaven in Danville the weekend of May 18-20, Kevin Kuehmichel, DMin (right), pastor of the Walk of Faith Fellowship in Cleveland, will return as the main presenter.

This event is for men of all faiths or no faith, 18 years of age and older. The program includes frank discussions on some of the tough issues men face today. Bring work gloves, sleeping bags, Bibles, notebooks, cameras, musical instruments and an open mind. Prices start at \$35 per person. To make reservations, contact Dave Robinson at [campmohavenman@gmail.com](mailto:campmohavenman@gmail.com) or (740) 599-6111. For further details, the complete price list and a schedule, visit [ohioadventist.org](http://ohioadventist.org).



# Pennsylvania *Pen*

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## God's Amazing Grace

When I stop and ponder that, in and of ourselves, we deserve nothing but eternal death, and that God has given us eternal life in Christ, I marvel at God's grace. It is absolutely counter intuitive. God's thinking and ways are not ours (see Is. 55:8). He is infinite. We are finite. He is far beyond our vaunted logic, reason and sense of fairness. His grace proves it and goes even further beyond by strengthening us in such a way that we are strong when we are weak (see 2 Cor. 12:9-10)! It truly is with amazing grace that God freely offers us salvation (see John 3:16), and when we receive Jesus as Savior and Lord, He freely gives us strength to live a life that is pleasing to Him and best for us (see Phil. 2:13).

In Matthew 10:8b Jesus instructs, "freely you received, freely give" (NASB). We are God's moderm to freely give grace just as we have received it. No security keys are required. We are to give of ourselves freely as He gave of Himself freely. I can only pray, "Lord, make me weak so that You can be strong in and through me, that others may know and experience Your amazing grace."



**Will Peterson**  
*Vice President of Mission  
and Administration*

## 75 Kids Attend Adventist WholeHealth's Health Fair

More than 75 kids recently attended Adventist WholeHealth Network's (AWHN) free health fair held at the Olivet Boys and Girls Club in Reading. Many community organizations, including Latinos for Healthy Communities, the Council on Chemical Abuse, AmeriHealth Mercy, Saint Joseph Medical Center and the Visiting Nurse Service of Berks County, participated in the event.

Alysha Hollingshead, AWHN parish nurse, organized the event with support from Ben Parish, AWHN community health educator. "The goal of the health fair was to get the children to start thinking about their health: eating healthy foods, oral hygiene, proper hand washing, abstaining from harmful substances, being kind to one another and engaging in physical activity while sharing God's love," Hollingshead says.

The evening featured many seminars and fun activities. Elmer Cupino, MD, a child psychiatrist and member of the Hamburg church, conducted a 20-minute session on bullying for children aged 12 and up. Dentist Brian Nase, a member of the Walnutport church, donated toothbrushes and toothpaste, while two dental hygienist students taught the children how to brush their teeth properly. Teens learned easy recipes from local chef Guirlene Marc, while a Pennsylvania Health Department staffer demonstrated the differences in healthy and unhealthy lungs using inflatable pig lungs. One 9-year-old girl excitedly showed Cheryl Goff, AWHN administrator, a pamphlet on quitting smoking and said, "I am taking this home so my mommy can quit smoking. I'm tired of breathing her smoke."

AWHN and the Olivet Boys and Girls Club of Reading and Berks County sponsored the event. The club director has already asked AWHN to plan another event for their community.



*Guirlene Marc shows teens some easy and healthy recipes.*

## Grace Outlet Members Pray Over Phone

Last fall members of the Grace Outlet church in Reading were inspired by the nightly prayers of a young adult group in Easton known as Legit Worshipers. So Grace Outlet members decided to begin praying over the phone nightly for two weeks for 10 minutes. The calls were so meaningful to several of the individuals who called in that leaders decided to do 40 days of prayer at the beginning of the year.

Many reported getting answers to prayers. One family found a job after being without one for two years. Grace Outlet members were able to partner with a local radio station to fill a truck with items for Superstorm Sandy victims.

"The thing that is most amazing is the connectedness that is felt as we pray over the phone. It is wonderful to hear our children pray along with the adults," shares Sue Shobe, prayer coordinator for the group.

During the 40 days of prayer, members prayed specifically for each member of their church and for the city of Reading. "The consistency in prayer as a church



keeps us focused on consistently asking for the Holy Spirit," said Pastor Kris Eckenroth. "I can see why the early church in the book of Acts was of one accord when they prayed together so often."

## Philadelphia Area Members Record Revelation CD

Over the past three years, God has worked mysteriously to lead several Philadelphia-area members to focus their creative energies on the mysterious book of Revelation. They are writing and producing songs, creating art and preparing talks to culminate in a concert tour and prophecy series this fall.

It all began when Jennifer Schwirzer, a member of the Chestnut Hill church, felt impressed to study the book in depth. She says, "I'd always had a hard time grasping Revelation. God impressed me to put the various sections to poetry. I write songs as an act of worship; this would be my morning devotional exercise."



Several months later, Schwirzer had a better grasp of all the beasts, women, wars, songs and stories of Revelation. She also had a small book's worth of poems, some of them put to music.

In 2010 Schwirzer met Delon Lawrence and Lee Givhan, members of the Pennsylvania Youth Challenge. Lawrence aspires to be a record producer. Givhan is a spoken-word artist and singer. Some time after they met, God impressed Schwirzer to ask the young men to work with her to record the Revelation songs. They gladly accepted.

Then during the process of recording the songs, Schwirzer agreed to present an evangelistic series this fall at her church. The subject matter? The book of Revelation.

The nearly completed CD, titled *The Lamb Wins*, has grown to include more than 20 performers. The concert tour throughout the Columbia Union will begin in August. The evangelistic campaign will begin in October at the Chestnut Hill church. To learn more, visit [thelambwins.com](http://thelambwins.com), or search Kickstarter or Facebook for "The Lamb Wins."

*Delon Lawrence, Jennifer Schwirzer and Lee Givhan are collaborating on a musical recording focused on Revelation.*



# Potomac People

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## Smith Mountain Lake Church Gets Locals “Fit and Lean”

As 95-year-old Ruth Waxter and 27 other participants did an exercise regimen that would have made the late American fitness and nutritional expert Jack LaLanne proud, Larry Norman (right) prepared the meal. That was a typical Monday evening at the Smith Mountain Lake church in Moneta, Va., when members hosted “8 Weeks



*Pastor Danny Poff presents K.C. Jones her prize for being the program’s “biggest loser.”*

to Better Health: Fit and Lean in 2013,” an inreach/outreach health seminar. The evenings also included a brief welcome from Pastor Danny Poff, a lecture and discussion, fitness feature, games, contests and a tasting.

Norman, who just started regularly attending church with his girlfriend, has been faithfully attending Smith Mountain’s annual health seminars for the past six years. “Larry loves to cook. He’s been helping prepare food samples and demonstrating how to make them,” reports Rhonda Poff, a major contributor to the church’s health events.

This year the church’s program started with more than 25 participants and ended with about 40, half of whom were from the community. Poff also excitedly noted that the church was able to secure 44 sponsoring vendors who donated more than 400 prizes for the competition.

Two participants have joined the church’s “new believers” course, and one has expressed an interest in baptism. To date, the program has resulted in three baptisms.—Tiffany Doss



## Richmond Brazilian Church Baptizes 15

Fifteen baptisms stemmed from a recent weeklong evangelism series hosted by the Richmond Brazilian Community church in Richmond, Va. Members made and distributed invitations, written in Portuguese and English, to invite people from the community. They also distributed several books, a CD of praise music and an evangelistic DVD.

“We related the preparation to Philip and the Eunuch, calling it ‘The Philip Project’ because church members were called to invite their friends, families and neighbors to study the Bible during the series,” explained Pastor Therezinha Barbalho.

The series touched on Jesus’ love, the Bible, personal testimonies, doctrines and the importance of baptism. “The first Saturday we had about 160 attend, and the last Saturday we had 216 and had to provide a screen in the fellowship hall for overflow seating,” said a beaming Pastor Barbalho.

Each night Pastor Barbalho offered baptismal appeals. By the close of the meetings, 15 people chose to commit themselves to God through baptism. Several others agreed to Bible studies.

The church has since held another series focused on the life of Joshua, which attracted 130 regular attendees, and is planning more. “We are excited for what the Lord is doing in our community,” added Barbalho.—Tiffany Doss



*Visitors gather on the platform for prayer following an altar call.*

PHOTO BY AARON CHENEY

# Potomac People

## 91-year Sentence Directs Prisoner to God, Part 2

In part 1 of Lenroy Chapman's story, he shared how a life of crime earned him a 91-year sentence in Virginia's state penitentiary. He last shared how a week before his parole, he attended his grandmother's funeral. Upon his return to the prison, he sensed something wasn't right.

"After the funeral, the deputy came to take me back to the prison," Chapman recalls. "However, instead of riding up front like I had done on the way to the funeral, the deputy picked me up in a van, locking me up in the back. When I asked him what was going on, all he said was 'I can't tell you.'"

Back at the Staunton prison, Chapman was immediately taken to the warden's office. "I know you believe in God," he said. "Well, this is going to test your faith. We'll see you in 60 days." Without further explanation, he placed Chapman in solitary confinement. To this day, he isn't sure why this happened.

Unbeknownst to Chapman, the prisoners, angered that he was forced to stay beyond his scheduled release, held a riot.

Atheists and Buddhists joined in the demonstration on behalf of this Christian. The prison was forced to lock down for three days.

Although solitude took a toll on Chapman, he realized God was still with him. "Five ladies and three Staunton [Va.] church members were given permission to visit me. We cried and sang hymns together. In my lowest hour, God sent these wonderful women to lift my spirits. I realized that God never leaves us, even when we feel that our hope is gone."

Following solitude and after serving 22 years, they set Chapman free. He didn't waste time putting his life back together. In 2004 he started attending the Stafford (Va.) church, then in 2007 transferred to the Woodbridge (Va.) church. His journey took him in many directions, but he eventually felt called back to prison.

"I actually started my ministry in prison," explains Chapman. "I started giving Bible studies to my fellow inmates. I eventually created a program called Second Chance, directed at juvenile delinquents who were sent to prison. In addition, I spent time in the commissary with the sick people, some who were ready to give up on life. I even had guards who would ask me to pray with them."

With the help of Hector Cruz, Potomac's Prison

Ministries director, Chapman continues his outreach efforts. "As a former inmate, I can relate to the feelings these inmates are experiencing—their fear, their loneliness, their pain. I also know the peace that can only come from knowing Jesus, and I will share that peace with every soul I possibly can. ... It's what Jesus has called us to do, to save all those who still need to be set free," says Chapman.

Read the full story at [pcsda.org](http://pcsda.org).



### By the Numbers: Prison Ministries

Each year Potomac's Prison Ministries team works to bring people to Christ through individual and group Bible studies, personal letters and God-focused reading materials. Here is a look at their 2012 results:

- 32** Number of prisons visited
- 127** Number of prisoners baptized
- 49** Number of former prisoners attending church
- 5,434** Number of correspondence course Bible studies held
- 3,635** Number of encouraging letters written to inmates
- 1,846** Number of Bibles distributed
- 22,774** Number of tracts, books and magazines distributed to inmates and their families

To get involved, contact Hector Cruz, senior coordinator, at [linder.sol@live.com](mailto:linder.sol@live.com) or (757) 325-8286.



Clinton Adams, pastor at the Carter Memorial, Tappahanock and Kilmarnock churches in Virginia, baptizes a prisoner.

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News you can use from Takoma Academy

## Welcome Back, Alumni!

I have just about completed my first year as Takoma Academy (TA) principal, and I can truly say that it has been a learning experience and a blessing. I've learned that TA has dedicated teachers, staff, parents, constituents and trustees who work hard to make this a school that empowers young learners for everlasting excellence through active spirituality, rigorous academics and meaningful service. I've learned that TA has a network of more than 5,000 alumni who serve as our ambassadors; support sustainability by giving of their time, talents and resources; and share our vision to ensure that no great student will be denied access to the TA educational experience. And, I've learned that God has His hand on this school and will continue to guide as we work to lead the youth in our care to a personal commitment to Him.

Alumni, I want to personally invite you to participate in our upcoming alumni weekend activities, April 26-28, as listed below. Come see the recent improvements we've made to the physical campus; how the students are learning, growing and preparing for excellence; and how you can continue to be a part of what God is doing at Takoma Academy.



Carla Thrower  
Principal

## General Conference President to Speak to Alumni

The festivities for this year's alumni weekend begin early Friday morning, April 26, with the Principal's Golf Tournament, a time-honored tradition to raise



money for students in need. It will be held at the Northwest Golf Course at 15711 Layhill Road in Silver Spring, Md.

The Friday night worship speaker is Susan Laurence Cooksey (left), granddaughter of the beloved "Prof Laurence," who led TA for 33 years. On Sabbath

Marcel Wright, Class of 1993 (right), executive director for the Reginald S. Lourie Center in Rockville, Md., will lead the Sabbath School lesson, followed by Ted Wilson, Class of 1968, General Conference president (below), who will break bread during the divine worship. This year's honor classes are 1913, 1918, 1923, 1928, 1933,



1938, 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003 and 2008.



Sabbath afternoon has been set aside for the dedication of the Harvey Bristow Memorial. The late Bristow served as the TA principal from 1988 to 1992. At the annual business meeting

Sunday, the school will elect new officers to lead the Takoma Academy Alumni Association for 2013-14.

For information about the weekend, to register, reserve lunch tickets or nominate officers for the alumni association, contact Ron Mills, assistant to the principal for fundraising and alumni, at (301) 434-4700 or rmills@ta.edu.

## Alumni Weekend At-A-Glance

### Friday

- 8 a.m. – Principal's Golf Tournament
- 6 p.m. – Registration and Welcome Reception
- 7:30 p.m. – Vespers
- 8:35-9:35 p.m. – Honor Class Mini-Reunions

### Sabbath

- 10 a.m. – Sabbath School
- 11 a.m. – Divine Worship
- 1:30 p.m. – Lunch (\$15)
- 3:30 p.m. – Harvey Bristow Memorial Dedication

### Sunday

- 10 a.m. – TA Alumni Association Business Meeting



## Students Share “Great Hope” With Subway Patrons

Students at Takoma Academy (TA) recently participated in an opportunity to share hope with others and experience growth through ministry. Their outreach was part of an historic initiative of the Seventh-day Adventist Church to get members around the world involved in sharing the Good News. The initiative, called the Great Controversy Project ([greatcontroversyproject.org](http://greatcontroversyproject.org)), involves the distribution of the book *The Great Hope*, a special version of *The Great Controversy*, which was written by Adventist Church co-founder Ellen G. White. Millions have read her book, which brings to light the struggle between good and evil and the victory we can experience by being on God’s winning team.

Fifteen TA students descended on downtown Silver Spring, Md., and the Prince George’s Plaza subway station in Hyattsville, Md., with copies of the book in hand and one question on their lips, “Got hope?” What was intended to be a class outing to share books turned into a winter morning of fellowship with the numerous people they encountered on the streets.



Sophomore Mecca Parker tells a passerby in Silver Spring, Md., about the book *The Great Hope*.

“We gathered for prayer, had one final discussion about protocols for interacting with the community, and then we were off,” reported Chaplain Mario Broussard. “Some students were eager while others were hesitant, not because they did not want to share this great news found between the covers of this book; they simply had not had these conversations before or engaged the public in this manner. Some of their concerns were, ‘What should I say?’ ‘What if they don’t take the book?’ ‘How many should I give out?’”

Freshman Jessica Guerrier admitted, “I was very afraid to talk to people because they might be too busy to even want to talk to me.”

Broussard said, “Students scoured the area in pairs,



Sophomores Gabby Watson and Nia Dennis chat with a utility worker in downtown Silver Spring, Md., about the *Great Controversy Project*.

pensive at first, then, as if overcome by a spirit of boldness, started engaging everyone they met.” He added, “Our goal was to distribute 200 books in one hour. We fell short; however the expectation shifted as students became engrossed in conversations about hope, answering questions and sometimes being ‘stumped’ by various views.”

A local utility employee named Henry asked members of the school outreach team if they knew when the *Great Controversy* started, then proceeded to share his understanding of the topic.

Sophomore Mecca Parker said he was humbled by the experience. “You could never tell who you were going to meet and what their situation would be,” he said. “We may be the only Jesus that people meet, and that presses me to be a true representation of God.”

Takoma Academy staff expect to take out another group this month.

### CALENDAR

#### April

- 15-19 Student Week of Prayer
- 26-28 Alumni Weekend

#### May

- 3 Spring Picnic
- 6-10 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 13 Career Day
- 21-23 Final Exams
- 24-26 Graduation Weekend

## Is a Liberal Arts Education a Valued Investment?

There is continuing debate regarding the value of a liberal arts education. In today's economic climate, political leaders are making the argument that there must be a direct link to spending money for an education that leads to a specific job. Even within the higher education community, there is a view that students who earn bachelors or masters degrees in liberal arts fields are less likely to be sought after by employers.

It is important to know that the use of the word *liberal* in this context refers to a broad education that is intellectually liberating, one that teaches analytical thinking from multiple perspectives and creativity in problem-solving. At Washington Adventist University (WAU), our vision is to produce graduates who bring competence and moral leadership to their communities. We prepare students to be responsible citizens and individuals who will contribute to the improvement of their communities. What is very clear, if we examine the data, is that a college degree is indeed a financially sound investment. In 2011 a report issued by the Center for Education and the Workforce stated that those holding bachelor degrees earn nearly a million dollars more over a lifetime than those with only a high school diploma.

For our graduates, a college degree is a tremendous investment that will continue to return personal rewards in spiritual development, in income, in intellectual development and in professional flexibility. In today's economy, a college education gives a great return!



**Weymouth Spence**  
*President*

## NEWS

### Gospel Choir Makes Sweet Music in Barbados

WAU's Black Student Union Gospel Choir recently traveled to the island of Barbados to expose others to its special mission as a faith-based institution. Dayle Haynes, the East Caribbean Conference Youth Ministries director, extended the invitation to the group of 24 students and three sponsors. Joan A. Francis, PhD, chair of the History and Political Studies department; Desiree Dixon, admissions counselor; and Jean Innocent, assistant dean of men, were the sponsors.

The choir partnered with the East Caribbean Conference to perform at several local academies and churches. "Every experience of worship, whether at school or in the church, gave us another opportunity to share God with others and move them into a closer relationship with Him through song," said Ramone Griffith, a senior theology music major.



### Student Life Department Launches New Counseling Program

The Department of Student Life has launched a new counseling program designed to help the community address a range of issues that can impact students' wellness and performance. Jahmela Williams, a new on-campus counselor, will manage the program. Williams, a licensed clinical counselor, received her undergraduate degree from Oakwood University (Ala.) and a master's in counseling from Bowie State University in Bowie, Md. She earned a second master's in special education from Northcentral University. She has worked with youth in a variety of settings for more than 10 years.



"I am excited to join the team, and I am looking forward to working with the students, faculty and staff to ensure that our students not only achieve academic success but optimum wellness, which encompasses spiritual, social, emotional and physical wellness," Williams said.



## Students Set New Standard for Ministry

During Washington Adventist University Ministry Department's recent participation in "Cruise with a Purpose," Brittany Bower proved the perfect example of Christian humility and compassion.

Moved by the plight of a young girl who arrived at a mission event in the Dominican Republic without shoes, Bower, a junior biology major, promptly removed hers and handed them to the teenager. She spent the rest of the afternoon in her socks until a group member loaned her a pair of size 13 flip-flops.

"It actually began with a little boy who kept tugging at my clothes. I had given him a shirt and some pants but he needed some shoes," Bower recalls. "I felt badly that I did not have an extra pair for the little boy, so when I saw this girl, who was about 12 or 13, without shoes, it was a chance to make up for it."

Bower, an aspiring dentist, was one of 17 WAU students who sailed aboard the Royal Caribbean's *Enchantment of the Seas* for the nine-day trip, led by Chaplain Kaneil Williams, and sponsored by Zack Plantak, PhD, chair of the religion department. The trip

was the first of its kind for the school.

While they thoroughly enjoyed life aboard the cruise liner and the adventure of travel, it was the opportunity to serve that beckoned to and fulfilled them most.

For Chenelle Chichester, who graduated in December with a bachelor's in healthcare administration and is an active member of the Air National Guard, the trip brought the concept of service into sharper focus. "I have said the words, 'service before self' many times before," she said. "[But] this trip brought new meaning to these words, as I went on my first mission ever. Only [this time] I was a soldier in the Lord's army. The experience really changed my life and I look forward to cruise 2014."

The group's first stop was the La Perla community in Puerto Rico, known as one of the island's most notorious neighborhoods for violence and drug trafficking. Undeterred, the group played a friendly basketball match with residents before moving to the local community center for worship and the distribution of clothing, toys, and health and food supplies, all donated by WAU students.

On their second stop, St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands, the group led devotion and played volleyball with students from the St. Thomas/St. John Seventh-day Adventist Academy, distributed bags of toys and supplies to students at a state-funded orphanage, and played games with troubled local youth while encouraging them to make the right choices for their future.

The last stop was Samana, Dominican Republic. Students led worship with members of the community in downtown Wilmore and painted a local church.

"The distribution in Wilmore was the highlight of our mission trip," said Chaplain Williams. "In the midst of rain showers, students [gave away] pain medicines, vitamins and supplies to residents. None complained and everyone worked together to make sure that everyone got something."

It was here that Bower gave away the shoes off her feet and demonstrated the real meaning of Jesus' teaching: "Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye did *it* not to one of the least of these, ye did *it* not to me" (Matt. 25:45).

"That experience was worth the whole trip," Williams said.



*Brittany Bower (left), a WAU junior biology major, poses shoeless with a local girl during a recent mission trip.*



# Profiles in Caring



*John Konrad*



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## In appreciation: John Konrad

Many within our Adventist HealthCare family were acquainted with John Konrad, the vice president and general manager of WGTS, the radio station on the campus of Washington Adventist University, our neighbor in Takoma Park. John passed away early this year from bilateral pneumonia. He was just 43 years old. His wife, Dawn, is a member of our staff at the Shady Grove Adventist Emergency Center at Germantown.

*(John was also a registered nurse.)*

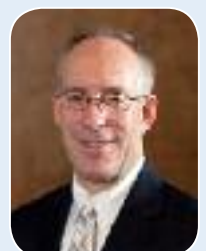
Joyce Newmyer, president of Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, and John were friends and colleagues, and at a recent Executive Council, Joyce presented a very moving reflection on their friendship. “John’s heart,” Joyce said, “was tuned to the frequency of inclusion.” She then listed nine different things that she had learned from John—a list that I found very insightful and moving as we thought about the impact that John had upon our community and our work together. I asked Joyce for permission to share it with you:

*“John’s heart was tuned to the frequency of inclusion.”*

Things I learned from John:

1. People want to be loved and to belong. When we behave as if we’re better than them, they won’t feel loved or like they belong.
2. People don’t invest much of themselves in anything that is free. They’ve got to have skin in the game in order to really commit.
3. You’ll sell a bad experience or a bad product once. Just once. Chances are, you won’t get them back.
4. You can tell a lot about a person based on how they treat animals.
5. Be innovative. Create. Do things that other people think won’t work. Don’t be afraid to make a mistake or do something that people may think is stupid. If you’re convinced that it’s right, try it.
6. Be bold about what you believe in. Stand up for it. Don’t go along with the crowd just to avoid conflict. Conflict isn’t a bad thing. It will get you to better plans, better answers, and better decisions.
7. Eat more healthfully. It’s hard, but it’s really worth it.
8. Give of yourself to help people. Lose sleep if you have to. Go out of your way and be inconvenienced. Put yourself out there. People are worth it. God put them in your life for a reason. Figure out what it is.
9. Life is short. Don’t waste a minute of it. Spend your life loving people, making a difference, being kind, lifting people up, and showing them that a relationship with God will bring you joy, peace, and rest.

Thank you, Joyce, for this thoughtful reflection on the life of a good friend and colleague. Our warmest sympathy and affection are with Dawn through this time, and we carry in our hearts an abiding appreciation for the life that John led and the example he leaves us.



William G. “Bill” Robertson  
*President & CEO of Adventist HealthCare*

## Adventist HealthCare Promotes Heart Health at the 4th Annual Love Your Heart Expo

Each year, Adventist HealthCare's Love Your Heart Expo aims to empower those in our community to better understand and manage their risk factors for heart disease.

This year, Washington Adventist and Shady Grove Adventist Hospitals reached their largest audience to date, providing free heart health screenings, heart healthy cooking and lifestyle demonstrations and educational

talks to more than 300 people in February at Westfield Montgomery Mall.

Heart health screenings included blood pressure, waist-to-hip ratio, body composition, body mass index, cholesterol finger stick tests and a sleep apnea screening. Participants also received one-on-one counseling with medical experts to review screening results and schedule follow-up tests as needed.

Love Your Heart helps support Adventist HealthCare's mission of expanding access to care by bringing important heart health information and much needed health services to the community.

*For more information on Adventist HealthCare's quality heart care, please visit [www.adventisthealthcare.com/heart](http://www.adventisthealthcare.com/heart)*



*above; Adventist HealthCare provided heart health screening and education to more than 300 people at the 4th Annual Love Your Heart Expo.*

*right top; Nate Stewart, exercise physiologist at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, counsels a participant on his heart health screening results.*

*right; Ibrahim Ibrahim, pharmacy resident at Washington Adventist Hospital, helps to provide blood pressure screenings to community members.*

*far right; Dr. Geetha Pinto, cardiologist at Shady Grove Adventist and Washington Adventist Hospitals, educates guests on women and heart health at the 4th Annual Love Your Heart Expo.*





## Chaplain Ibanez Wins First Extraordinary Spiritual Care Service Award

Congratulations to Chaplain Jean Ibanez, who has been awarded Adventist HealthCare's first "Extraordinary Spiritual Care Service Award" by the Mission Integration & Spiritual Care department. This award honors her compassionate interfaith ministry and dedicated pastoral care services to our patients, families and staff.

Jean is recognized as "an angel who goes the extra mile," notably caring for those who are sick, anxious, alone or grieving. Jean serves both the Shady Grove Adventist and Washington Adventist Hospital campuses. Starting as a volunteer more than 10 years ago, Jean's first pastoral care visit was with a trauma patient. Through this experience, she saw how God's presence can have a profound effect on those in crisis.

*"Pastoral care is a gift from God that allows me to be able to do this ministry," said Jean, who attends Takoma Park Seventh-day Adventist Church. "We can't know how to minister without his wisdom. I always pray that God would give me the words and the wisdom to be able to be about God's purposes."*

Jean has been known to go without meals and stay with those in need throughout the night so as to be a quiet, comforting presence. She is also willing to pitch in and help out colleagues when needed. The pastoral care department often receives phone calls from staff, families and other chaplains complimenting Jean.

Jean has served as a facilitator for grief care support groups at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, giving exemplary care and support to those who were processing loss. As well, her innovation has improved processes of care, such as overseeing having extra clothes on hand for homeless patients at Washington Adventist who may have lost their clothes during emergency procedures.

Mission Integration & Spiritual Care is thankful for Jean's insight, sense of humor,

gentle presence and forward thinking. She truly exemplifies compassion in action through her commitment to the pastoral care ministry at Adventist HealthCare.



*Chaplain Jean Ibanez, above right, is pictured with Ismael Gama, Adventist HealthCare's Associate Vice President of Mission Integration & Spiritual Care. Jean was recognized with Adventist HealthCare's first Extraordinary Spiritual Care Service Award in December.*

### Hospital Earns National Recognition for Cardiac Care

Shady Grove Adventist Hospital is one of only 26 hospitals in the country to be recognized for providing the highest quality care to heart attack patients with the 2012 Gold Performance Achievement Award from the American College of Cardiology Foundation's NCDR ACTION Registry-GWTG. This is the third consecutive year Shady Grove Adventist Hospital has earned the distinction.

To receive the 2012 award, Shady Grove Adventist Hospital consistently followed treatment guidelines outlined by the American College of Cardiology and American Heart Association for eight consecutive quarters.

The hospital also met a performance standard of 90 percent for specific performance measures, including how rapidly a patient receives treatment on arrival, medication use and patient education on discharge.

"As a three-time consecutive recipient of the Gold Award, Shady Grove Adventist Hospital has demonstrated a consistent high level of heart attack care for twenty-four straight quarters, or six years," said Debbie Truxillo, Director of Cardiac and Vascular Services at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital. "Our sustained quality performance is especially important as we expect increasing incidence of heart disease with an aging population."

The American College of Cardiology Foundation and the American Heart Association commend Shady Grove Adventist Hospital for achieving this standard, calling it "a critical step in saving the lives and improving the outcomes of heart attack patients," according to Gregg C. Fonarow, MD, ACTION Registry-GWTG Steering Committee Chair and Director of Ahmanson-UCLA Cardiomyopathy Center, and James Jollis, MD, ACTION Registry-GWTG Co-Chair and Professor of Medicine and Radiology at Duke University Hospital.

Shady Grove Adventist Hospital's and Washington Adventist Hospital's Cardiac and Vascular Services programs have each also achieved quality designations as Cycle III Chest Pain Centers with PCI, Cardiac Intervention Centers and Primary Stroke Centers, and have earned the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline Bronze Performance Achievement Award and Stroke Silver Plus Quality Achievement Award. In addition, the Cardiac and Vascular Intensive Care Unit (CVICU) at Washington Adventist Hospital also holds the silver-level Beacon Award for Excellence by the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN), making it the only hospital in Montgomery County, and one of only six in Maryland, to receive this prestigious national recognition.



## Capellana Ibanez gana el primer premio de servicio por atención espiritual extraordinaria

Felicitaciones a la capellana Jean Ibanez, a quien se le ha concedido el primer “Premio por servicio espiritual extraordinario” del Adventist HealthCare concedido por el departamento de Integración de la misión y atención espiritual. Este premio honra su ministerio interreligioso compasivo y dedicados servicios de atención pastoral a nuestros pacientes, familias y personal.

A Jean se le reconoce como “un ángel que va más allá” por atender de manera destacada a los enfermos, personas con ansiedad, que están solos o afligidos. Jean atiende tanto en el campus Shady Grove Adventist como en el Washington Adventist Hospital. Se inició como voluntaria hace más de 10 años, y su primera visita de atención pastoral fue con un paciente de traumatología. A través de esta experiencia, ella vio de qué manera la presencia de Dios puede tener un profundo efecto entre los que se encuentran en crisis.

“La atención pastoral es un regalo de Dios que me permite realizar este ministerio”, dijo Jean, quien asiste a la iglesia adventista Seventh-day de Takoma Park. “No podemos saber cómo ministrar sin su sabiduría. Siempre le pido a Dios que me dé las palabras y la sabiduría para poder seguir sus propósitos”.

Se ha sabido que Jean ha pasado sin comer y permanecido con los necesitados durante la noche, para ser una presencia silenciosa y reconfortante. Ella también está dispuesta a contribuir económicamente y ayudar a colegas cuando es necesario. El departamento de atención pastoral recibe frecuentes llamadas telefónicas del personal, familias y otros capellanes para felicitar a Jean.

Jean ha trabajado como facilitadora de grupos de apoyo para afligidos en Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, brindando atención y apoyo ejemplares a quienes enfrentan una pérdida. Igualmente, su innovación ha mejorado los procesos de atención, como es verificar que se cuente con ropa adicional a mano para pacientes desamparados de Washington Adventist, que quizás hayan perdido su ropa durante situaciones de emergencia.

El departamento de Integración de la misión y atención espiritual le agradece a Jean su habilidad de percepción, sentido del humor, presencia gentil y pensamiento visionario. Ella es un verdadero ejemplo de la compasión en la acción a través de su compromiso con el ministerio de atención pastoral en Adventist HealthCare.

### El hospital recibe reconocimiento nacional por atención cardíaca

Shady Grove Adventist Hospital es uno de tan solo 26 hospitales en el país en ser reconocido por brindar atención de la mayor calidad a pacientes de ataque al corazón con el premio Gold Performance Achievement para 2012 concedido por el NCDR ACTION Registry-GWTG del American College of Cardiology Foundation. Este es el tercer año consecutivo que Shady Grove Adventist Hospital recibe esta distinción.

Para recibir el premio de 2012, Shady Grove Adventist Hospital siguió de manera consistente las pautas de tratamiento señaladas por el American College of Cardiology y la American Heart Association por ocho trimestres consecutivos. El hospital también cumplió con un estándar de desempeño de 90 por ciento para medidas de desempeño específicas, incluidas la rapidez con la cual un paciente recibe tratamiento al llegar, el uso de medicamentos y la instrucción que el paciente recibe en el momento del alta hospitalaria.

“Como beneficiario por tres veces consecutivas del premio en la categoría Gold, Shady Grove Adventist Hospital ha demostrado un nivel alto constante de atención en ataques al corazón por veinticuatro trimestres o seis años consecutivos”, señaló Debbie Truxillo, directora de Servicios cardíacos y vasculares de Shady Grove Adventist Hospital. “Nuestro desempeño de calidad sostenida es especialmente importante ya que se espera una incidencia cada vez mayor de enfermedades cardíacas en la medida en que la población envejece”.

El American College of Cardiology Foundation y la American Heart Association felicitan a Shady Grove Adventist Hospital por alcanzar este estándar, y lo califican como un “paso crítico para salvar vidas y mejorar los resultados de los pacientes de ataque al corazón”, según Gregg C. Fonarow, MD, presidente del comité de dirección de ACTION Registry-GWTG y director del Centro de cardiopatía de Ahmanson-UCLA, y James Jollis, MD, copresidente de ACTION Registry-GWTG y profesor de medicina y radiología de Duke University Hospital.

Los programas de servicios cardíacos y vasculares de Shady Grove Adventist Hospital y de Washington Adventist Hospital también han alcanzado cada uno designaciones de calidad como centros de dolor de pecho de ciclo III con PCI, centros de intervención cardíaca y centros primarios de apoplejías, y han alcanzado la misión de la American Heart Association: el premio Lifeline Bronze Performance Achievement y el premio Stroke Silver Plus Quality Achievement. Además de esto, la unidad de cuidados intensivos cardíacos y vasculares de Washington Adventist Hospital también cuenta con el premio Beacon por Excelencia, en la categoría Silver otorgado por la American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN), convirtiéndose en el único hospital en el condado Montgomery, y uno de tan solo seis en Maryland, en recibir este prestigioso reconocimiento nacional.



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|                     | Apr 5 | Apr 12 | Apr 19 | Apr 26 | May 3 |
|---------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| <b>Baltimore</b>    | 7:34  | 7:40   | 7:47   | 7:54   | 8:01  |
| <b>Cincinnati</b>   | 8:05  | 8:12   | 8:19   | 8:25   | 8:32  |
| <b>Cleveland</b>    | 7:56  | 8:03   | 8:11   | 8:18   | 8:26  |
| <b>Columbus</b>     | 8:00  | 8:07   | 8:14   | 8:21   | 8:28  |
| <b>Jersey City</b>  | 7:25  | 7:32   | 7:39   | 7:47   | 7:54  |
| <b>Norfolk</b>      | 7:30  | 7:36   | 7:43   | 7:49   | 7:55  |
| <b>Parkersburg</b>  | 7:53  | 8:00   | 8:07   | 8:14   | 8:21  |
| <b>Philadelphia</b> | 7:28  | 7:35   | 7:42   | 7:49   | 7:57  |
| <b>Pittsburgh</b>   | 7:48  | 7:55   | 8:02   | 8:10   | 8:17  |
| <b>Reading</b>      | 7:32  | 7:39   | 7:46   | 7:53   | 8:00  |
| <b>Richmond</b>     | 7:36  | 7:42   | 7:48   | 7:55   | 8:01  |
| <b>Roanoke</b>      | 7:45  | 7:52   | 7:58   | 8:04   | 8:10  |
| <b>Toledo</b>       | 8:03  | 8:11   | 8:19   | 8:26   | 8:34  |
| <b>Trenton</b>      | 7:27  | 7:34   | 7:41   | 7:48   | 7:56  |
| <b>Wash., D.C.</b>  | 7:35  | 7:42   | 7:48   | 7:55   | 8:02  |

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### OBITUARIES

**BORCHERS, John T.,** born March 14, 1937, in Mansfield, Ohio; died October 12, 2012, at his home in Mount Vernon, Ohio. He was a member of the Mount Vernon (Ohio) Hill church and a graduate of Mount Vernon Academy. Joe adjusted aircraft losses for some 12 insurance companies. He operated the Knox County Airport for 12 years and was the owner of Sav-A-Day Air Freight for over 25 years. In recent years, Joe and his black lab could be seen perusing the aisles at Lowe's nearly every day. Survivors: his wife, B.G. Borchers; his daughters: Connie (Randy) Johnson of Highland, Ind., and Penny (Bobby) Youngblood of Fort Worth, Texas; a son, Joseph (Amy) Borchers, Jr. of Melber, Ky.; a stepson, Don Duncan of Delmar, Md.; a stepdaughter, Darcie (Walter) Litton of Mount Vernon; five grandchildren: Billy, Shona, Reana, Ashley, Lindsay and Megan; five great-grandchildren; brothers, Dr. James (Naomi) Borchers of Maryland and Lowell (Reba) Borchers of Mount Vernon;


nephews, Bob and Bill Borchers; longtime friend, Dr. William Platt; and his devoted canine companion, Libby.

### RAUB, Richard (Dick) Raymond,


born March 16, 1926 in Zanesville, Ohio; died October 28, 2012, in Auburn, Calif. Dick proudly served his country in World War II as an Army surgical technician aboard the USS Huddleston, transporting wounded GIs from Great Britain and Germany back home to the United States. After the war, Dick finished his high school senior year at Mount Vernon Academy in Mount Vernon, Ohio. He graduated in 1947 with his classmate and sweetheart, Yvonne Butters-Longo, who became Dick's second wife 50 years later in 1997, after both of their spouses passed away. They moved to Heather Glen, Calif., where Dick spent time volunteering at Weimar Center of Health and Education, in Weimar, Calif., in their printing department. The last several years Dick has volunteered at Amazing Facts in Roseville, Calif., engraving names on Bibles. Survivors: his wife, Yvonne; his sister, June Ayer of Texas; his son, Rick (Stacy) Raub; his daughter, Lori (Lonnice) Walls; his grandchildren: Kristin, Cheryl, Ryan, Jessica, Tyler, and Christopher; and two great-grandchildren, MacKenzie and William.



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