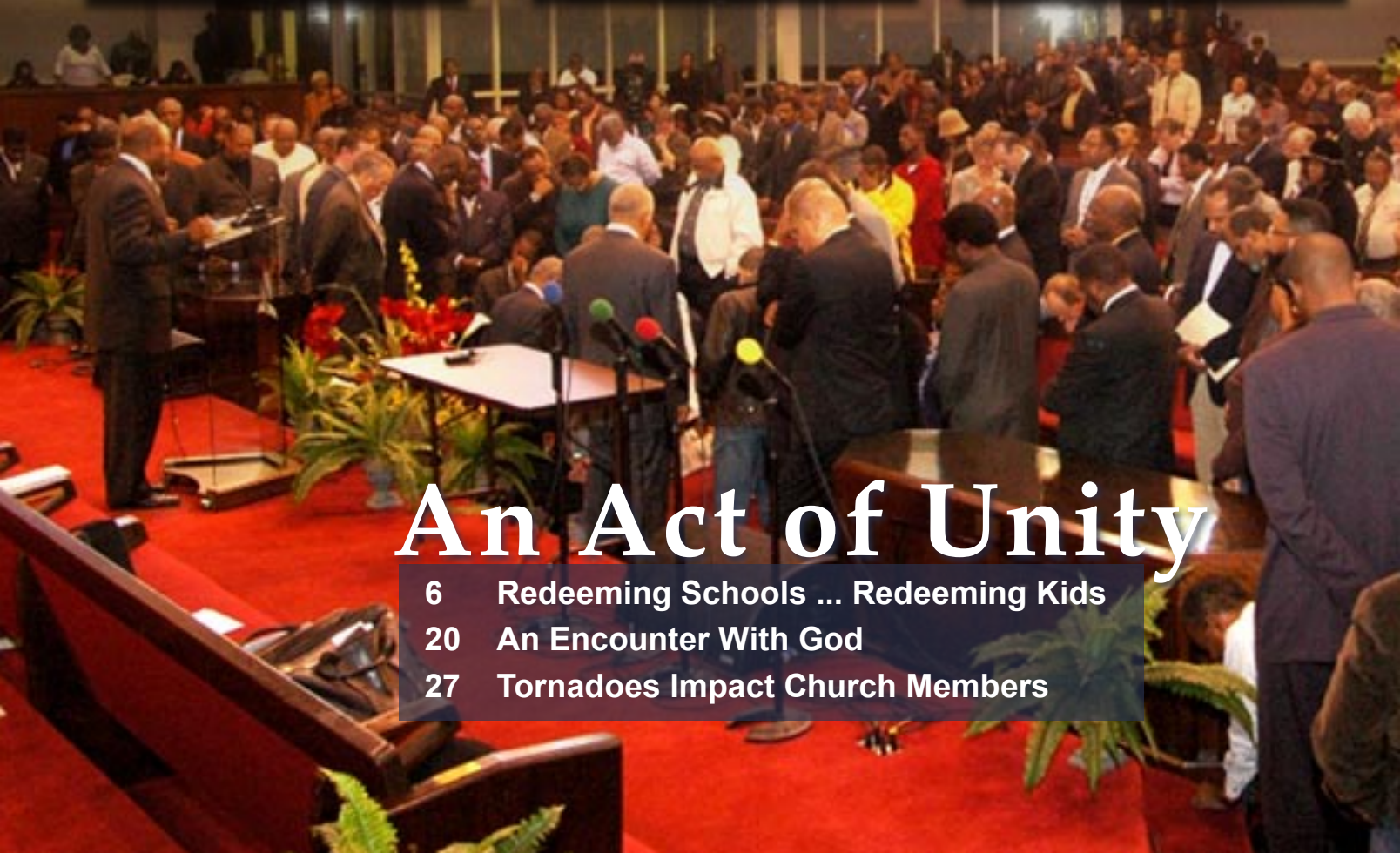


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# Southern Union Executive Secretary Elected

For the past 25 years, Ward Sumpter has served as executive secretary of the Southern Union. For five years prior to that he was associate secretary. Ward and Mary Sumpter are loving and lovable Christians who have exemplified joyful ministry in their work with the saints. When Elder Sumpter smiles you know he's in love with Jesus and wants to see how he can be helpful in solving some problem. I have personally appreciated Elder Sumpter's wealth of wisdom as we have counseled on many issues. Cheryl and I have enjoyed our friendship with the Sumpters, and we will greatly miss them.



Ward and Mary Sumpter

Elder Sumpter is a fair leader and a caring leader.

He is a willing servant and a humble leader. He is broad-minded and knows how to focus on the mission of the Church. He is a leader with a pastor's heart. And while we sometimes joke about how many cousins Elder Sumpter has, what I believe is that thousands of members would count it an honor to claim him as part of the family. Ward and Mary, thank you for faithful service, and thank you for doing everything with smiles on your faces.

The Southern Union Executive Committee voted unanimously to invite Ron Smith, D.Min., Ph.D., to become the next executive secretary of the Southern Union on March 29. For the past eight years, Dr. Smith has been the editor-in-chief of *Message Magazine* and a vice-president for the Review and Herald Publishing Association. He has pastored in the Southern California Conference, as well as in the Northeastern Conference, where he was pastor of the large Ephesus church in Harlem, New York.

The Lord has given Dr. Smith a keen and inquiring mind. He has a B.A. from Oakwood College, an M.Div. from Andrews University, a D.Min. from Colgate Rochester Divinity School, and a Ph.D. in psychology from Fuller. He is quick to add that, all of this is worthless without the anointing of the Holy Spirit and a broken heart that leans on Jesus. He shared with me that, "It's not about what I do, but about what Jesus does, that matters."

Ron has been married to Yolanda D. Lewis for nearly 28 years. She grew up in the South Central Conference in Montgomery, Alabama; she is an elementary educator. The Smiths have one daughter who is an elementary education graduate of Oakwood College, and one son who is a theology major at Oakwood College.

As I have rubbed shoulders with Dr. Smith through the years, I have known him as a spiritual leader, a gifted preacher and writer, a sound thinker, and a man who knows the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Please join me in welcoming Ron and Yolanda Smith and their adult children to the great Southern Union family. I believe you will enjoy their leadership, and I believe God will anoint and equip them now for this new leadership role.



Ron and Yolanda Smith



Gordon Retzer  
Southern Union  
President



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Cover Caption: Charles D. Brooks (left), retired Breath of Life Ministries speaker/director; Calvin Butts, III, Ph.D., pastor, Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York City; and William G. Johnson, former Adventist Review editor were presenters at the 27th annual evangelism council at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama. G. Alex Bryant (standing at the podium), president of Central States Conference, delivers the consecration call during the closing session.

# EVANGELISM COUNCIL: AN ACT OF UNITY

BY MICHELE SOLOMON



*Charles D. Brooks, retired Breath of Life Ministries speaker/director, delivers the closing message, "Tailishness."*



*Calvin Butts, III, Ph.D., pastor, Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York City, delivers the keynote sermon on Sunday evening.*



*William G. Jobnsson, former Adventist Review editor, presents "How to Win Souls on a Low Budget" at a seminar.*

The 27th Pastoral and Evangelism Council joined hands and hearts with the Southern Union Evangelism Council on December 3-6, 2006. Attendees were introduced to this year's theme, "Jesus Christ: The Alpha, The Answer, Our All." What a milestone effort—what a time!

The annual event, sponsored by the regional conferences of the North American Division (NAD), takes place in early December. It is known for drawing men and women from across the Division, as well as abroad, and this year was no exception. The council, facilitated by Mervyn A. Warren, Ph.D., general chair and provost of Oakwood College, has a strong heritage of attracting

great preachers of Adventism and other faiths. With sermons occurring several times a day, beginning with morning devotion and ending with two evening services, the council offers many opportunities to Bible

workers, ministers, lay preachers, and their wives, to recharge their spiritual battery packs.

Evangelism Council, sponsored by the Southern Union Conference (SUC) also takes place in early December in Daytona Beach, Florida. This time of instruction and refreshing is a combination of spirit-filled teaching, preaching, and interaction, but the schedule also allows time for rest and relaxation. Men and women come with high expectancy, and as God's Spirit tabernacles with them, hundreds are motivated to go forth and win souls for His kingdom. Ralph Ringer, evangelism and church growth institute director; and Dennis



*Joyce Williams, archives assistant at the Eva B. Dykes Library, shares a moment of reflection in front of an archive exhibit.*





*G. Alex Bryant (standing at the podium), president of Central States Conference, delivers the consecration call during Wednesday's closing challenge message.*

Ross, evangelism and ministerial director; coordinated and hosted last year's Union event. Ross, assisted by his wife, Jacquelyn Ross, evangelism assistant for the Union, planned a special dinner honoring those who had held evangelistic campaigns in 2006. People who were recently baptized shared live reports as they rejoiced in their new-found faith. The event was met with expressions of gratitude from ministers and their wives who received small tokens of appreciation as a means of saying, "Thank you for being God's servant."

At this very special evangelism



*"The Challenge of Islam and Eschatology" exhibit draws many attendees.*

Heaven as Philip Williams, minister of music at the Oakwood College church, coordinated a mini-concert that kicked off the inspiring series of programs that Sunday evening. Senior pastor of New York's Abyssinian Baptist Church, Calvin Butts, III, Ph.D., was the keynote speaker, delivering the sermon, "Of Towers and Lights," which followed immediately after the mini-concert.

There was plenty of good preaching, as has been customary throughout the history of both councils. Some of the most popular names in Adventist preaching circles represented each council—Charles D. Brooks, Kenneth Cox, Charles Bradford, Mark Finley, and John Nixon—to name a few. New facets of the multiple professional seminars emphasized the role of technology in evangelism in the 21st century. The changing face of evangelism was further reflected through reports on the use of technology to bring individuals to the foot of the cross. These seminars also offered instruction on preaching technique, as well as valuable tools for use in several areas of evangelism ministry.

Bringing these two powerhouses together was no small feat. Representative of the entire Southern Union, regional and non-regional conferences prayed and counseled with one another, held phone conferences and in-person meetings, as pastors and lay preachers sought the



*Attendees bow in prayer during the final devotional session.*

council, attendees caught a glimpse of

will of God.

This was a first in the history of the pastoral and evangelism meetings since their inception in 1979. Looking to the future, only God knows what is in store, but certainly this act of unity exemplified by God's people was recorded in Heaven. The unani-



*Pedrito Maynard-Reid, religion and theology professor at Walla Walla College, conducts a professional seminar on "Diversity in Worship Liturgy."*

mous prayer is that God will keep His workers doing His will so that future Pastoral and Evangelism Councils will be events yielded to divine counsel.

The 28th Pastoral and Evangelism Council 2007, is planned for December 2-5. To receive a complete overview of the schedule, presenters, seminars, and vendors, visit [www.evangelismcounciloakwood.com](http://www.evangelismcounciloakwood.com).

*Michele Solomon, is director of public relations for Oakwood College.*

*Jacqueline Ross, evangelism assistant for the Southern Union, contributed to this article.*



# Redeeming Schools... Redeeming Kids



Eighteen thousand dollars changed hands recently when the Beryl Wisdom Adventist School in Orlando, Florida, became the first-ever recipient of an Adventist EDGE “School of Excellence” matching funds check on Wednesday, March 28.

Developed in the Southern Union, the Adventist EDGE initiative aims to assist all schools in the eight southeastern states to become schools of excellence. Schools must show evidence of being God-centered and results-oriented. They must foster a safe and nurturing environment, align themselves with Adventist and national standards, and demonstrate a team effort. Further information is available in the Adventist EDGE Handbook, available at the SUC office of education.

The new “School of Excellence” award provides matching funds for schools in two categories, those who have already achieved the requirements for excellence, and those who are poised to achieve it through an in-progress school plan.

“It’s wonderful to get to the point where the standards are high, teachers are thorough, kids are involved, and the church is behind them,” noted Conrad Gill, director of education for the Southern Union Conference, during the presentation at the K-12 Education Board meeting.

Beryl Wisdom was the first school to implement a plan, apply for the award and matching funds from the Southern Union SMART (Schools Making A Real Transformation) Fund, and be approved for the category of schools poised to achieve excellence.

From its noble beginnings in the early 1990’s, the school was blessed to have such dedicated leadership as

Elsa Skeete. As first lead teacher, she gave 50 percent of her paycheck back to the school for years, and continues to volunteer today in her retirement.

However, the years had taken their toll on the physical plant, and the needs of the student body had changed. Beryl Wisdom was in dire need of renovation and landscaping, as well as a rejuvenation of spirit among the teachers, students, parents, and board. “We felt we were not meeting the expectations of the [Florida] Conference,” says Valerie Dixon, principal. In the fall of 2006, Sandra Doran, Ed.D., associate superintendent, was assigned to Beryl Wisdom. “Dr. Doran provided the psychological lift that we needed, and we grabbed it,” notes Dixon.

A plan of action was put into place. Old books were replaced, old signs gotten rid of. Rooms were repainted, and the grounds were landscaped. A push for higher standards led to the placement of four computers in each classroom; a literacy rotation, enabling students to work at their own pace; and the development of a master technology plan. Parents began to volunteer more regularly, and students have developed strengthened pride in their school.



*Conrad Gill (left) Ed.D., director of education, Southern Union Conference (SUC); Debra Fryson, associate director of education, North American Division; Mary Kay Artress, assistant director, SUC Association; Gordon Retzer, president, SUC; Mike Cauley, D.Min., president, Florida Conference (FC); Valerie Dixon; Beryl Wisdom, principal; Sandra Doran, Ed.D., associate superintendent, FC; Jim Epperson, Ed.D., vice president for education, FC*

“What a transformation—not only in the physical plant, but in the attitude of the parents, teachers, and students,” exclaims Jim Epperson, Ed.D., Florida Conference vice president for education. “It is phenomenal!”

“For the first time in the history of our school, we have a waiting list. We are truly blessed, and we know it,” affirms Dixon.

Why the emphasis on creating schools of excellence to draw our youth to their doors? Jim Ingersoll, Southern Union associate director for education, points out that, ultimately, “We need to let every young person know that Jesus Christ has a plan for their life.” As Ellen White says, “In the highest sense, the work of education and the work of redemption are one.” Ed, p. 30

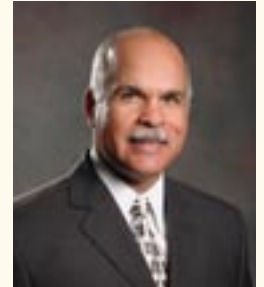
*Sheila Elwin is proofreader for the Southern Tidings, and a freelance writer/editor in Atlanta.*

## Newly Elected Departmental Staff

The Southern Union Executive Committee voted to fill several departmental leadership positions on March 29.

### **Trust Services and Planned Giving**

Jose LeGrand was voted to serve as director, on a part-time basis, as he also serves concurrently as director of the Florida Conference trust services/planned giving department. This will result in savings, which can be passed along to the Conferences.



### **Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI)**

Oliver J. McKinney was voted to serve as director in addition to his other responsibilities in the Union as director of stewardship, children's ministries, and prayer ministries.

### **Communication**

R. Steven Norman, III, was voted to serve as director and editor of the *Southern Tidings*. He is currently the director of community services, health, and archives for the South Central Conference. He previously served as the director of communication for 14 years.



### **Public Affairs and Religious Liberty (PARL)**

Kevin James was voted to serve as associate director, replacing Amireh Al-Haddad who was elected director during the Southern Union session, September, 2006. James is currently the religious liberty director and a church pastor in the Nevada-Utah Conference. He has also served as pastor in the Gulf-States Conference

All of these individuals have accepted these new responsibilities, and the Union looks forward to their contribution to its work and mission. Thank you for praying for these leaders as they make the transition to the great Southern Union family.

-The Editors

## ACA Brings a Taste of South America



*A student-run restaurant, La Corazon, was continually busy with hungry patrons. They served rice, black beans, salad, empanadas, piña coladas, and flan. The restaurant also had an information booth where one could find travel information if interested in taking a trip south. These young musicians provided the entertainment, South American style.*

The students of Adventist Christian Academy in Charlotte, N.C., could be heard a mile away on Friday, February 9. No, it wasn't recess or a class party. They were attentively engaged in the school's first Hispanic colloquium. Numerous exhibits gave the children an opportunity to learn about Hispanic cultures in the form of activities and hands-on education, and they were really enjoying it.

The ninth and tenth graders were responsible for preparing the activities, as well as teaching and presenting lesson plans to lower-grade children. Divided into five groups, the older students presented activities such as storytell-

ing with puppets, identifying the flags of South America, and how to make and play with a piñata. There was even a fashion show displaying the latest fashions of South America, presented by the fifth and sixth grades.

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ACA's Spanish teachers received wonderful support from students and parents in hosting this event.

Many parents shopped for and prepared food, then cleaned up at the end of the day. Others helped set up colorful decorations that made everything look festive. And, students in seventh and eighth grades pitched in to help as well, making the day run smoothly.

"Spanish is a language that can be learned by practice," said Lawanna McCoy, ninth and tenth grade teacher. "This event taught students about the Hispanic culture and motivated them to learn from real-life experiences, which are not presented in a textbook. It also gave students an opportunity to teach others."

## The Hermans Celebrate 65 Years of Marriage



James K., Sr., and Charmain Herman celebrated 65 years of marriage on December 18, 2006. Both attended Madison College in Tennessee and were married in December of 1941. Jim spent three-and-a-half years in the army before graduating in 1947.

James worked in education for 14 years in California before returning to Madison College as a staff member. When the college closed in 1963, he was called to Baton Rouge, La., to serve as principal of the junior academy. Charmain taught in the elementary grades. Later, they moved to Minneapolis where he again served as principal of the local Adventist school.

Transitioning from the educational work, James pastored small churches and was later ordained. James and Charmain retired to the foothills of North Carolina. They have four grown children, 12 grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren.



## MPA Takes Puppet Ministry to Youth Congress

“Oh, wow! Where’s that music coming from? What seminar is that?” Those approaching found a Mariachi band performing to the tune of “Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth.” Flashbacks to the Muppets days had many remembering their love for puppets. What a great ministry—a true blessing for both the audience and the puppeteers.

This particular workshop at Just Claim It!, the first North American Division youth congress, in Dallas, Tex., gave the young people and those interested a chance to learn the art of the puppeteer. The group who led

out was from Mt. Pisgah Academy in Candler, N.C.

Morning sessions taught the youth how to handle their puppet and a few techniques to make the performance as life-like as possible. They learned that a puppet opens its mouth rather than closes it at every syllable, and that puppets, like people, don’t sit straight when they talk. They look around when someone talks. They nod in agreement or shake their head in disapproval.

Participants who practiced during the morning sessions, took their talents to the Lenwood Nursing Home in Dallas later that afternoon. Thanks to this



RICH HERARD

*Delegates to Just Claim It! included Brooke Wade (left), Cassi Summerville, Cory Maracle, Esther Steinkraus, and Leydy Reyes of His Hands Creative Ministries from Mount Pisgah Academy.*

workshop, many learned about the blessings that puppet ministries can provide. How refreshing

to see Christians using this channel to spread the gospel.

—BY KRISTINA PASCUAL

## Charlotte Area Youth Rally “Into the Light”



ROBERT FORQUER

The first Charlotte, N.C., area Youth Rally was held at the Charlotte Sharon church, March 30-April 1. The weekend theme “Into the Light . . .,” provided a backdrop for the message brought by featured speaker Steve Case, Ph.D., from

*Piece of the Pie Ministries* ([www.involveyouth.org](http://www.involveyouth.org)). He challenged the youth to not only GET “Into the Light,” but gave them specific ideas on how to STAY in the Light, and then how to SHARE it.

The more than 200

youth in attendance enjoyed special music by students from Fletcher Academy, the CAYR Praise Team, and the Rick Anderson Band from Southern Adventist University. Other highlights included a performance by the Mt. Pisgah Academy AcroSports Team, and a marching demonstration by the Elite Drill Team from the Charlotte Berean church.

“The youth rally was awesome,” stated Mario Labrador. “It is great to get together as a large group of youth and worship our God.”

The rally ended with a day of sports, including softball and flag football, at a nearby park.

James Carpenter

summed up the weekend this way, “Pastor Case showed us that God can use anybody to spread His message—even youth. He was amazing, and this weekend was a real life-changing experience.”

—BY ROBERT FORQUER



## Spring Hill Church Mortgage Paid Early

Strains of the “Hallelujah Chorus” wafted from the Spring Hill, Fla., church on the afternoon of February 24, as church members and guests enthusiastically celebrated the burning of the 15-year mortgage after 10 years.

When John Sabo, pastor, came to Spring Hill in 2004, he expressed a desire for the church to be debt-free. In December, 2005, guest speaker Willie L. Taylor, Southeastern Conference president, also challenged members to liquidate the mortgage within one year as he made a donation toward paying the balance.

Members worked diligently during the next 12 months and succeeded when they made the final mortgage payment on December 5, 2006. The mortgage-burning ceremony climaxed a weekend of celebratory events, including Friday evening’s consecration, communion, and testimony service led by Sabo. Charles Bradford, retired North American Division president and Spring Hill church member, was the guest speaker for the Sabbath worship service.



*Platform participants at the mortgage burning ceremony included John Sabo, current pastor (left); Willie L. Taylor, Southeastern Conference president; Cynthia Duncanson, Florida Conference church property development director; Don Siver, snowbird member; Libby Stewart, church treasurer; and Jerry Harris, charter member and head elder.*

The Spring Hill congregation began when a handful of Adventists from other states moved to the area and started meeting in various homes each week. The group grew and began renting accommodations in area churches. Land for the present church facility was purchased in 1992, and the 15-year mortgage taken out in 1997 was paid in full 10 years later.

—BY SHIRLEY PALMER



*John Sabo (left), current pastor, stands with former pastors Marc Genton, Melvin Landers, and Hersbel Mercer.*

## Orlando Junior Academy Hosts *Reader's Digest* State Finals Competition

Orlando Junior Academy (OJA) hosted the fifth annual Florida State Finals of *Reader's Digest* National Word Power Challenge on March 19. Students in grades six to eight from across Florida participated. The Celebrity Quiz Master was reporter Kathy Marsh, Marion-Lake County Bureau Chief from NBC affiliate WESH TV Orlando.

“We were privileged to host this event, and proud to serve our community,” said Janice Banks, OJA development director. “We’re grateful to our volunteers who helped everything run smoothly. We trust this event will inspire all students to use their God-given talents to the best of their abilities.”



## Winter Springs Church Celebrates Mission Work



Winter Springs church members and friends went to Mazamari, Peru, for the 2006 mission trip. Larry Shalk (back row, right) was the team leader.

Maranatha Sabbath at the Winter Springs, Fla., church on March 24, celebrated the church's long-time involvement with foreign mission work.

For more than 25 years, members have traveled to foreign lands where they built churches, operated medical and eye clinics, and conducted vacation Bible schools. In the past year, the church has raised \$600,000 for a project in India and another \$25,000 for one in Peru.

An upcoming trip to Azogues, Ecuador, will

include a construction project, operating medical and eye clinics, and holding a vacation Bible school. Also, a family trip is planned to build a church in Roatan, Honduras.

This second Maranatha Sabbath brought representatives from Maranatha Volunteers International in Sacramento, Calif., to relate mission experiences. Judy Suarez and Tem, her late husband, were also recognized for their inspiration behind the church's foreign mission spirit.

—BY TED BAIR

## Adventurers Participate in Fun Days

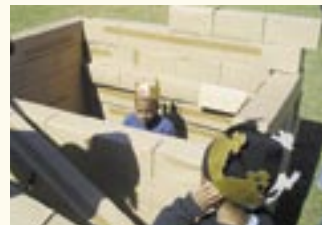


In south Florida, Mark Lendsey used pottery to illustrate how Jesus molds ordinary people into something extraordinary.

Florida Adventurers participated in Fun Days, which took them on creative journeys through the Bible at events held in the north and south parts of the state. Adventurers in the south gathered at Greater Miami Academy, November 5, 2006. Their northern counterparts met at Camp Down in Windermere, March 18.

Clubs in both regions hosted exhibits where selected books of the Bible were illustrated with drama, storytelling, interactive games, crafts, displays, and food demonstrations.

Emphasizing the importance of helping others, hundreds of "Kids Care" bags were collected for a Share Your Faith mission project.



PHOTOS: LISA GARY

Adventurers visited "Jericho" during the northern Fun Day.

Personal care items for the bags were gathered and sent to tornado victims in north Florida and Georgia.

Activities surrounding Fun Days found Adventurers participating in a parade and keeping busy at the bounce house, climbing wall, playground, and a race course. There were also opportunities to slow down and earn the Heaven, Disciple, and Armor of God awards; the Fishers of Men and God's Gift chips; and the Bible Friends star.

—BY LISA GARY

## Pastors In Transition

- **Eben Aguirre**—Arcadia/Wauchula
- **Glenn Aguirre**—Miami Springs
- **Claudette Aleman**—Mt. Dora associate
- **James Appel**—Clermont/Umatilla
- **Eliseo Broche**—Jacksonville Spanish/Lady Lake Spanish
- **Tim Goff**—Port Charlotte
- **Harold Howard**—Forest Lake associate
- **David Labrador**—Hialeah Springs Spanish
- **Michael Monroig**—Brandon Spanish/Plant City Spanish Company
- **German Moreno**—South Orlando Spanish/Winter Springs Spanish
- **Douglas Osorio**—Kissimmee Spanish/Buenaventura Lakes Spanish
- **Henoc Paulicín**—Ambassador
- **Nghia Pham**—Orlando Vietnamese
- **Byron Rivera**—Marion Oaks Spanish/Gainesville Spanish Company
- **Sabine Vatel**—Forest Lake associate

## Tornadoes Strike South Georgia

Several counties in Georgia experienced widespread tornado damage on Thursday night, March 1. The hardest hit areas were in southwest and central Georgia. The path of destruction was 28 miles long and 1.5 miles wide, and the Adventist Community Services Disaster Response team for the Conference was there to respond.

Adventist Community Services operated two donated goods receiving and distribution centers in southwest Georgia—one in Newton, Ga., managed by Terry Haight and Henry Beaulieu, and another in Americus, managed by Hew and Carolyn Lipscomb.

Carolyn Lipscomb reported from the warehouse in Americus that, as of March 21, they had served 528 families (1711 individuals for the first time). They had a total of 259 volunteers, many coming more than once, giving a total of 1,019 volunteer hours.

According to Lipscomb,

the grandson of one of the Oglethorpe, Ga., church members was at the local Wendy's fast food restaurant with his cousin when they received a report of the storm approaching. They decided to take refuge in the local

Winn-Dixie grocery store located behind Wendy's. At Winn-Dixie, people were gathered close to the front door, and this young man encouraged everyone to go to the back of the store. The people huddled together while the store fell down around them. Someone in a pickup had driven along the side of the store to be sheltered; the wind blew his truck through the side of the store, and it landed right where the people had been previously gathered.

After the storm blew over,

everyone got out without a single injury, other than a scratch or two. The Winn-Dixie store was a total loss.

The hospital in Americus was also declared a total loss. Forty-eight patients had to be evacuated to surrounding hospitals, as well as 14 employees' visitors. All medical buildings in the vicinity of the hospital are totally gone.

A Seventh-day Adventist optometrist, James Tillman, had an office near the hospital. The roof was blown off, and there was enough structural damage

that the building had to be destroyed.

"This seems to be the case with most commercial buildings in that area," shared Carolyn Lipscomb.

However, none of the historic homes built in the mid-1800s were lost, though all of the trees in the area were destroyed.

"The appearance will be changed for years to come," commented Lipscomb.

—COMPILED FROM REPORTS  
BY CAROLYN LIPSCOMB



TERRY HAIGHT

*The Adventist Community Service Centers in Newton (pictured) and Americus, Ga. (not pictured), were open to help victims of the tornadoes.*



TERRY HAIGHT



TERRY HAIGHT

*Damage like these scenes from Newton, Ga., was widespread in southern Georgia after the tornadoes swept through.*



## Columbus Church Teaches Healthy Lifestyle

The Columbus First church community services director, Peggy Theus, started getting the word out early about the “Healthy Lifestyle for the New Year” seminar. The presenters would be Peggy and Tom Theus, Hew and Carolyn Lipscomb, and Agatha Thrash at the Columbus, Ga., church. Theus distributed more than 2,200 flyers in the community and appeared live on two national affiliate television stations as a guest promoting the program.

Angela Benefield, communication secretary for the Columbus church, contacted other media resources, which resulted in three newspapers and six radio stations running the announcement.

Even before the scheduled time for the seminar to begin, people began arriving and the parking lot started filling up. This number exceeded all expectations. Then a television station reporter and cameraman showed up.

The participants were enthusiastic and numbered more than 80 at the first session. At each subsequent session, attendance continued around 60-70 people. The community response was terrific. At each of the sessions, 50 of those who attended were not Seventh-day Adventists. One couple heard about it on television and traveled more than 30 minutes to attend. Another person attended simply because of seeing the banner that

Theus had asked someone to make and hang from the church sign.

Promptly after the first session, the television station ran the segment as its top news story for all three of the evening news segments.

Paula D. Walker, M.D., assistant professor of the College of Science at Columbus State University and the head of the program called “Live Healthy Columbus Coalition” in Columbus, attended and



*Attendees line up for food samples at the healthy lifestyle seminar in Columbus, Ga.*

commented, “I was never aware of a church having these types of programs. It was fantastic, and I am very interested in additional health seminars you might offer.”

—BY ANGELA BENEFIELD

## Leaders Learn to Reach Today’s Children

The Children’s Ministries Convention was held at the Cohutta Springs Conference Center, February 23-25. This annual event trains leaders who work with Sabbath school, vacation Bible school, health, and stewardship.

This year, 125 participants came to learn from many seminars, ranging in topics from working with special needs children to the art of storytelling.

“I want to give them an assurance that what they are doing will make a difference for all eternity,” says Ginger Church, the featured speaker for the convention.

“For every single child they reach, there will be a record of it when they get to Heaven. God has us on a mission, and I want them to be excited about their mission.”

John Swafford, director of children’s ministries for the Conference, sees the greatest challenge as keeping up with the ways children change year by year.

“We are working the ‘M’ generation (Multi-tasking). This is the child that’s listening to a headset, and playing a game while sitting



*Participants at the Children’s Ministries Convention learn ways to connect with kids to tell them about Jesus.*

in a meeting—you sense that they are not hearing you,” shared Swafford.

Yet, Swafford said this may not be the case. “Time after time, I have seen a multi-tasking child answer

a question correctly. Youth are inundated with overwhelming media, but they are coping quite well, where we of earlier generations would struggle under such circumstances. Youth today have a short attention span. We have to get our message in as quickly as possible—it’s almost like giving them a

concentrated formula of information. Our challenge is to get our message across to them first.”

—BY MARTIN KNOPPER

## Primary Class Sponsors Successful Mission Project



Primary class members Jose Jimenez (left), Christina Mercada, Sean Baily, and Savannah Hobbs show the money they've collected.

Christina sat in her primary Sabbath school class listening to Mrs. Long describe their new mission project: goats for Ethiopia, flip flops for refugees, and two other exciting projects. She remembered her conversation with her auntie in Los Planes, Guatemala. Auntie was excited that they had finally raised enough money to

primary mission project, Christina kept remembering the needs in Los Planes. She could not contain herself any longer, and told her teachers about the Sabbath school rooms in Los Planes with its concrete floors. The primary Sabbath school decided to make this its next mission project.

Christina and her

put a floor in the cradle roll classroom, but there wasn't enough money to finish the floors for the other children's classes. As the money was collected for the

mother introduced the project to the Montgomery First church during the children's story. They explained the needs and that the primary Sabbath school had taken as its mission project the raising of \$500 to put floor coverings on all the children's classrooms.

They introduced the congregation to Juan and Maria, two Guatemalan dolls, with pockets on the back to collect the offerings. Christina was the first primary student to use Maria to collect more than \$70 for the project at the end of the church service.

How exciting it was to see the money grow each week. They handed out "honey bear" banks and "baby bottle" banks for coin collection. They collected soda cans, and each week a primary student stood in the church lobby with Juan or Maria col-

lecting offerings from the congregation.

Six weeks later, Christina and her mother boarded the airplane to Los Planes, Guatemala, with \$783 to take to the church.

The primary students sent a camera so lots of pictures could be taken, and then shared with the Montgomery members who had donated funds.

—BY JOAN BECK



A smile lights the face of Iris Lopez (center), the children's leader, as she holds the money presented to her by Christina and her mother (right).

## Happy Birthday, Mr. President!

The University Parkway church and the Pensacola Junior Academy sponsored a special birthday party to celebrate the nation's presidents on Saturday night, February 17. The gymnasium was decorated in red, white, and blue. It was packed with both church members, school families, and friends. Grades three to eight presented a "Presidential Guessing Game." The students provided clues for each president, and the audience had the oppor-



The students in grades K-2 performed a patriotic mini-concert.

tunity to guess the name. The students in grades K-2 performed a patriotic mini-concert. They were dressed as Uncle Sam, Abraham Lin-

coln, George Washington, the Statue of Liberty, Minute Men, and the American flag. Eighth graders sold supper items as a fundraiser for

the upcoming Conference educational mission trip. It was an enjoyable night for fun and festivities.

—BY GLENDA HAAS



## Volunteers Respond to Enterprise Tornado



More than 200 Adventist volunteers helped with the recovery; 22 from Dothan, Ala., including Pathfinders, Adventurers, and the leaders, arrived on Saturday to help.

Sifting through the remains of tornado-ravaged homes and helping to find valuables wasn't exactly the relaxing, fun-filled, camping trip at Oak Mountain State Park the Dothan, Ala., Pathfinder club members had planned for the weekend of March 3. But, when they saw the damage to nearby Enterprise, Ala., and realized that the home of one of their own members, Marshall George, had been in the tornado's

path, but had been spared, they all agreed to abandon their camping plans so they could help with the recovery. "The question for all of us was not if we would help, but how quickly we could get there," explains Debbie Lee, the

Adventurer club leader.

The tornado hit on Thursday night, and on Sabbath morning 22 from Dothan included Pathfinders, Adventurers, and the leaders, arrived at the George's home and went to work helping a family who lived just a few houses down the street. Fortunately, the family—including the husband, pregnant wife, and 18-month-old son—had been away when the tornado

hit their home. About, the only thing left intact was a ceramic tile floor. On Sunday, the young people kept working together in the same area while the adults worked at other locations.

More than 200 volunteers from the Conference were involved in helping with the recovery. Bob and Alice Eads were a part of the group. Bob, a literature evangelist who works in the Pensacola, Fla., area, and Alice, his wife, heard about the disaster and the nine people, including eight students, who lost their lives, were impressed to go help. The Eadses have no income if Bob doesn't sell books. "We prayed about it and figured we could spare a week to come and help," says Bob Eads. While in Enterprise, Bob drove the skid loader used to load and unload trucks at the Enterprise disaster aid center, and Alice

helped at the staff registration center. "You have to volunteer and be here to know how good it makes you feel," Bob stated.

The larger Adventist response started Friday morning when David Miller, the Conference disaster relief coordinator arrived to assess the situation and see what help was needed. Soon he put out a call for volunteers and for a deployment by ACTS (Active Community Team Services) from Florida.

—BY BILL NOEL AND REBECCA GRICE



Adventurers sift through the rubble.

## Women Earn Level III Leadership Certification



These women and two not pictured received level III leadership certification.

More than 65 women attended a women's ministries level III leadership certification program at

Camp Alamisco during the weekend of March 9–11. The leadership certification program was developed

because of a need for Adventist women to develop skills that will enable them to serve in positions of leadership.

The program has been divided into eight subject areas, which includes history and philosophy, biblical studies, people skills and personal growth, speaking skills, leadership skills, writing skills, nurture projects, and outreach projects. Tammy Taylor, a member of the women's ministries council explains, "Through

this training we learn ways to reach other women in our church and communities."

All three levels of the leadership training were taught by women who are members of the women's ministries council. Level III classes were presented by the following council members: Tammy Taylor, Anita Pemberton, Peggy Harris, Twanna Threlkeld, Jessie Nazareus, Patti Wood, Peggy Smith, and Amy Map.

—BY REBECCA GRICE

## Louisville Church Prepares to Evangelize

The Louisville, Ky., First church is pulling out all the stops in preparation for a major evangelistic thrust this summer. Louisville is the site of the Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries

(ASI) international convention, August 1-4. ASI, in partnership with the Conference and area churches, will assist in the organization and financial support of this endeavor.

The Louisville First church has obtained a list of people who have expressed an interest in Bible school lessons from *Amazing Facts*. Louisville First member Richard Faith has distributed more than 40,000 printed invitations to people on Louisville down-



Rachael Hyman and Anthony Montague view a push-pin map showing locations for people who have been interested in Bible lessons.

town streets. Anthony Montague, Rachael Hyman, and Nick LeClerc are three young Bible workers who recently came to Louisville to participate in preparation for intensive work this spring and summer.

Andrea Madding has presented a training class for church members regarding how to interact with people they associate with every day. Madding's goal is to help each of the participants meet people where they are. Class



Andrea Madding teaches a class on evangelism.

members have already reported ways they experienced sharing their faith. Tim Madding, pastor, says, "My wife is the best evangelist I know." Family night worship offers small group training opportunities, which include evangelism and giving Bible studies.

Eugene Prewitt, his wife, and 18 student literature evangelists are currently in Louisville. Most of the students are participating in a specialized college program at Ouachita Hills Col-

lege located in Amity, Ark., which trains young people to do missionary work. They plan to visit more than 10,000 homes each week, not only selling literature, but generating interests

which will be followed up by the Bible worker team. As summer approaches, additional student literature evangelists will join the team under the direction of Bill Taitano, Conference publishing director. Douglas Na'a, seminary student, will conduct a Bible prophecy series in July.

Louisville First is one of several churches in the area participating in this effort to impact greater Louisville for Christ this summer.

—BY CLIFTON KELLER

## Ridgetop Holds Social Studies Fair



Hailey Bridges featured her family's country of Canada at her booth.

Ridgetop Adventist Elementary School in Tennes-

see recently held a social studies fair. "Around the World in 80 Minutes" was held in the school gym. Posters, pictures, flags, food samples, costumes, and artifacts all helped to illustrate the country chosen

by each student. Some of the students also performed

musical acts representing various countries.

*Passport to Learning* booklets were given to all the visitors with a question about each country. The guests were asked to go to each booth to find the answer. If they got it correct, that page was stamped. The fair proved to be a great learning experience for both the students and attendees.

—BY HELEN KELLY



Kayla Kimbley's country was the Philippines.



## Festival is “Music to Our Ears”

The Annual Kentucky-Tennessee Conference Music Festival for students in grades five to 12 was held, March 15-17, at Highland Academy. Nearly 300 students came from across the Conference, including 35 students from Greeneville Adventist Academy in eastern Tennessee. The band, strings, and grades nine to 12 choir were the largest in the history of the festival.



Elaine Will

The festival clinicians

included Veronica McGee from Lawrenceburg, Tenn., who directed the grades five to eight choir; Chip Everts from Forest Lake Academy, who conducted the strings; Bruce Wilson from Columbia Union College, who conducted the band; and Stephen Zork from Andrews University, who directed the grades nine to 12 choir. All the clinicians have worked with the Conference’s Music Festival in the past.

During the performance on Saturday night, Wilson went to the microphone and told how much he enjoys being a part of the festival. He said, “The Kentucky-Tennessee Conference Music Festival is the best music festival in the United States.”

Elaine Will from the Lawrenceburg, Tenn., church is the chairperson of the Music Festival committee.

Grateful thanks goes to Will and her committee for all the hard work and planning to make this the best Music Festival ever.

—BY LARRY BOUGHMAN



## Prayer Conference Impacts Attendees

Fifty-five people gathered, February 16 and 17, at Indian Creek Camp to attend the annual Prayer Conference. Several in attendance came from the South Central Conference.



Stuart Tyner

Stuart Tyner, associate pastor of the La Sierra, Calif., church and author of the book, *Searching for the God of Grace*, was the guest speaker for this special event. Tyner’s passion for Jesus was readily apparent, and during his presentations many were touched with a fresh picture of

God’s love and a deeper understanding of His grace. With a background in history, Tyner was able to answer some of the questions as to why it is so difficult for us to accept grace, and why churches of many denomi-

nations have emphasized works over grace.

On Sabbath afternoon, during group Bible study, Tyner shared insights on stories in the Scriptures of those who experienced grace. Sabbath concluded with a communion service.

—BY GAIL MCKENZIE

## New Pastor in South Louisville-Elizabethtown



Phillip Sizemore is the new pastor of the South Louisville-Elizabethtown district in Kentucky. Sizemore and his wife, Laura, have accepted the call to pastoral ministry from secular employment. The Sizemores have two children: Kaytlyn, 11, and Marcus, 8.

As a layperson, Sizemore immersed himself in the work of his local church and beyond, teaching a Sabbath school class, preaching, and leading out as the local elder. He has held evangelistic crusades, and speaks about 30-40 Sabbaths a year at various churches. In 2006 Sizemore attended ARISE institute in Troy, Mich.

The Kentucky-Tennessee Conference welcomes the Sizemores to its pastoral team.

—BY MARVIN LOWMAN

## Decatur Member Named New Health Administrator



Captain Clara Henderson Cobb, was appointed in October, 2006, regional health administrator.

For the past three years, Cobb served as acting regional health administrator (RHA) for the office of public health and science for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Region IV, Atlanta, Ga.

Region IV is the largest geographical region in the country, and the most disproportionately affected by racial and ethnic health disparities as well as natural disasters.

Cobb directs and coordinates the Office of Family Planning, the Office on Women's Health, the Office of Minority Health, HIV/AIDS Regional Resource Network, and the Medical Reserve Corps.

She works closely with state health officials of Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Florida, and Alabama, along with academic institutions and grass root organizations in local communities.

Cobb is a 27-year career officer with the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS). From the beginning of her career as an officer, she was commissioned as a Lieutenant Junior Grade and soon advanced to the senior rank of Captain. She has received numerous awards and commendations during her career.

In 1998, Cobb became the first regional women's health coordinator for the Office on Women's Health.

Just eight months later, she was appointed deputy regional health administrator. In 2004, her career soared. She was the first RHA in the country to serve as the Secretary's emergency response team leader (SERT) for the G-8 Summit. She provided situational awareness to headquarters in Washington, D.C., regarding health and medical concerns. That same year, for approximately six straight weeks, she deployed for all four of the infamous Florida Hurricanes—Bonnie, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne—and served as SERT leader for two of the storms and deputy leader for two others. For her engagement in these activities, she was awarded the Outstanding Service Medal. In 2005, she served as deputy leader in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina for the state of Mississippi.

Cobb is the first African American, first woman, and first Seventh-day Adventist

Christian to hold the post in the southeast. In this capacity, she serves as the principal federal public health official for the region.

She attended Oakwood College and graduated from Columbia Union College with a bachelor of science in nursing. She completed her master of science in nursing as a family nurse practitioner at the Medical College of Georgia.

She attributes so much of what she has accomplished to God and her parents, George and Emma Henderson, but especially her mother who is a faithful member of the New Bethel church in Columbus, Ga.

Cobb resides in Conyers, Ga., with her husband, Milton and daughter, Chelsea. She has been an active member of the Decatur church for 21 years, and has served in many capacities, including Sabbath school, AYS, and the church choir.

—BY LEE TOWNSEND

## Atlanta Couple Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Eddie and Ruby Hall celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on January 7. It was a memorable and joyous occasion celebrated with their eight children, 13 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

The ceremony was held at the Berean church in Atlanta, Ga., and was followed by a reception at the Atlanta Fox Theater Egyptian Ballroom.

The Halls are extraor-

dinary examples of parents dedicated to Christian education during the past 40 years. All eight of their children are products of Christian education, and are successful entrepreneurs just like their parents.

They have been blessed to spend 50 years of love and marriage together, along with caring and sharing a love of endless giving.

—BY BRENDA LOWE



Eddie and Ruby Hall (center) are pictured with their eight children.



## Durham Church Receives Grant for Youth Program

The Immanuel Temple Adventist Community Service (ACS) Center, in collaboration with Durham County Teen Court and Restitution Program, will provide "Fighting Fair" to the youth of the Hayti community in Durham, N.C. Fighting Fair is a community-oriented program for at-risk teens and youth. The program focuses on issues such as anger-management and conflict-resolution, and is funded from a \$30,000 grant received from the Weed & Seed program.

These concerns are

addressed through the use of various educational materials, games, and hand-outs. Facilitators provide participants with the tools that will assist them in acknowledging those feelings of anger and dealing with them in an appropriate and therapeutic manner. Participants will also be taught basic conflict resolution skills.

The targeted age group are youth ranging from 10-17. Many also have family members who are in prison or serving long-term jail sentences. The members applauds



Immanuel Temple ACS volunteers

Mae Hamilton, ACS director, for her alertness and diligence in making the program a reality. Your

prayers for success are solicited in this and other outreach endeavors.

—BY RONALD J. WRIGHT

## Baldwin's Chapel Celebrates Career Week



Baldwin's Chapel student "surgical team"

The students and teachers of Baldwin's Chapel church school took part in a very exciting Career Week in January.

As a part of this event, the school board chairman, Donald Belton, Sr., CST/SFA, owner of Triad

Surgical Assistants, arranged for the students to take part in a tour of the operating room at High Point Regional Hospital.

The students witnessed step by step what takes place before and after surgery. They were able to

role-play as surgeons and surgical assistants.

Also, as a part of Career Week, a veterinarian and a policeman came to the school to speak to the students.

The students are not only exposed to the community through field trips, but in fundraising as well.

At the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year, Baldwin's Chapel embarked upon a variety of fundraisers. In the midst of these activities, Walmart was contacted to apply for its \$1,000 matching grant.

In order to receive the grant, the organization is required to come to the store and sell an item outside of its doors. However, when Baldwin's Chapel requested consent

to sell two-year pocket planners outside the doors of Walmart, no dates were available. The school was given permission to apply anyway.

With only 12 students, the school raised \$1,178, which qualified them for the \$1,000 Walmart matching grant. One student, Jerry Van Gaither, Jr., raised \$333.

It was amazing to watch how the Lord guided through the process. The grant was approved and received at the very time the school needed it most. The matching grant raised the total of the two-year pocket planner fundraiser to \$2,178.

Walmart has donated nearly \$2,000 to the school during a four-year period.

—BY BEATRICE BANKS

# SOUTH CENTRAL AND GULF STATES UNITE IN PRAYER

By Ramona L. Hyman

“An Encounter with God” was the theme of the prayer summit sponsored by the South Central and Gulf States conferences at Cohutta Springs Conference Center in Crandall, Georgia, during the weekend of March 16. Roy Rugless, pastor, prayer director for South Central; and Cindi DeWild, prayer coordinator for Gulf States, organized the prayer summit.

Rosena Jennings inaugurated the summit with a sermon and testimony. She shared the riveting experience of how God delivered her from the Tutwiler Prison.



*Prayer summit attendees were blessed as they prayed, meditated, sang, and attentively listened from Sabbath school through the Adventist Youth Society hour.*



On Sabbath, attendees participated in a prayer group Bible study during Sabbath school. The intellectually inspiring Sabbath morning sermon, “Encountered by God,” was presented by Deborah Harris, Ph.D., founder of Praying for Our Children...Are You? Ministries. Harris began by leading the group in a prayer for children. Intercessory prayers filled the room as mothers, fathers, uncles, and aunts prayed for young people across the globe. Her presentation dealt with three key



*Benjamin P. Browne, president of South Central, greets attendees.*



*Don Shelton, Gulf States personal ministries director, greets attendees.*

beautiful prayer room, decorated by Harriet Breech of First church located in Huntsville, Alabama, was available for participants to go in and pray. Participants were also able to purchase books on prayer and other religious subjects from

me to have an encounter with God, and ponder the question ‘who is like unto God,’” says Cecily Daly, Ed.D., prayer coordinator for the North Alabama Federation.

the South Central Conference Adventist Book Center.

“The goal” of the summit, said Rugless, in his information packet letter, was for attendees to “... experi-



*Participants were asked to choose prayer partners during the day, and a true spirit of unity prevailed.*



*Roy Rugless (left), prayer coordinator for South Central, leads worship with his wife, Diane Rugless, and Cindi DeWild prayer coordinator for Gulf States.*

points from Moses’ encounter with God in Exodus 32:7-14: Don’t forget who God is, You cannot explain away sin, and Stop asking God for what you can’t handle.

After the Sabbath meal, attendees were instructed by Cindi DeWild to pray God’s Word. She shared when choosing a text of study, to read it in the form of a prayer, and insert each person’s name to claim the promises as if God is speaking directly to them. Simultaneously with this workshop a prayer coordinators’ training seminar was held. “That seminar and the rest of the meetings, allowed

On Sabbath evening, students from Southern Adventist University, led attendees in a prayer walk, entitled “On Holy Ground.” A special prayer followed this session for Benjamin P. Browne, as president for South Central Conference.

On Sunday morning, Philip Samaan, D.Min., professor of religion at Southern Adventist University, presented a joyful and practical seminar concerning “Christ’s Way of Reaching People: the Fine Art of Relational Witnessing.”

In addition to the spirit-filled workshops and the delicious food, a

ence the Lord touching [them] in some way by the time [the] weekend [was] over.” Indeed that was the result as the attendees answered the challenge of Cindi DeWild—“that ... people called by God’s name ... humble [themselves], pray, seek, crave, and require of great necessity the face of God, so that God’s ears [will] be attentive to the solemn prayers... offer[ed].”

*Ramona L. Hyman, Ph.D., is assistant professor of English at Oakwood College.*

## First Hispanic Pathfinder Camporee Held

More than 180 Hispanic youth attended the first Southeastern Conference Hispanic Pathfinder Camporee, which was held in Seabring, Fla., during the weekend of March 23-25. The theme of the event was "Growing Up With Jesus."

One of the highlights of the camporee was the Bible Bowl, which was won by Cristian Alfar, member of the Boca Raton Genesis Pathfinder club. Other activities included nature hikes and honor workshops.



*Bible Bowl winners: Cristian Alfar, 1st: Boca Raton; Daniel Fort, 2nd: Boca Raton; and Adrian Cespedes, 3rd: New Jerusalem Kissimmee*

The first Hispanic Pathfinder club in Southeastern was organized in 1982 at the Pilgrims church. In an effort to increase the number of Pathfinder clubs in the Conference, Roger Alvarez, pastor and Conference Hispanic ministries coordinator, appointed Edgar Alsaro to serve as the first Hispanic Pathfinder coordinator for the Conference in 2005.

Under the leadership of Alsaro, the number of Hispanic clubs have grown from two to nine. It is his objective to establish a Pathfinder club at each of the 35 Hispanic churches and groups in the Conference by 2010.

While the main function of Pathfinders is to serve as

an internal ministry for young people, it has often served as an evangelistic tool.

Such is the case with camp attendees from the New Jerusalem Pathfinder club in Kissimmee, Fla.

The group of 37 Pathfinders is roughly 50% non-Adventist.

Club counselor Vernalisa Jimenez is excited about their efforts, "For us, Pathfinding is a ministry." Pathfinders have played a critical role in the development of Adventist youth in the Church. Organized in 1907, the institution of Pathfinding has served as a platform for training Adventist youth for 100 years.

Camporee organizers were happy with the results of the camporee and anti-



*Members of the Kissimmee club prepare dinner.*

pate more youth to attend next year.

For more information regarding Pathfinders and how to start a club, visit the official North American Division Pathfinder site at [www.pathfindersonline.org](http://www.pathfindersonline.org).

You can view additional content, blogs, pictures, and videos at [www.secsda.org](http://www.secsda.org).

—BY ROBERT HENLEY

## Ward Sumpter Honored During Disabilities Day

The Mt. Olive church in Apopka, Fla., is serious about ministry to people with disabilities. On October 7, 2006, the membership experienced its third "Disability Awareness Day."

Ward Sumpter, executive secretary and disabilities ministries director for the Southern Union Conference, was the guest speaker. Sumpter has overseen the disabilities

ministries program for the Union since its inception in the early 1990s.

George and Flore Hamilton, South Central Conference; Rosemary Graham, South Atlantic Conference; Mike and Sharon Harrell, Kentucky-Tennessee Conference; Janis Irving, Southeastern Conference; Terry Robinson, Carolina Conference; and Joan and Phil Bova, Florida Conference

honored Elder Sumpter for many dedicated years of ministry on behalf of people with disabilities.

Mt. Olive, under the direction of Joan Bova and its local disabilities ministries team, is making great strides in preparing its membership to be a truly "accessible" church both attitudinally and structurally.

— BY ATHLYN ANDERSON



*Ward Sumpter is pictured with Joan Bova, a member of the Mt. Olive church.*



## Southeastern Conducts Annual School Rally

Southeastern Conference education department recently held its third annual Education School Rally. Willie L. Taylor, Conference president, spoke for the momentous occasion at the Mt. Sinai church in Orlando, Fla.

The theme selected by Elisa Young, superintendent, for the rally was, "Preparing Now for Eternity."

Brent and Jacqueline Waldon, pastor and his wife; Brenda Cowan, principal; and the entire Mt. Sinai church family were gracious hosts, and helped tremendously with the success of the rally.

All principals, teachers, staff, and schools throughout the Conference were supportive in making sure their local schools were represented at this great event.

The afternoon program focused on the local school talents of the young people.

Students were able to perform and showcase their talents during the "School Highlights" afternoon program.

Tamara Bowden and Carol Smith spent hours preparing beautiful programs and printed material.

The education department is most appreciative of the support given to Christian education and to the youth during this special school rally.

It is critical to lead the young people into a transforming, saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

—BY CAROL BYRD

## Institute Builds an Army of Youth

"Trained to Serve" was the theme of the Conference's second annual Young Preachers Institute. More than 40 young people within the Conference attended the three-day event, which is designed to prepare young people to conduct youth-oriented evangelistic efforts.

"Young people can reach their peers more effectively than adults can. Therefore, we must prepare them to preach the gospel," stated Sherwin Callwood, Conference youth ministries director and organizer

of the Young Preachers Institute.

With excitement, Callwood quoted three Ellen G. White statements from *Christian Services*: "With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world!" "We have an army of youth today who can do much if they are properly directed and encouraged." "Youthful talent, well organized and well trained, is needed

in our churches. The youth will do something with their overflowing energies. Unless these energies are directed into right channels, they will be used by the youth in a way that will hurt their own spirituality, and prove an injury to those with whom they associate."

Richard Barron, former vice president of the General Conference and director of religious affairs at Florida Hospital, Avon Park, was the keynote speaker for the weekend.

He admonished the young people to "boldly preach the word of God," as he modeled the delivery of a sermon.

The young people participated in a number of workshops, which included "Developing the Sermon," "How to Research," and "Technology and the Art of Storytelling."

Other presenters included pastors Barry Bonner, Gregory Mack, Sherwin Callwood, and Conference IT director, Robert Henley.

The highlight of the event was the "Young Preachers Preach-out." During that segment the youth actually preached sermonettes they prepared during the weekend.

Each young preacher was critiqued for their



ROBERT HENLEY

Richard Barron instructs attendees of the Young Preachers Institute.

ability to deliver a sermon utilizing the techniques they learned during the weekend.

Since the establishment of the Young Preachers Institute, the number of youth-led evangelistic efforts have increased within the Conference.

Additional content can be viewed at [www.secsda.org](http://www.secsda.org).

—BY ROBERT HENLEY



ROBERT HENLEY

Institute attendees prepare their sermonettes.

## Southern Names New Vice President

Robert Young will become Southern Adventist University's senior vice president for academic administration in June.

"When Dr. Bietz called to say that the Board of Trustees had extended an invitation to me to join the Southern family, we knew in our hearts that this was where God wanted us to go," Young says.

Young began working in the collegiate setting at Columbia Union College in 1981 as a faculty member,

and continued as an academic administrator there until now.

"I look forward to learning about Southern and working with people I have grown to respect from a distance," says Young.

Young replaces Steve Pawluk, who is leaving for a position at La Sierra University.



*Robert Young will begin his new position in June.*

## Southern Connects with AUC

Students from Southern and Atlantic Union College (AUC) will be studying intermediate accounting together this fall, despite the distance between them.

A plasma screen and two cameras will connect the Southern class with its

counterpart at AUC.

The idea was conceived five years ago when Southern operated an M.B.A. program on the campus of Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences (FHCHS) for Florida Hospital employees. Several of the classes were taught

from Southern via teleconferencing.

After learning that AUC's accounting professor had left, Don Van Ornam, dean of Southern's School of Business and Management, remembered the previous success of teleconferencing classes

and offered to do the same for AUC.

The success of the accounting class by teleconference could open the door for various Adventist colleges and universities to experience courses not available at their locations.

—BY ANH PHAM

## Group Tours Holy Land

Southern Adventist University supporters and alumni recently traveled to the Middle East for the President's Tour of the Holy Land, an adventure allowing participants to visit biblical sites and retrace many of the journeys taken by Bible characters.

Leading the tour was Gordon Bietz, president, and Michael Hasel, director of the Institute of Archaeology and professor of Near Eastern studies and archaeology.

The group toured many places, including Jerusalem,

Qumran, Masada, the Dead Sea, Eliat, Mt. Sinai, Cairo,

Sakkara, and Giza.

—BY ANH PHAM



*The group visited the pyramids in Giza, along with many other memorable places, on the President's Tour of the Holy Land.*



# NET '07 – Turning Friends into Believers

BY MIKE TUCKER

Do you have a friend you would love to bring to Christ, but you can't get them to come to church? Is your heart breaking over a member of your family who has never accepted Jesus? What will it take for the Spirit to break through and claim that soul for His kingdom?

Sue was just such a person. Sue's aunt and uncle prayed for her every day and invited her to church every week, but church was a place Sue just wouldn't go. An unpleasant experience during her teenage years had left such a bad taste in her mouth that Sue just couldn't stand the thought of going to church. Her aunt and uncle wondered how Sue would ever hear the Gospel.

The breakthrough came when Sue's aunt decided to hold a small group Bible study in her home. Sue accepted the invitation, formed close relationships with the members of the study group, and eventually accepted Jesus as her Savior. Some time later, Sue began to attend church.

When asked what made the difference, Sue pointed to the relationships she had formed in the non-threatening environment of her aunt's home.

The world is filled with people just like Sue, who are unlikely to ever go to church, but who might come to your home. That's why NET '07 is designed to be something different.

The North American Division asked *Faith For Today* to design a NET event specifically for home use. The series, *Heart Quest: Finding the One Who has Loved You All Along*, has been crafted so that those who have the Church satellite system can register their home as an evangelistic downlink site.

*Heart Quest* is a series of 13 broadcasts created for today's genera-

tion, with follow-up lessons designed to prepare candidates for baptism. The series will begin October 19.

In the opening meeting, Jesus will be presented as the fulfillment of the human heart's longing for love, meaning, and acceptance. Every subsequent meeting will focus on how to grow in the love relationship we establish with Jesus that first night. Every doctrine will be viewed from the perspective of its value as an aid to personal spiritual growth.

Justification by faith in Christ will be the theme, especially of the first meeting, but revisited often during the series. Sanctification by faith in Christ will be the central theme of subsequent meetings as the distinctive teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church are viewed through the lens of the Cross.

Why are we using this method? Post-modernism has changed the worldview of emerging generations, rendering time-tested methods less effective than with previous generations. Previous generations were seekers of truth. Adventist doctrines are beautifully logical and easily proven from Scripture. Once convinced of the truthfulness of our doctrines, previous generations found them easy to embrace.

Today's culture is very different. True post-moderns are not seekers of truth, but seekers of relationships and meaning.

To be effective in reaching this generation, evangelistic methods must focus on developing relationships through felt-need programming, or use existing relationships of trust between secular people and church members. Reaping meetings must be tailored specifically to appeal to the needs of

secular people. This is the method I've used for the past 14 years in the church I pastor, and God has used it for His glory.

Local churches can register as downlink sites, as with previous NET meetings, but the new twist for this series is that owners of the HOPE satellite dish will be invited to turn their home into a downlink site where friends, neighbors, and family members will be invited to view the broadcasts. All the support materials available to churches will be made available to dish owners as well. Advertising materials, manuals, and a visitation guide will be provided for each registered. Nightly sermons and study guides, as well as the baptismal guides, will be provided for download to your computer printer. Gift Bibles and books will be available for purchase at reduced rates. Many of the resources and all you need to know about *HeartQuest* are available at [www.HeartQuest.info/host](http://www.HeartQuest.info/host).

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Join us as we attempt something new for Jesus. Plan now to register your church or home at [www.HeartQuest.info/host](http://www.HeartQuest.info/host) as a satellite downlink site for this innovative evangelistic series. Join us in reaching secular people with the news of a soon-coming Savior.

*Mike Tucker is the speaker/director for Faith For Today Television Ministry.*

# WILLIAM CHARLES (CONN) ARNOLD REMEMBERED

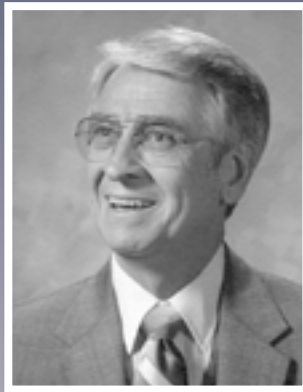
William Charles Arnold was born September 14, 1923, the seventh of eight children, in Selma, Alabama, where he helped support the family by shining shoes, selling newspapers, and delivering Western Union telegrams.

As a teen, he delivered a paper to Cecil Graves, a Seventh-day Adventist evangelist, who was setting up for tent meetings in Selma. Conn's mother attended those meetings and became a Seventh-day Adventist. She was convinced to send Charles to Asheville Agricultural School (now Fletcher Academy) in North Carolina.



Conn Arnold, Sailor

In June, 1943, Conn was inducted into the United States Navy. While stationed at Millington Air Base, he started attending the Memphis Seventh-day Adventist Church. In his own words, "Those dear people loved me into the Church." Conn also spied a beautiful girl in the Memphis church. Her name was Dorothy Rhea Davis. They were married February 18, 1945, and their love affair continued to grow and inspire for 62 years. Their last anniversary, just days before he died, was spent in the hospital holding



William Charles Arnold

Conn was president of his graduating class of 1950.

After a stint as boys' dean at Fletcher Academy, Conn and Dot lived again in Memphis for a time. Dot worked as a nurse. Their son William C. Arnold, Jr., was born.

Later he served as principal at Jacksonville Junior Academy in Florida, where he also taught the upper grades and was assistant pastor. Conn was ordained to the ministry, December 30, 1958, and served as a minister in the Florida, Kentucky-Tennessee, and Gulf States conferences.

During his pastoral career, Conn Arnold also served as education, Sabbath school, ministerial, youth, summer camp, and community services director. In 1985, he was asked to serve as the secretary-treasurer of the Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) at the General Conference in Silver Spring, Maryland. He was very instrumental in the establishment of Camp Alamisco, and worked very hard on the building and later the rebuilding of Indian Creek Camp.

Conn retired from de-

hands and whispering endearing declarations of their deep love and concern for each other.

After the Navy, Conn felt called to the ministry. The couple moved to Berrien Springs, Michigan, and enrolled at Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University). During their time there, their first child, Connie, was born.

nominal employment in October, 1991, when they moved back to Tennessee and joined the Hendersonville church. He continued preaching, conducting prayer meeting, leading song service, conducting weddings and baptisms, counseling, and generally cheering and encouraging through visitation, phone calls, and notes.

Conn Arnold believed each person was special. He always had time, comfort, and counsel for everyone. He always lit up a room with his catching smile. Prayer was the first thing he did in the morning, continued during the day, and the last thing he did at night. Jesus was his best Friend.

He never really retired, and was happiest serving others, whether with a loaf of homemade bread or leading a prayer meeting service until his death March 19, 2007.

He is survived by his wife, Dot; one daughter, Connie Jackson of Goodlettsville, Tennessee; one son, William, of Loma Linda, California; and four grandchildren: Wesley and Parker Arnold, and Kelly and Kevin Jackson.



Conn and Dot Arnold celebrated their 60th anniversary in 2005.



# Tornadoes Impact Church Members

BY MARTIN BUTLER

EUGENE TORRES

Seven families from the Lady Lake church near Leesburg, Florida, were impacted by the February tornadoes that ripped a nighttime path of destruction through the north central part of the state. There were no serious injuries and no loss of life to members; however, several of their homes were destroyed or heavily damaged by winds up to 165 MPH.

Barely a leaf fell from the trees at the Lady Lake church, yet, a quarter mile away, two families from the congregation had their mobile homes completely destroyed (above), and one had theirs severely damaged. Down the road in The Villages subdivision, several homes of members were badly damaged.

“One member was trapped in the rubble of her mobile home for more than two hours before she was found, transported to the hospital, and released,” says Clyde Thomas, Lady Lake pastor. “With so many members directly affected, the impact of the storm was very traumatic for us.

“One positive side of the devastation was to see the phenomenal response in helping each other. The tornadoes caused us to rethink how well we take care of each other and what type of system we have in place to keep track of each other in a catastrophe of this nature.”

Florida Conference’s first responder churches of Apopka, Forest Lake, Mount Dora, and Tampa First joined with Active Community Team Services (ACTS) in serving meals from the mobile kitchen to storm victims, media crew, and rescue workers. On Sunday, Lady Lake Church of God members and worship leaders who came to conduct morning services in the midst of the rubble of what was their former church were also served at the mobile kitchen that was parked beside the destroyed Lady Lake Church of God sanctuary.

During the weeks that followed, students from the following Florida schools helped with debris removal and wherever else needed:

- Forest Lake Academy, Apopka
- Greater Miami Academy
- Life Changing Christian Academy, Mount Dora
- Orlando Junior Academy
- Walker Memorial Academy, Avon Park

The student volunteers were given accommodations in the Lady Lake church sanctuary, fellowship hall, foyer, and classrooms.

Jessica Treto, a junior at Forest Lake Academy, explained to Byron Pitts, a national correspondent for CBS News, “When I know that I have the ability to help someone in need, it makes me feel good to know that they’ve been helped, and I made a difference.”

Jessica’s testimony was part of a four-minute feature about ACTS that aired nationally on the March 5 CBS evening news show. A link to the feature’s transcript is available online in the March, 2007, archive at [www.floridaconference.com/news](http://www.floridaconference.com/news).



TERRY HALL

Marianne Silber of the Fox News Channel interviewed Roger Anderson, Forest Lake church administrator, about church members who volunteered with ACTS in Lady Lake.



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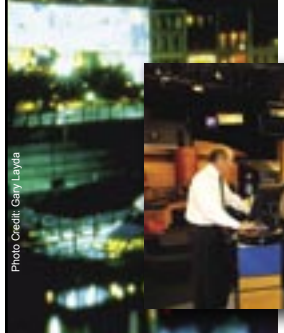


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The site now has the names and areas of practice for about 1,000 Adventist lawyers all over the world, but Kyte anticipates much more to come because lawyers can now submit their information anytime. The Web site will also have articles, news releases, case updates, and a roster for law students to register included on the site. [ANN Staff]



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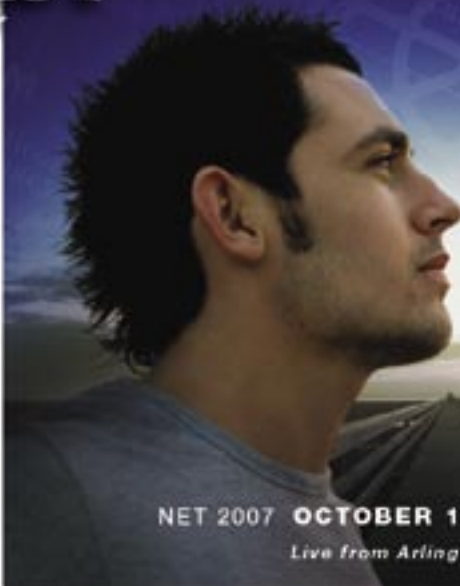
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## Carolina

**Hispanic Pre-Teen Retreat**  
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**ShareHim Lay-Evangelism Training** – May 17-20. Collegedale.

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Oct. 27-Nov. 3. Marion Oaks Spanish. Rolando de los Ríos.

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June 10. Fort Myers, Fort Myers Shores, Arcadia, Lakeland, Lakeview, Winter Haven.

June 23. Campestre (Spanish-language Camp Meeting) in Miami.

June 24. Sunrise, Lauderhill. (Southeastern Conference: Mt. Olivet.)

June 30. St. Petersburg.

July 1. Clearwater, New Port Richey, Spring Hill, Brooksville, East Pasco in Zephyrhills, Plant City.

July 14. Tallahassee.

July 15. Perry, Cross City, Ocala, Silver Springs Shores, Belleview, Inverness.

July 21. Port Charlotte.

July 22. North Port, Venice-Nokomis, Sarasota, West Coast Christian Academy in Bradenton, Brandon, Tampa First.

July 28. West Palm Beach.

July 29. Jupiter, Fort Pierce, Cocoa, Titusville. (Southeastern Conference: Port St. Lucie, Palm Bay.)

Aug. 11. Jacksonville Southpoint.

Aug. 12. Jacksonville First, Orange Cove, St. Augustine, Palatka, Palm Coast.

Aug. 25. Maranatha in Miami.

Aug. 26. Fort Lauderdale, Lauderhill, Pompano Beach.

**Planned Giving Clinic**—Aug. 26. Northwest Dade Church.

**Children's Ministries Fall Convention**—Sept. 14-16.

Pine Lake Retreat, Groveland.

Theme: Preparing Our Children For Heaven. Guest presenters: Jerry Thomas, Dr. Elaine Kennedy, Oz and Wilde children's ministries comedy duo. Details: [rhoda.burrill@floridaconference.com](mailto:rhoda.burrill@floridaconference.com) or 407-644-5000 x136.

## Georgia-Cumberland

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**AAA Graduation** – May 18-19. Atlanta, Ga.

**GCA Graduation** – May 18-19. Calhoun, Ga.

**Personal Ministries Rally** – May 26. Coalmont, Tenn.

**CA Graduation** – May 27. Collegedale, Tenn.

**Heritage Academy Graduation** – May 27. Monterrey, Tenn.

**Laurelbrook Academy Graduation** – May 27. Dayton, Tenn.

**Hope for Hurting Hearts I** – June 8-10. South Georgia

**Pathfinder Mission Challenge / Project Reach Out** - June 10-24.

**Women's Conference** – June 16. Savannah, Ga.

**Kids in Discipleship Training** – June 17-20. Collegedale, Tenn.

## Gulf States

**Conference Executive Committee** – April 3. Montgomery.

**Sabbath School Training Workshop** – April 13-15. Camp Alamisco.

**Outdoor School** – April 16-19.

Camp Alamisco.

**Adventurer Fun Weekend** – April 20-22. Camp Alamisco.

**Bass Academy Finance Committee** – April 23.

**Bass Academy Board** – April 24.

**Conference Board of Education** – April 24. Bass Academy.

## Gulf States

**Bass Memorial Academy Graduation** – May 18, 19.

**Pathfinder Fair** – May 27. Bass Memorial Academy.

**Camp Alamisco Staff Week** – May 27-June 2.

**Native American Camp** – June 3-9. Camp Alamisco.

## Kentucky-Tennessee

**Conference Association Board**

May 15. July 24. Sept. 18. Nov. 27.

**Conference Executive Committee**

May 15. July 24. Sept. 18. Nov. 27.

**Highland and Madison Academy Boards** – May 10.

**Hispanic Women's Retreat** – May 4,5. Indian Creek Camp.

**Young Women's Retreat** – Sept. 21-23. Indian Creek Camp.

**Women's Fall Retreat I** – Sept. 28-30. Indian Creek Camp.

**Women's Fall Retreat II** – Oct. 5-7. Indian Creek Camp.

## Southeastern

**Adventurer Weekend** – June 1-3. Camp Hawthorne.

**Hispanic Men/Women**

**Convention** – June 1-3.

**Women's Ministries Crusade** – June 8-24. Bethel French, Riviera Beach.

**Women's Ministries Retreat** – July 12-15. Doubletree Hotel, Orlando, FL.

## Southern Adventist University

**Commencement**—May 6.

**First Summer Session Begins**—May 7.

**Insight Writer's Workshop**—May 7-10.

**Fllea Market**—May 20.

**Offices Closed**—May 28.

**Registration for 2nd Summer Session Begins**—May 29.

**Second Summer Session Begins**—June 4.

## Announcements

**Camp Blue Ridge 50th Anniversary** – June 1-3. All former campers and staff are invited for the reunion weekend. Details: 540-886-0771; [www.cbrsda.com](http://www.cbrsda.com)

**"Ye Olde CLA Alumni Reunion"** – June 7-10. Cedar Lake Academy alumni welcome schoolmates of 1957 and earlier, on the campus of Great Lakes Adventist Academy (formerly CLA). Honor classes: 1937, 1947, and 1957. Details: GLAA Alumni Office 989-427-5181, or [www.GLAA.net](http://www.GLAA.net)

**Adelphian Academy Homecoming Weekend** – June 8, 9. Honor classes: 1957, 1967, and 1982. Speaker: Randy Roberts. Details: [www.adelphianacademy.com](http://www.adelphianacademy.com); or Clarence Brummett at 909-796-8593.

	Sunset					
	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25	June 1	June 8
Atlanta, GA	8:21	8:27	8:32	8:37	8:42	8:46
Charleston, SC	8:02	8:07	8:12	8:17	8:21	8:25
Charlotte, NC	8:09	8:15	8:21	8:26	8:31	8:35
Collegedale, TN	8:26	8:32	8:37	8:43	8:47	8:52
Huntsville, AL	7:32	7:37	7:43	7:48	7:53	7:57
Jackson, MS	7:42	7:47	7:52	7:57	8:01	8:05
Louisville, KY	8:35	8:41	8:47	8:53	8:59	9:03
Memphis, TN	7:46	7:52	7:57	8:02	8:07	8:11
Miami, FL	7:52	7:56	8:00	8:03	8:07	8:10
Montgomery, AL	7:27	7:32	7:37	7:41	7:46	7:50
Nashville, TN	7:35	7:41	7:47	7:52	7:57	8:01
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# Camp Meeting 2007 Schedule

## CAROLINA

May 27-June 2 ..... Lake Junaluska, NC  
*Theme: We Shall Behold HIM*  
 Speakers: Shawn Boonstra, LeClare Litchfield, Ed Reid, and Steve Wohlberg  
**Hispanic Camp Meeting I**  
 April 20-22 ..... Nosoca Pines Ranch  
**Hispanic Camp Meeting II**  
 May 25-28 ..... Nosoca Pines Ranch  
**Korean Camp Meeting**  
 Sept. 21-23 ..... Nosoca Pines Ranch  
**Eastern Carolina Camp Meeting**  
 Sept. 21-23 ..... Oak Island, NC

## FLORIDA

**Florida Keys Camp Meeting**  
 April 6, 7 ..... Camp Sawyer, Big Pine Key  
*Theme: What Time Is It?* Speaker: Bill Knott  
 May 25-28 ..... Forest Lake Academy, Apopka, FL  
*Theme: Loving the Lost*  
 Portions broadcast live via satellite on the Hope Channel.  
 Details: [www.floridacampmeeting.com/campmeeting](http://www.floridacampmeeting.com/campmeeting)  
 Speakers: Barry Black, Shawn Boonstra, Mike Cauley, and James Nix  
**Hispanic Camp Meetings**  
*Theme: Amando a los*  
 June 8-10 ..... Forest Lake Academy, Apopka, FL  
 June 22, 23 ..... Miami Fair Expo Center, Miami, FL  
 June 24 ..... Greater Miami Academy

## GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

May 30-June 2 ..... Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, TN  
*Theme: Harvest Time* Sabbath Speaker: Derek Morris  
**Northeast Tennessee Church Retreat**  
 April 27-29 ..... The Oaks, near Greeneville, TN  
**Korean Camp Meeting**  
 May 18-20 ..... Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA  
**Hispanic Camp Meeting**  
 June 8-10 ..... Georgia Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, GA  
**Ole Time Camp Meeting**  
 June 28-30 ..... Deer Lodge, TN  
**Southern Deaf Fellowship Camp Meeting**  
 Aug. 18 ..... Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA  
**Sabbath in the Smokies**  
 Sept. 14-16 ..... Cades Cove Campground, Smoky Mountain National Park

## GULF STATES

May 25-June 2 ..... Bass Memorial Academy, Purvis, MS  
*Theme:* Sabbath Speaker First Weekend: Lonnie Melashenko  
 Sabbath Speaker Second Weekend: Mike Tucker  
 Early morning devotion—Kurt Johnson; Mid-morning service—M. Lloyd Erickson; Evening—

Philip Samaan  
 Native American Camp  
 June 3-9 ..... Camp Alamisco

## KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

May 25-June 2 ..... Highland Academy, Portland, TN  
*Theme: Connecting, Growing, Serving*  
 Speakers: David Asscherick, Maurice Bascom, Hans Diehl, Michael Hasel, Roscoe Howard, Oliver McKinney, and Kenneth Mulzac  
 Seminar Presenters: Maurice Bascom, Hans Diehl, and Oliver McKinney  
 Hispanic Camp Meeting  
 June 8, 9 ..... Highland Academy, Portland, TN

## SOUTH ATLANTIC

June 8-17 ..... River Oaks Campground, Orangeburg, SC  
*Theme: Good News... With Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*  
 Sabbath Speaker First Weekend: Emil Peeler  
 Sabbath Speaker Second Weekend: Barry Black  
 Youth Speaker First Weekend: James Black  
 Youth Speaker Second Weekend: Rupert Bushner  
 Shepherdess Speaker: Karla Nesmith

## SOUTH CENTRAL

June 8-16 ..... Oakwood College, Huntsville, AL  
*Theme: Getting Ready for Eternity*  
 Friday Night Speaker: John Nixon  
 Sabbath Speaker First Weekend: Ron Smith  
 Wednesday Night Speaker: Carlton Byrd  
 Sabbath Speaker Second Weekend: Wintley Phipps, World of Praise  
 Ordination Service Second Weekend: Dennis Ross  
 Youth Speakers: TBA  
 Women's Ministries Speaker: Christine Sinclair  
**Hispanic Camp Meeting**  
 May 24-27 ..... Oakwood College, Huntsville, AL  
**Pathfinder Camporee**  
 June 8-10 ..... Oakwood College, Huntsville, AL

## SOUTHEASTERN

June 21-30 ..... Hawthorne, FL  
 Broadcast live via Hope Channel  
*Theme: Mission: Commission! Reaping Where We Have Sown!*  
 Sabbath Speaker First Weekend: Mark Finley  
 Sabbath Speaker Second Weekend: Randy Stafford  
 Youth Theme: Restore Not Destroy!  
 Youth Speaker First Weekend: Bron Jacobs  
 Youth Speaker Second Weekend: Abraham Jules  
 Women's Ministries Speaker:  
 Hispanic Camp Meeting ..... [Details: SEC Web site] ..... Hawthorne, FL

# Summer Camp 2007 Schedule

## CAROLINA

Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, SC  
 [Details: [www.nosoca.org](http://www.nosoca.org)]  
 Junior Camp I (ages 10-12) ..... June 10-17  
 Junior Camp II (ages 10-12) ..... June 17-24  
 Adventurer Camp (ages 7-10) ..... June 24-July 1  
 Tween Camp (ages 12-14) ..... July 1-8  
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16) ..... July 8-15  
 SIT (Staff in Training) (ages 16-17) ..... June 3-17  
 Horsemanship I (ages 11-16) ..... June 10-17  
 Sports Camp (ages 13-16) ..... June 17-24  
 Wheels Camp (ages 13-16) ..... June 10-17  
 Horsemanship II (ages 11-16) ..... June 17-24  
 Basketball Camp (ages 11-16) ..... June 10-17  
 Water Sports Camp (ages 13-16) ..... June 24-July 1  
 Horsemanship III (ages 11-16) ..... June 24-July 1  
 Teen Extreme Adventurer  
 Horse Camping Trip (ages 14-17) ..... July 1-8

## GULF STATES

Camp Alamisco, Dadeville, AL  
 [Details: [www.Alamisco.org](http://www.Alamisco.org)]  
 Adventure Camp (ages 7-9) ..... June 10-17  
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12) ..... June 17-24  
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16) ..... June 24-July 1  
 Family Camp I (all ages) ..... July 2-8  
 Family Camp II (all ages) ..... July 5-8

## SOUTH ATLANTIC

River Oaks Campground, Orangeburg, SC  
 Junior Camp (ages 8-17) ..... June 17-24  
 Sports Camp (ages 8-17) ..... June 24-July 1

## FLORIDA

Camp Kulaqua, High Springs, FL  
 [Details: <http://registration.campkulaqua.com/>]  
 Basketball Camp (ages 11-15) ..... June 10-17  
 Cub Camp (ages 8-10) ..... June 10-17  
 Extreme Cowboy Adventure (ages 13-16) ..... July 15-22  
 Extreme Teen Adventure (ages 13-16) ..... June 24-July 1  
 Extreme Water Sports Camp (ages 13-16) ..... July 8-13  
 Horsemanship Camp I (ages 11-13) ..... May 28-June 3  
 Horsemanship Camp II (ages 13-16) ..... June 3-10  
 Horsemanship Camp III (ages 11-13) ..... June 10-17  
 Horsemanship Camp IV (ages 13-16) ..... June 17-24  
 Junior Camp I (ages 10-12) ..... May 28-June 3  
 Junior Camp II (ages 10-12) ..... June 3-10  
 Tween Camp (ages 12-14) ..... June 17-24  
 Wheels Camp (ages 11-15) ..... May 28-June 3

## KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Indian Creek Camp, Liberty, TN  
 Blind Camp (all ages) ..... June 10-17  
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9) ..... June 17-24  
 Junior Camp I (ages 10-12) ..... June 24-July 1  
 Family Camp I (all ages) ..... July 3-8  
 Tween Camp (ages 12-14) ..... July 8-15  
 Teen Camp (ages 14-17) ..... July 15-22  
 Family Camp II (all ages) ..... July 22-29

## SOUTH CENTRAL

Booker T. Washington State Park, Chattanooga, TN  
 Latino Camp (ages 7-17) ..... June 28-July 3  
 Fun-in-the-Sun Camp (ages 6-17) ..... July 1-7  
 Friendship Camp (ages 7-16) ..... July 8-13  
 Music Camp (ages 7-17) ..... July 15-21  
 Super Sports Camp (ages 7-17) ..... July 22-28  
 Sports Camp (ages 7-17)

## GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Cohutta Springs Adventist Center, Crandall, GA  
 [Details: [www.cs-yc.com](http://www.cs-yc.com)]  
 Junior Camp I (ages 10-12) ..... June 10-17  
 Junior Camp II (ages 10-12) ..... June 17-24  
 Adventure Camp (ages 7-9) ..... June 24-29  
 Tween/PF Honors Camp (ages 12-13) ..... July 1-8  
 Teen Camp I (ages 13-17) ..... July 8-15  
 Teen Camp II (ages 13-17) ..... July 15-22  
 Family Camp (all ages) ..... July 24-29  
 Golf Camp I (ages 13-17) ..... June 10-17  
 Mountain Bike Trip (ages 13-17) ..... June 10-17  
 Cycle Tour (ages 13-17) ..... June 17-24  
 Skateboard Camp (ages 13-17) ..... June 17-24  
 S.I.T. (Staff in Training) (ages 15+) ..... June 17-24  
 Wakeboard Camp I (ages 13-17) ..... June 24-July 1  
 Whitewater/Kayak Camp I (ages 13-17) ..... June 24-July 1  
 Horse Pack Trip (ages 13-17) ..... June 24-July 1  
 C.I.T. (Ages 15+) ..... June 24-July 1  
 Gym-Masters Camp I (ages 13-17) ..... July 1-8  
 Ultimate RAD Camp (ages 13-17) ..... July 1-8  
 Wakeboard Camp II (ages 13-17) ..... July 1-8  
 Basketball Camp (ages 13-17) ..... July 8-15  
 Whitewater/Kayak Camp II (ages 13-17) ..... July 8-15  
 Golf Camp II (ages 13-17) ..... July 15-22  
 Gym-Masters Camp II (ages 13-17) ..... July 15-22  
 Wakeboard Camp III (ages 13-17) ..... July 15-22  
 Surf Camp (ages 13-17) ..... July 15-22  
 Ultimate RAD Camp West (ages 13-17) ..... July 29-Aug. 7  
 W.I.T. (Wrangler in Training) (ages 15+) ..... Every week

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