

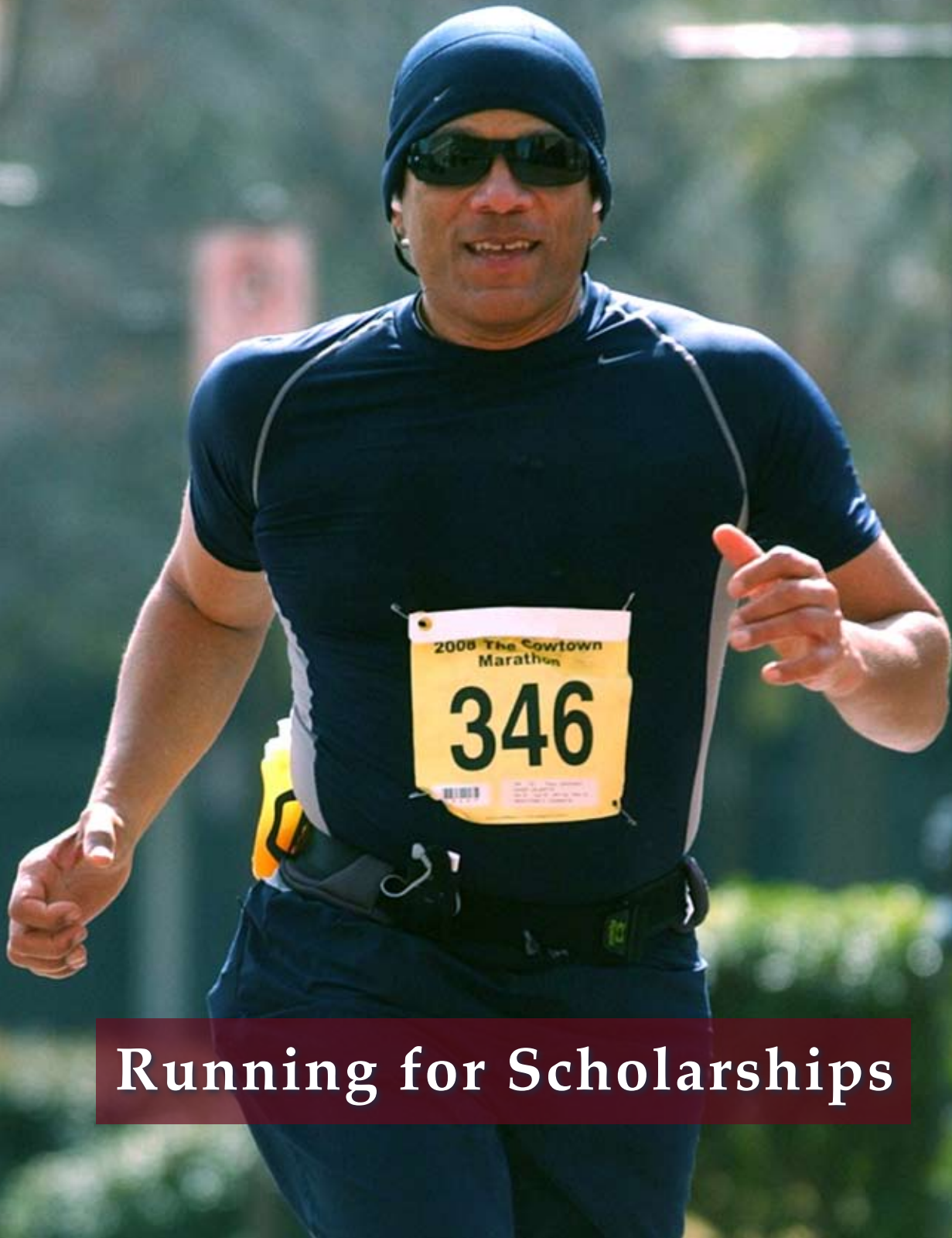
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What Are the Chances?

We were trying to add several new languages to the broadcasts of Adventist World Radio-Guam. Specifically, we were concentrating on Sinhalese for the country of Sri Lanka. Just a few believers in Sri Lanka, and we knew the everlasting gospel must reach the millions there. The Lord helped us to raise about \$25,000 to purchase studio-recording equipment, and on a Friday morning, with the equipment boxed up, the program director, Greg Scott, and I boarded the flight to Colombo from Singapore. Not knowing what the customs requirement would be for bringing the equipment into the country, I also had a few thousand dollars with me for the tax.

When we arrived at the airport that Friday afternoon, we noticed many media representatives, cameras, reporters, and various government personnel. We didn't pay much attention. As our equipment came off the carousel, we placed it all on two carts and agreed we would tell the officials exactly what we were doing. A well-dressed customs official in a white suit asked me what was in all the boxes. I gave him my business card and said, "My name is Gordon Retzer, and we are bringing recording equipment in to the country to produce religious radio programs." Very straightforward. After all, we had prayed, "Lord, if you want Sinhalese language programs, please help us set up the proper studio in Sri Lanka."

He consulted with his assistant and then pointed us to the exit. We were surprised and a little hesitant, but realized he had allowed all the equipment to come in without further questions. What a miracle! As we traveled in the mission truck to the union mission office where the studio would be located, the driver asked us how much we paid to get the equipment in. "Nothing," I responded. "They just let us through." What did you tell them?" the driver asked. "That this was recording equipment to produce religious radio broadcasts." The driver was astonished and after silently trying to figure it out, he said, "I think I know what happened."

On a flight that afternoon, there was a government dignitary arriving from another country. It was a big deal. That's why all the cameras and media personnel. In addition, we had noticed an elephant decked in jewels just outside the entrance to the airport. It was a welcoming party. Then the driver continued, "They must have thought when you said 'radio' that you were here to cover the story." "I don't know how it all happened," I responded, "I just know that we are here representing the King of the Universe, and this equipment will help us tell the story of Jesus." What are the chances? We had purchased our tickets months before, but in God's providence we were to be at the airport at precisely this moment.

Four weeks after the first Sinhalese programs broadcast from Guam, the Sri Lanka union mission received a letter from Egypt. Twenty men from Sri Lanka were in an Egyptian prison for smuggling drugs. They had served nine years of a 19-year sentence. On a shortwave radio in the prison, they heard the Sinhalese program in their own language. They were amazed. They said the speaker was explaining about how Jesus forgives. They asked for literature. I think they'll be in Heaven. Moreover, the broadcasts were not even supposed to reach as far as Egypt. But, God will do anything to save people. "The Son of God came to seek and save the lost" Luke 19:10.



Gordon Retzer
*Southern Union
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50 States for Students

BY MICHELE SOLOMON



How health, marathoning, and motivation translate into scholarships

On April 27, 2008, Oakwood University (OU) President Delbert W. Baker, Ph.D., completed the Oklahoma City *Run to Remember* — his 29th marathon. It took Baker a little more than four hours to complete the 26.2 miles and he came through standing tall. Baker is making this a habit. He has completed marathons in 24 states, and is well on his way to achieving the goal of running a marathon in each of the 50 states.

The run in Oklahoma City was especially poignant as Baker joined with 18,000 runners to honor the memory of 168 persons who lost their lives when the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building was bombed on April 19, 1995. It was a moving, emotional event, and the crowds were supportive of the thousands of runners as they worked their way through the Oklahoma City streets.

Marathon Motivation

What makes Baker persevere as he pushes himself to get up at 4:30 each morning to begin his marathon training routine? One motivation is that completing marathons allows him to tick off one more of the items on his list of life goals. In addition to his U.S. marathon runs, Baker has done international marathons in Italy, Greece, Israel, and Egypt. The life goals list includes another major challenge some years ago when he climbed the famed 19,340-foot Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa.

But, by far, one of the most motivating reasons is that every time he finishes a marathon, he makes a college education just a little more affordable for students at Oakwood. How?

The *50 States for Students* campaign was established to turn marathoning into scholarships for OU students. Baker is committed to running one marathon per month this year for the annual fund campaign. Expenses related to the monthly marathons are underwritten by Florida Hospital in Orlando, which emphasizes the CREATION model for healthful living (see sidebar for details). Baker uses the CREATION Health model as the blueprint for his marathon preparation. Florida Hospital's sponsorship allows OU to be able to put 100% of the donations given for each race directly into student scholarships and endowment. Of course, all gifts are fully tax deductible.

The idea for the *50 States for Students* campaign originated in July with a challenge from the OU Division of Advancement and Development. Moreover, it has been a very successful creation. To date, alumni, friends, and supporters have donated more than \$30,000 toward the *50 States for Students* campaign. The goal for the year is at least \$50,000.

Strategy: Keep It Simple

When asked what it's like to participate in such a physically demand-



Delbert Baker, proudly wearing number 346, and thousands at the Texas starting line.

ing sport, the 55-year-old administrator responds, "I keep it simple. It's a win-win transaction. Running keeps me healthy and challenged — and the CREATION Health model I use works." Baker says "I enjoy working toward a personal goal, and at the same time I get to advance opportunities for education for young people, which I passionately believe in. All around, it's a triple win!"

Baker credits his interest in the sport to the exhilarating challenge that completing a 26.2-mile marathon race presents. That challenge, he believes, is a physical, emotional, and spiritual one. "The first 13 miles of the marathon go by relatively predictably — tough, but manageable. Miles 14 to 17 get increasingly intense, but no part is as challenging as miles 17 to 22! Those are dog miles, hard times that are often referred to as *the wall!* Only sheer determination, prayer, perseverance, and mind control allows one to press forward and not give up. But here's where it gets exciting — once you get past mile 22, you move into the zone. My second or third wind kicks in, and that carries me over."

Since Baker began running marathons about 20 years ago, he has become very creative with ways to keep his mind off those 26.2 miles stretching before him. First, he began listening to books on tape. During a marathon in Birmingham, Alabama, three years ago, he listened to the entire New Testament. "It was the Word," he says, "that got me through that race, which was bitterly cold and rainy."

More recently, he uses a Garmin GPS watch and has a Nike sensor chip in the sole of his running shoes that

communicates with his iPod. As he runs, he receives a constant stream of biometric and logistical data such as his time, distance, calories burned, heart rate, split times, and exact location. The chip also records his miles on a Nike web site when he

downloads running data. Last year, he racked up more than 1,000 miles, making him one of first 500 runners in the nation to achieve that number of miles on the Nike site.

Oakwood Students: Record Strides

While he feels good about marathoning and fund-raising, Baker feels that Oakwood students have made some record strides of their own. This is especially true since the institution upped its accreditation status and changed its name from College to University on January 1, 2008. There have been a couple of historic student achievements for the University since that pivotal date.

The first came on March 2, when the OU Ambassadors won the championship in Men's Division I Basketball at the United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA). It was Oak-



Baker finishes one of 31 marathons run through 23 states.

wood's first year participating in the USCAA, so the victory was especially sweet.

Then, on March 29, Oakwood captured the top prize at the 19th annual Honda Campus All-Star Challenge, recognized as "the largest annual academic competition among the nation's leading Historically Black Colleges and Universities." Winning that title, OU took home a stately trophy and \$50,000 in grant money from Honda, along with bragging rights for topping 63 other schools.

Both competitions required an extraordinary amount of stamina because, in each of these academic and athletic events, the student participants endured grueling back-to-back rounds in order to keep the Sabbath and make a distinctive witness during these weekend face-offs. Conversely, their competitors were able to take breaks between rounds. Therefore, with remarkable

personal and institutional successes in mind, the Oakwood president presses forward, mile after arduous marathon mile.

Make a Difference

You may not want to run a marathon but you can participate. By making a gift investment — large or small — to the exciting *50 States for Students* fund-raising program, you



Baker cools down after the finish line at the Atlantic City New Jersey Marathon.

can make a difference in the life of an Oakwood student. It is an investment in our future.

Each marathon can be sponsored individually or corporately by pledging \$1, \$10, \$100, or \$1,000 per mile (each marathon equals 26.2 miles) to the Oakwood University student scholarship and endowment fund. Participating sponsors may elect to support a marathon in any state that Baker has completed or will complete during 2008 and 2009.

Visit Oakwood's web site at www.oakwood.edu for a marathon completion visual map and additional information on how to make a donation. Or to personally speak to someone, you may call the Office of Advancement and Development, 256-726-7201, or the Office of the President, 256-726-7334.

Your gift will make a difference!

KEN SHELTON PHOTOGRAPHY



Health Strategy

President Baker includes the following in his regimen: 1) a balanced vegetarian diet; 2) daily recommended amounts of water; 3) one- to two-hour daily exercise regimens, six-days a week, which include running and strength training; 4) the CREATION Health model (www.creationhealth.com/sites/) for healthy living; 5) a sound running strategy that allows him to run at a pace that he can maintain; 6) regular check-ups from his physician and consultation from his physical therapist wife; 7) daily devotions and trust in God, to put his life in a spiritual context.

Florida Hospital developed the nationally recognized CREATION Health model. See, also, the book by Monica Reed, M.D., CEO of Celebration Health Hospital in Celebration, Florida (near Orlando), *The Creation Health Breakthrough*. The principles Baker follows in marathon preparation

are spelled out in the CREATION Health model acronym:

- Choice (positive lifestyle decisions)
- Rest (sleep and relaxation)
- Environment (air, water)
- Activity (stretching, muscle development, aerobic activity exercise)
- Trust (positive spiritual and healing relationships)
- Interpersonal Relations (family, friends, and support groups)
- Outlook (attitude, and good emotional intelligence)
- Nutrition (diet, and overall health and energy-building practices)

Marathon Facts

- The 26.2-mile marathon is recognized as one of the most difficult athletic challenges, with less than an estimated one percent of the United States population having run a marathon in their lifetime.
- In recent years, marathon running

has been popularized by Al Gore and Oprah Winfrey; each completed one.

- Baker is a member of the 50 States Marathon and the Seven Continents Marathon Club; he has run 31 marathons in total, which includes 23 states and three continents.
- A good way to begin planning for a marathon may be to participate in a short-distance race, such as a 5K, 10K, or a half marathon. (You don't have to run — you can walk.) The ideal for marathon preparation is to build to running 30-plus miles per week. In addition, it has been found that being accountable to a partner or group can increase your success rate.
- The CREATION Health model is an excellent lifestyle model to under-gird marathon training.
- To prepare for running a marathon, it is recommended that a person consult with his/her health care professional.

Manchester Memorial Gives Hope to Patient

The nursing staff at Manchester Memorial Home Health have illustrated that Adventist hospitals care for both patients' health and happiness. Long term patient Judy Thompson was devastated when her Chihuahua of nine years was put to sleep due to liver cancer. The nurses from Home Health were deeply concerned by Thompson's sadness and declining health. She was considered a part of the Home Health family and everyone wanted to help.

Betty Gibson, LPN, arranged for Thompson to see

a new litter of Chihuahuas. Assisted by a friend, Thompson went to visit and fell in love with the runt of the litter whom she immediately named "Pebbles." Unfortunately, finances were tight, but she asked the owners to set the puppy aside on the chance she could gather

the money to later buy him.

When Gibson informed her coworkers of the situation, they took up a collection to purchase Pebbles, surprising Thompson and longtime friend Jerry Adams with a new puppy.

"I knew God had answered my prayer," said Thompson, "I prayed, 'Lord, my baby is gone and I haven't got any money. If it's your will, please get me a dog.' I'm overjoyed and I love everyone in Home Health.



Judy Thompson with her new puppy Pebbles

They have been my family since 2000."

Nurses from Home Health say that not only has Thompson's spirit lifted since the puppy has entered her life, but her health has improved as well. It seems that this puppy is a gift that will continue to bless her life with love, joy, and even health.

—BY JULIE ZAIBACK



Judy Thompson with Manchester Memorial staff

Florida Hospital: One of America's Best Hospitals

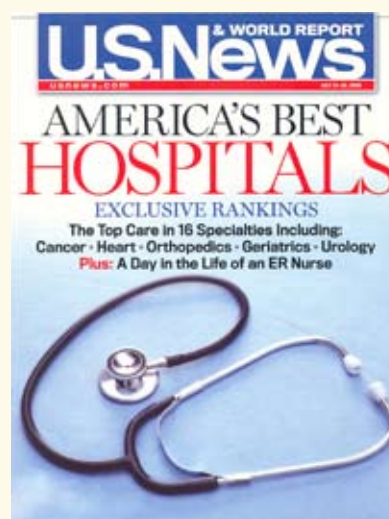
For the 10th consecutive year, Florida Hospital has been recognized in the *U.S. News & World Report's* "America's Best Hospitals." Florida Hospital made the list for its endocrinology (diabetes) services, and is the only hospital in central Florida to be named.

Out of the 5,453 hospitals evaluated, only 170 hospitals, including Florida Hospital, scored high enough to be listed this year. Of the 50 hospitals on the endocrinology list, Florida Hospital has the most discharges.

"Florida Hospital is

honored to be the only central hospital on this prestigious list," said Lars Houmann, president of Florida Hospital. "We have consistently been recognized for our excellence in diabetes, and we look forward to enhancing that care even further as we embark on groundbreaking research with the Burnham Institute on the diabetic heart."

In March, Florida Hospital and Burnham Institute for Medical Research announced the creation of a Clinical Research Institute (CRI)



to collaborate on diabetes and obesity research. The Florida Hospital-Burnham CRI, along with the Burn-

ham Institute at Lake Nona, will be Burnham's hub for diabetes and obesity research.

Opened in 1993, the Florida Hospital Diabetes Institute has more than 40,000 patient visits a year, making it one of the busiest facilities in Florida. Florida Hospital is one of the largest not-for-profit hospitals in the country, caring for more than one million patient visits per year — that's more than any other hospital in the country, according to the American Hospital Association.

Carolina Teachers Meet for Convention



BECKY CARPENTER

The Carolina Conference annual teachers' convention appropriately convened in the educational setting at Mt. Pisgah Academy.

During the first week of August, Conference teachers attended the four-day training session to learn

more about how brains function.

The hands-on approach placed teachers in study groups where they collaboratively developed lesson units compatible with the Natural Cycle of Learning. This learning technique incorporates

brain compatibility with the four major learning styles: connection to personal experience, development of conceptual understanding, guided practice and application, and creation leading to learner synthesis and integration, according to the North American Division Office of Education.

Brains process information the same way regardless of external

factors. By tapping into this framework, teachers hope to improve the learning curve.

They also applied biblical principles as guest speaker Phillip Samaan, D.Min., religion professor from Southern Adventist University, shared how to bring students to Jesus and help them have a personal relationship with Him.

All submissions from the convention were reviewed by Sherry Housley, an expert in developing lessons according to the Natural Cycle of Learning. The teachers have been working for some time to make the transition to this teaching style. Now they



JACQUIE PINDER

Carolina teachers familiarize themselves with the new learning program.



BECKY CARPENTER

Robert Crux, Conference education superintendent, instructs one teacher on the new online features.

are eager to share their new lesson plans with one another to enhance their teaching and share the work load. Using CATE (Carolina Adventist Teacher's Exchange) on the Conference web site, they can access and share these lesson plans and transfer the new concepts straight to the classroom.

—BY JACQUIE PINDER

Young Colporteurs Share Christ in Charlotte

This summer brought \$4 gas prices, the occasional thunderstorms, and scorching hot temperatures. But even that didn't stop a group of young colporteurs from Southern Adventist University from sharing the God's Word with the people in Charlotte, N.C.

It's not just about knocking on doors and selling books; it's about turning strangers into friends and praying with those in need. The insightful MagaBooks served as a gateway to learning more about the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

For six weeks the students called the lower level of Charlotte Sharon Church "home," using the classrooms as their sleeping quarters and the kitchen and fellowship hall for dining. The students went out everyday and returned late at night from their excursions throughout the city.



ELLIE GREEN

On one occasion, a couple of students visited the Conference office to join the staff for worship. Maira Funez shared a quote in her testimony from *The Desire of Ages*, to remind the group about God's covenant with his people. "It is in doing

Christ's work that the Church has the promise of His presence. The very life of the Church depends upon her faithfulness in fulfilling the Lord's commission. Where there is no active labor for others, love wanes, and faith grows dim" (825.2).

This passage encourages all not to fear, but have faith in well-doing and Jesus will be the center of our witness. That is certainly what these young people are doing.

—BY ELLIE GREEN

Arden Church Member Authors Searching Book

Arden Church member Subodh Pandit embarked on a gripping adventure when he decided to evaluate for himself the various religious views circulating throughout his homeland of India. His journey of inquiry is recounted in a new release from Xulon Press titled *Come Search with Me: Let's Look for God*.

The book documents how, during the course of 20 years, the author unobtrusively questioned many people while searching for

an answer to his distressing dilemma.

Loaded with facts and concepts, and presented with clarity and passion, the book leads readers into the delightful discovery that there is sufficient and compelling evidence to support the Judeo-Christian Scriptures and its central character, Jesus.

Says Pandit, "This book ... is a unique

way to tell the truth without being intimidating or con-



BRENT DAVIS

Subodh Pandit (left) recently presented a copy of his book to Carolina Conference President Jim Davidson.

descending. I have not seen [another] book that has this angle of approach."

Having grown up in India, Pandit says he was used to diversity of culture and religion being the norm. That was why it took him 20 years of quiet questioning — followed by four to five years of structuring — to form an opinion he felt was correct. This book is the result of those efforts.

—PRESS RELEASE, XULON PRESS

Sarasota Church Expands Health Ministry

Vegetarian Taste Fest

This past February, Sarasota Church members reached out to the community with their ninth annual Vegetarian Taste Fest under the direction of Ken and Nancy Allen. Twenty cooks prepared 32 different vegetarian dishes, and 70-plus church volunteers, including members of the Stampede Pathfinder Club, helped organize the event and serve the guests.

More than 175 people patronized this year's event, including many return attendees from the community. Proceeds from the sale of cookbooks containing the sampled recipes were donated to the local community food bank.

CHIP Program

In today's fast-paced world, most people are asking doctors for the quick fix of a pill to make life normal. One doctor, however, decided to bring a different viewpoint to the



Ginger Wade (right), R.N., checks Ruth Danbires' pulse during the CHIP health screening where both women volunteered.

residents of Sarasota. Partnering with the Palmetto Church, a local nephrologist, Dennis Imperio, M.D., conducted a Coronary Health Improvement Project (CHIP Program) during March and April.

Forty-five people from the church and community attended the intensive five-week course to learn how to reverse heart disease with a fork and spoon. Cooking demonstrations and health screenings

were part of the program. Positive lifestyle changes brought tremendous drops in cholesterol, weight, and blood pressure levels for many participants. Three individuals were able to stop their smoking habit.

Cooking Seminar and Mother's Day Brunch

Church member Rilla Taylor, R.N., presented a weekend seminar May 9-11 that focused on general nutrition, dietary health, and



Rilla Taylor serves guests at the Vegetarian Taste Fest.

information on how to create tasty, healthful meals.

On the last day of the seminar, attendees were treated to a Mother's Day brunch prepared by volunteers using the recipes of Julio Barillas, an Adventist chef who worked for Hilton Hotels International and launched restaurants for them worldwide. The brunch featured dishes such as garbanzo pancakes and lemon cheesecake.

—BY SARAH HANSEN

Jim and Dottie Davidson Celebrate 60th Wedding Anniversary

Jim and Dottie Davidson celebrated 60 years of marriage on June 14 with renewed vows and the bride wearing her original wedding dress.

Corporal James R. Davidson met Dorothy June Shasky at Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University) in Berrien Springs, Mich., in 1946 after he served



in World War II. They were married in the Battle Creek Tabernacle on June 1, 1948, by Merle Mills.



Davidson is an ordained minister and architect. The couple served in North, Central, and

South America; Europe; and Okinawa. In the early 1970's, he and his brother, Bill, started the architecture department at Andrews University.

The Avon Park, Fla., Church members have five children: James, Jr.; Joni Picukaric; Brent; John; and Bonnie Briggs; and nine grandchildren.

—BY NAOMI ZALABAK

Churches Report From Around the Conference

Retiring Pastor Anticipates Ministry in Far East



ANTONIO ROA

Emil Moldrik, pictured left, retired July 1 after serving the Church for 43 years. He pastored in Florida Conference for the past 25 years, most recently in the Lake Placid/Okeechobee district.

Though retiring, Moldrik plans to continue in ministry as a sponsored volunteer with *Changing People's Lives International*. Through this organization, which received permission from the Vietnamese government to proclaim the Gospel, Moldrik will travel to Vietnam (2008) and Laos (2009) where he will train laymen and pastors in techniques of sharing the Gospel with their countrymen.

Moldrik also served the Church as a boys' dean and Bible teacher, and for 10 years as a music evangelist with the Voice of Prophecy. His affiliation and five-year presidency with Florida Voluntary Organization Active in Disaster (VOAD) exhibits his interest in community service work.

Moldrik, who plays 12 instruments, and Ruth, his wife, leave a legacy through their music ministry.

—BY MERLIN LAFFERTY

Port Charlotte Church Burns Mortgage



ED DANCEK

A \$1.5 million mortgage was retired 20 years early due to proceeds from the sale of church-owned property. Mortgage-burning participants Mike Cauley (left), Florida Conference president; Tom Flynn, building committee chairman; Lee Huff, head elder; Mike Lowe, treasurer; and Tim Goff, pastor.

The church's \$2 million, 11,500-square-foot expansion project was completed in 2002. The Port Charlotte Church was established in 1964 with 26 members. The current membership is 745.

—BY BARBARA HUFF

Pastors In Transition

- **Tom Baker**—Cocoa/Titusville
- **Michael Bernard**—Emmanuel
- **Levi Borrelli**—Brazilian Temple
- **Eliseo Broche**—Carol City Spanish/Miami Beach Spanish
- **Luis Camps**—Tampa First associate
- **Eliezer Diaz**—Jacksonville Spanish/Lake City Spanish
- **Rueben Duany**—Tallahassee Spanish
- **Lester Elliott**—Lauderhill
- **Rafael Fernandez**—Okeechobee/Lake Placid
- **Jorge Figueroa**—Forest City Spanish associate
- **Luis Gracia**—Markham Woods associate
- **Norman Harding**—North Miami
- **Kichul Kim**—Jacksonville Korean
- **Joong Kim**—Orlando Central Korean
- **Shawn Lathrom**—Bellevue/North Lake
- **Dennis McOmber**—Jupiter/Midport Road
- **Richard Moseley**—Communities West
- **Azael Pitti**—Spring Hill Spanish/Wimauma Spanish
- **Michael Reid**—All Nations/North Port
- **Theophilus Roberts**—South Brevard/Victory Company
- **Burnett Robinson**—West Palm Beach First
- **Freddy Rodriguez**—Miami Central Spanish associate
- **Jorge Rojas**—Ft. Lauderdale Spanish/Margate Spanish
- **Valentin Rusu**—Romanian Adventist Temple Company
- **Rene Sanchez**—Treasure Coast Spanish/Indiantown Spanish
- **Don Shaw**—Lady Lake/Leesburg
- **Stephan Stewart**—Covenant
- **Marco Valenca**—Miami Brazilian/Ft. Myers Brazilian
- **Gerald Wasmer**—Kissimmee
- **Mark Waters**—Altamonte Springs
- **George Williams**—Kendall
- **Dale Wolfe**—Hernando/Homosassa
- **Nicusor Zamfir**—Winter Springs associate

Bulletin

More than 70 students working with the summer MagaBook program in the Conference recently set a record by delivering more than \$60,000 worth of truth-filled literature in one week.

The Lakeview Church in Powder Springs, Ga., provided free health screenings and information to 72 people in four hours during the town's Independence Day celebration this year. Lakeview would like to work with other Adventist churches in the Atlanta area to expand the ministry. Visit www.healthyatlanta.org to learn more.

More than 200 Hispanic lay-leaders are planning to conduct ShareHim evangelistic meetings in the Conference during October 2008.

The Cedar Ridge Church in Georgetown, Tenn., began a program called "God's Dividends" to send children from the congregation and community to Cohutta Youth Camp. In 2008, Cedar Ridge members raised \$3,000 for 14 children to attend camp.

Mark your calendar for an exciting, fun, Christian weekend date at the "Love for a Lifetime" Marriage Conference, October 31-November 2, in Rome, Ga. For details, visit www.gccsda.com or call Georgia-Cumberland Conference family ministries at 1-800-567-1844, x341.

Doe Ordained in Jellico

Kevin Doe was ordained into the Gospel ministry on June 28, at the Jellico Church where he pastors in Tennessee.

Doe was raised in a Roman Catholic family. While pursuing a successful career as a technical training instructor in the United States Air Force and living near Austin, Tex., Doe purchased his first Bible in search of truth. Noticing severe inconsistencies with the teachings of Roman Catholicism, he asked a Christian colleague what day they attended church. "On the seventh-day Sabbath," the colleague answered.

On the last Sabbath of 1990, Doe and his wife, Denise, embraced their newly-found faith and became baptized members of the Seventh-day Adventist



MARTIN KNOPPER

Church and Conference officials surround Kevin Doe as a sign of affirmation during the ordination prayer by Stan Patterson, vice president for pastoral ministries.

Church. After serving in the youth department of the South Austin, Tex., church for five years, Doe felt God's call to ministry. In 2003, he completed his master's degree at the Adventist Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Mich., and began ministering at the Jellico and La Follette congregations in Tennessee.

"I'm very proud of him," says Martha Quirk, Sabbath School secretary. "He is a man of the Lord. He is a good person. He's grown a lot in the five years since he first came here. He teaches from the Bible, he cares, and he is a nurturer. He wants us all to be in Heaven."

—BY MARTIN KNOPPER

Ellison Ordained in McMinnville

The McMinnville, Tenn., Church celebrated the ordination of their pastor, Eric Ellison, on July 26. Ellison, and his wife,

Trisha, came to the McMinnville Church in 2006.

He has been actively involved with the youth and reaching out to the

community.

"We are as happy as we can be. We love him and his family," says Debbie

Rockwell, McMinnville's Vacation Bible School director. "I prayed for someone who has a special love for youth, and I believe God has answered our prayers. My heart is warmed for the love Pastor Ellison has for the community."

"Pastor Eric comes quite frequently to our school," says teacher Alicia Reeve. "He has worship and does baptismal studies with our students, leading them to Christ."

—BY MARTIN KNOPPER



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Rick Greve, Conference northern region ministerial director, leads in the ministerial commission responsive reading with Eric and Trisha Ellison.

Good News Atlanta Ministers in Millridge

Heidi Donovan acted on the instructions God gave her in the middle of the night.

As an assistant for the Good News Atlanta team, she'd been praying for something to do for the youth in the Millridge subdivision, a neighborhood in Buford, Ga., that the team has adopted to minister to. When God told her what to do, she wrote it down and followed through.

Since that time in June, Donovan has produced activities that now attract young people ages 9 to 15 every Friday evening in

a convenient spot along a Millridge neighborhood street. "The goal was to connect and build trust and



Heidi Donovan takes time to talk with children.

relationships in the community and reach into their hearts and disciple them," she said.

Donovan and her assistants have done interactive

Bible stories and crafts on a regular basis and the children have helped with community cleanup. A recent

group birthday party with an impulsive gift from Donovan proved to be the only gift one of the neighborhood girls received on her birthday. The girl was so touched by the experience with Donovan and her team that she inquired about summer activities. She has since been sponsored

by the Good News Atlanta team to attend summer camp for a week at Cohutta Springs.

The group has also grown to include a home

school mother who has been impressed to help with the gatherings, which average about 10 children each week.

One of the best memories Donovan has is of a recent visit by some of the teenage boys in the neighborhood.

"They were riding up and down the road on their bikes, hanging out, acting as if they weren't really interested, but they really were trying to see what we were doing," she said. "They finally ended up participating and having fun. Hopefully, we've made a difference and they'll keep coming back."

—BY LESSIE SCURRY

Farr Retires After 45 Years

Henry Farr has served as the Georgia-Cumberland Conference Associate Superintendent of Education since 1977. After 31 years in that role, nine years as a teacher and principal in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, and five years in other conferences of the Southern Union, he is retiring from his 45-year education career. Of Georgia-Cumberland Conference, Farr said, "It's the best place to work. I really enjoyed it. I enjoy being around the kids and teachers...I've seen kids grow up and then send their kids through our schools."

Farr began teaching in 1963, then attended Southern Missionary College



Henry Farr began teaching in 1963.

for several summers and graduated in 1969 with a bachelor of science degree. He earned a master of education degree in 1971 and a doctorate of education degree in 1975 from the

University of Tennessee.

"His service in our office has spanned four decades," said Cynthia Gettys, vice president for education. "He has strengths in policy development and follow-through. He's a historian and he has agreed to be a volunteer consultant for the history as we move forward. He will also continue his work with supporting ministries schools as a volunteer."

In retirement, Farr plans to travel and volunteer for the conference education department. He and his wife, Shirley, live in Calhoun, Ga., and have two children, Esther and Roy.

—BY REBECCA BROOKS

Parnells Celebrate 60th Anniversary



Jack and Ruth Parnell, married June 6, 1948, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a four-day family reunion. Visiting were their four children, spouses, and several of their nine grandchildren. The Parnells are members of the Chattanooga First Church in Tenn.

Cycle of Evangelism Reaps Souls



Carlis Clinto (back row, left), pastor, stands with the newly baptized members.

The Community Church of Meridian, Miss., has been on the move this year with a “Cycle of Evangelism.” The calendar of events includes home Bible studies, plus seminars that include diet and stress, personal finances, dealing with divorce, and parenting skills. In the church

fellowship hall, workshops are held for community professionals who need to obtain continuing education units.

Church members give Bible studies, have tasks to do during seminars, and get involved with new members. These programs are for the purpose

of meeting people and ministering to their needs, for building personal relationships, and also to expose the community to the Adventist Church.

“Mainly we encourage church members to come forward with a ‘burden’ of ministry they have ... something they see needed in the church or community. They in turn lead out and get other church members involved with the program by personal invitation and promotion from platform,” explains Phillip Roberts, assistant pastor and evangelism coordinator. He

continues, “We conducted a Spiritual Gift seminar several months ago so members, especially new members, see where their gifts lead and how they are needed in church, and we work on getting them involved. We will be doing that again.”

These programs lead to two evangelistic seminars conducted per year to introduce people to Christ and His message in these last days. From April 10 through May 10 of this year, Carlis Clinton, pastor, presented the prophecy seminar “Revelations of Prophecy.” The entire event was conducted in the church with more than 80 visitors attending the first night and strong attendance the following nights. By the end of July, 22 baptized individuals had become new members.

—BY REBECCA GRICE

Friends Meet at Camp Meeting

Friends Lalah Neece and Miriam Mathews enjoyed returning to Gulf States camp meeting for the first time in several years. They had been attending another camp meeting, but wanted to reconnect with their Mississippi roots.

Neece had been an elementary school teacher in Meridian, Miss. Her husband, Silas,



Lalah Neece (left) and friend Miriam Mathews enjoyed the Pathfinder parade on the first Sunday.

served as Adventist Book Center manager and assistant treasurer in the Confer-

ence. They retired in the early 1970's and continued to live in Montgomery, Ala. Their daughter, Carolyn Culpepper, and grandson, Burney Culpepper, Jr., work in the Gulf States Conference.

Mathews' husband, Ken, served in various areas of the Conference as a Bass Memorial Academy Bible teacher, a pastor, and the trust service director, and she worked as

his secretary. After retiring in the 1990's, the Mathews moved to Greenville, Tenn.

The two women enjoyed their time together until Neece became ill and was rushed to a local hospital. Sadly, she passed away several days later. Neece was known for her beautiful smile. Now that smile brightens memories and reminds many of a camp meeting in the future where no one will ever have to say goodbye.

—BY REBECCA GRICE
AND CAROLYN CULPEPPER

Broadcast Ministry Reaches the Community



Guest Leslie Louis (left), Conference secretary, joins Booker Joseph and Karl Doerner, Birmingham First Church pastor, during a live broadcast.

“Let the Bible Speak,” with Birmingham First Church Pastor Karl Doerner and friends is an interactive live broadcast heard each Sunday from 4 to 5 p.m. CST on WXJC. It is broadcast live from the studios of radio 850 AM in Homewood, Ala., with a simulcast on 92.5 FM.

It can also be heard via the Internet at 850WXJC.com. The program is into the fourth year of broadcasting and is an outreach ministry of the Birmingham First Church in Hoover, Ala.

The program is a forum where a wide variety of interesting and relevant Bible

subjects such as end-time events, the Second Coming, and the controversy between good and evil are discussed.

The panelists join Doerner during live Bible-based panel discussions. Listeners are encouraged to call in with questions or com-

ments during the broadcast. They may also participate by sending their questions or comments via email. The panel addresses them over the airwaves as they are received.

The church’s goal is to share the good news of salvation and the hope of Christ with residents of metro Birmingham and surrounding areas. Those involved are dedicated to the daily walk of their listeners and strive to provide biblical principles to help them grow spiritually. Through this broadcast, the church is reaching souls and proclaiming Jesus Christ to their local community. Those involved in the broadcast feel blessed to know that God is working through this radio ministry.

—BY BOOKER JOSEPH

CERT Team Completes 20-Hour Disaster Training Course



These members completed a 20-hour intensive training course in order to graduate as a Community Emergency Response Team.

The Cody Road Church in Mobile, Ala., recently graduated one of the largest Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) classes. CERT is a part of the USA Freedom Corps. It is the immediate responder to natural disasters and man-made events.

The areas covered during the 20-hour intensive training course included: identifying the hazards most likely to affect homes and communities; learning the function of CERT; discovering what steps to take to prepare for a disaster; knowing how to reduce

fire hazards in homes and workplaces; how to work as a team to apply basic fire suppression; how to give first aid treatment for a number of injuries and set up a treatment area; how to safely remove debris and victims; and how to identify ways to protect rescuers during search and rescue.

Walt Dickerson, Mobile County EMA director, and Gary Smith, course coordinator, presented each graduate “The President’s Call to Service” certificate, and an emergency CERT kit.

—BY JAMES JACKSON

Earliteens Give “Angel Kisses” to Homeless Moms



Kelsey Snyder (left), Brandon Voignier, Heidi Ruckle, and Aaron Burchard work on an Angel Kisses quilt.

Each quarter, the Louisville First Church Sabbath School classes select community outreach projects. The projects provide

opportunities for members to become acquainted with their neighbors and become involved in projects that benefit individuals in the community as well as draw favorable attention to the church and its goals.

Among several projects, Angel Kisses was one that stood out as

creative and showing class involvement. Under the direction of Heidi Ruckle, David Voignier, and Cheryl Keplinger, the earliteen class created more than 20 blankets of soft material to distribute among homeless mothers for their newborn children. The blankets were personalized with embroidered logos to help the mothers remember that there are those who really care. To finance the project, more that

\$150 was raised to pay for supplies, as well as a small amount to assist the moms with unexpected expenses.

—BY CLIFTON KELLER



The Angel Kisses logo is embroidered into each quilt.

Baptism Not Typical

Mayra came to the Middletown Church as the result of a *Ten Commandments Twice Removed* book Anna Stodghill had placed in her doctor's office. So, Mike Mudd, Mike Hearth, and Anna started Mayra on a

One Sabbath afternoon, Mike and Mary Hearth invited a group to their home. Mayra and Xavier were invited. They both came and great friendships were developed. Phillip Sizemore, “the little pastor that could,” was soon to begin an evangelistic crusade. Xavier and Mayra were both invited.

Xavier agreed that he might attend one meeting. But after that one meeting, he continued attending for the complete series. Both Mayra and Xavier made decisions to be

baptized. Xavier is a large man and is wheelchair-bound, which would make it difficult to get him into the church's baptistry. Sizemore arranged for their baptisms at a local YMCA pool.

—BY ANNA STODGHILL



Paul Stodghill, Mayra and Xavier (center), and Anna Stodghill

series of evangelistic DVD's. Shortly after, Douglas Na'a began a series of evangelistic meetings at the Louisville First Church. Mayra was invited to the series and attended faithfully. Her husband, Xavier, had no interest in the studies.

Pastoral Move

Jonathan Weigley has been assigned to the Murfreesboro-Tullahoma-Decherd district in Tennessee as of July 1.

In 2004 Weigley received a bachelor's degree in theology from Southern Adventist University. While there, he met Karin Seeley.

Seeley also graduated from Southern Adventist University, with a degree in elementary education.

After graduation, the Weigleys moved back to her home state where he continued his studies at Andrews University Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Mich. After completing his studies in 2006, they moved to Louisville, where Weigley spent the last year and a



Jonathan and Karin Weigley

half interning as an associate pastor at the Louisville First and Pewee Valley churches.

The Weigleys have been married for five years and are expecting their first child in September.

—BY MARVIN LOWMAN

Audio Video Team Ministry Reaches Out

In December of 2006, White House, Tenn., Church members Scott Boyte and Jim Marqueling had an idea. Like many churches, the church had some older members who can no longer attend church regularly. The idea was to record the worship service each Sabbath onto a DVD and take it to these few members.

The project started with Marqueling's camcorder and a laptop computer to record on. This configuration was not the best, but it got the idea rolling. Soon more members became interested in this new ministry. The group decided to approach the church board to ask for help to purchase equipment to be able to better create the DVD's each week. The

church board was and continues to be very supportive of the AV Team Ministry.



In the time since the idea became a ministry, the team has grown to nine full-time dedicated members. Team leaders Larry Hamm and Jeremy Leggett, along with team members Scott Boyte, Jim Marqueling, Steve Chamberlain, Kevin Smart, Darrell Stevenson,

Tim Esquilla, and Robert Meekma, produce and record 10-20 DVD's each week. One DVD goes to Highland Manor nursing home for the patients to be able to watch each Sabbath. A DVD recorder, video mixer, audio mixer, three camcorders, two PC's and a DVD duplicator have been added. Each team member is dedicated to the ministry of creating and sending out the DVD's to members who can-

not attend regularly, or are just away on vacation. The ministry has been well received and supported by the church membership.

Future plans include adding podcast and video files of each week's sermon

to White House's website, www.whitehouse22.adventistchurchconnect.org, so that anyone can view or listen to them. The team admits this is a new adventure for them and there is much yet to learn. But, with God's help this endeavor will become a way to witness not only to local church members but also to the world via the Internet.

—BY LARRY HAMM



Student LE's Touch Many Lives

Young adults working this summer as literature evangelists in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference have had some wonderful experiences with the Lord's blessing. On average, 700 to 1,000 homes and businesses were visited each day. Even during off times, the students talked to many individuals.

Including message books, health books, children's books, and the



Kent Millard (standing, right), associate publishing director, with the summer LE program participants

smaller message books, the team put out approximately 200 books per day. Many lives have been touched, and the students have had a great experience. Bible

study interests have been gathered to be followed up by the local church members. Interested people have been invited to evangelistic meetings in September in Lexington.

Eric Rose, one of the team members, shared *The Great Controversy* with a man at a gas station. The man was absolutely delighted to get the book and said that he was coming back to the Lord. Before they parted,

he prayed a special prayer for God to bless Eric.

One afternoon while working businesses, three students canvassed the same truck driver as he stopped at various locations. He didn't get books from them then, but that evening after getting off work, he went to the bank and came back with money and purchased four message books while the students were working in another part of town. He was also very excited about attending the meetings this fall.

—BY KENT MILLARD

A CONVERSION MIRACLE

BY SUSAN KORZYNIOWSKI

Marta Sonia Peralta de Reguerin was born high in the Andes in La Paz, Bolivia, into a family of eight. Raised as a strict Catholic, Marta went to mass each Sunday and was confirmed as a child. She received her elementary education in a nuns' school and then boarded during high school in a Catholic school. Following graduation, she attended the Universidad de Cordoba in Argentina where she received her B.A. in physical therapy. Then after college graduation, Marta move back to La Paz where she worked as a hospital physical therapist.



Marta (left) with her daughter, Susana

A little curly-haired girl named Susana was born to Marta and her husband in La Paz in 1965. Susana was raised in the Catholic faith in the family tradition. Later the family moved to Los Altos, California, where Susana attended high school. It was there she met Maritza, a friend who was a Seventh-day Adventist. Through Maritza's witness, Susana was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist faith at the age of 18, very much against her mother's wishes. It was her strong desire to attend an Adventist college, so she took out grants and loans to attend Pacific Union College, where

she graduated with a B.A. in business administration. It was here, also, that she met and married her first husband.

Life doesn't always turn out as planned or expected. Both Susana and Marta were to soon to feel the devastation of betrayal and divorce as their marriages disintegrated. Susana's heartbreak came first. Marta was at her daughter's side during the first few bitter months, and it was then that she observed from Susana that in our weakness we can be made strong by clinging to God's promises through prayer and Bible study.

As Marta observed that Susana was happy in spite of trials, she began asking spiritual questions that Susana answered from the Bible. Seeds were being sown.

After returning to Bolivia, Marta faced her own marital difficulties. The rejection she was experiencing made her more open to Adventism, so she began watching *A de Vernir*, a Hispanic version of 3ABN, which was on television 24 hours a day. She also began reading the Bible for herself and attending the Iglesia Adventista de Sopocachi in La Paz. She didn't know anyone, so she asked her sister, Teresa, and her niece and the niece's daughter to accompany her. Although they were hesitant and "very Catholic," they agreed to go for Marta's sake.

The pastor, Roberto Vela, began giving them all Bible studies, and before long Marta's sister, niece, and daughter were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist faith.

Marta, too, had made her decision to be baptized — even before her sister's baptism, but she wanted to be baptized in the Ridgetop, Tennessee, Church, her daughter's home church, and by Bob Korzyniowski, the pastor she had come to know during her visits. She was baptized May 10.

On returning to Bolivia, Marta has become very involved in her church and has made many new friends. As she grows in Christ and continues to share her testimony with yet more family and friends, she hopes they too will come to know and love Jesus as she has.

Marta says, "When I was in the nuns' school, when I did something wrong I would confess, take communion, and be told that all would be okay. I learned prayers by memory, but did not know how to talk to God in my own words. Worst of all, I feared hell. I am now sure of salvation and feel free and at peace. God has taken control of my life," she says. "I am more happy in spite of problems. He is the One who gives me strength, and I know God is with me. He is blessing me."



Bob Korzyniowski (left), pastor, Marta, and Susana

Philadelphia Conducts Vacation Bible School

“God’s Big Backyard” was the theme for the 2008 Vacation Bible School at the Philadelphia Church in Council, N.C.

The program was a tremendous success, as more than 40 children attended each night during the week

of June 23. The program’s finale took place on Sabbath with an inspiring children’s message by guest speaker Cheryl Aguilar.

Fonda Clark, VBS coordinator, encouraged the church and community members to donate pairs

of shoes to be given to the local radio station, WENC in Whiteville, N.C., for shipment to countries in need. Several of the surrounding Adventist churches participated as well. More than 100 pairs of shoes were donated by the church members.

The greatest blessing was that God inspired children and adults from the community who attended church on Sabbath to make a commitment to return.

—BY VONZELL CHANCY

Georgia Seniors Host Federation

Students, parents, teachers, and church school supporters assembled at the River Oaks Campground Praise and Worship Center in Orangeburg, S.C., for Church School Rally Day 2008. The theme was “Experience the Joy of Walking in His Footsteps.”

This event began as “Young Disciples in Training” invited the Lord’s presence in Sabbath School. The preliminaries were presented by students from Albany, Ga., Charlotte, N.C., High Point, N.C., and Smithfield,

N.C. Orangeburg, S.C., students presented oral presentations of what “Walking with Jesus” meant to them. The schools from Fayetteville, Greensboro, High Point, Raleigh, Smithfield, Whiteville, Wilmington, and Winston-Salem, N.C., sang “Footprints of Jesus,” recited a poem, and did a rhythmic sign language presentation. The importance of working together was shown as the students from Albany gave an explicit presentation of how one part of the body cannot function well with-

out the help of all parts.

The praise team from Berean Christian Junior Academy in Atlanta, Ga., prepared hearts and minds for the divine worship service through their ministry in song. The service was unique in that the message was brought by three students: Lesha Whittaker, a first grader from Florence, S.C.; Caleb Atkins, a seventh grader from Berean Christian Junior Academy; and Latrell Greene, an eighth grader from Fayetteville. All three students inspired,

uplifted, and prepared souls for further Christian service in God’s vineyard.

After lunch a mini concert was presented by the Greater Atlanta Adventist Academy Emsemble and Whiteville Gospel Praise Choir from Carolina Adventist Academy. “Pure Drama,” the drama club from Greater Atlanta Adventist Academy concluded the day as they presented mini-skits portraying major lessons in life.

—BY BEATRICE BANKS

Morehouse Medical Students Honored



Keshia Callins, M.D. Brandi Jouett, M.D.

On August 1, two Adventist residents were honored for their outstanding work as physicians. Keshia Callins, M.D., and Brandi Jouett, M.D., are recent graduates from the Morehouse School of Medicine and are

presently completing their residencies at Grady Memorial Hospital. Additionally, Jouett is the daughter of the late Gary Jouett who served as a pastor in the South Atlantic Conference.

To be considered for recognition, medical residents must exhibit characteristics of predetermined and rigorous criteria:

- Consistently demonstrate compassion and empathy in the delivery of care to patients

- Be approachable and accessible to students while welcoming opportunities for teaching and one-on-one mentorships with students
- Show respect for everyone he/she comes in contact with
- Demonstrate cultural sensitivity in working with patients and family members of diverse ethnic or religious backgrounds.

Morehouse School of Medicine was established in 1975, and today has an enrollment of approximately

300 students who are chosen from more than 3,500 applicants annually.

One of the school’s professors, John Patrickson, Ph.D., associate professor in the Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology, is also a local elder and Sabbath School teacher at West End Church in Atlanta, Ga. He has received numerous awards annually for excellence in teaching and for his one-on-one tutoring and counseling.

—BY MELVINA FRYAR

Progress Village Holds Graduation Ceremony



Bryanna Campbell

The young people are the future of the Church. They need to be encouraged in every way possible to achieve their goals. To that end, the Progress Village Church family in Tampa, Fla., decided to start a new tradition.

They celebrated the academic accomplishments of their youth from middle and high school by giving them a graduation ceremony. You may ask why this is such a big deal.

Progress Village does not have a Church school — most of the youth attend public schools. The members felt that the students from the Class of 2008 should be encouraged by their church family to continue their academic excellence and remind them to keep God first.

Thus, a morning and evening service was held. The graduates had the privilege of marching in to “Pomp and Circumstance” for both services while wearing their caps and gowns. The theme was “Keep God First.”

The morning service



Stephanie Nicolas

was an opportunity for the students who did not graduate to celebrate the success of completing another school year. During the personal ministries period, Brandon Ardley (Tampa Adventist Academy, 8th grade), as part of a tribute to his family, gave them flowers. Throughout the service the attendees were blessed by the music of the Progress Village choir — a combination of youth and the young at heart.

Chaplain Mian Hill of the Veteran’s Hospital in Tampa, was the speaker for the morning service. “The War is Over,” was the title of his message. He shared that “victory begins in the mind and because we belong to Christ, we have already won the fight.

“The devil already knows he is a defeated foe, so when we accept Christ’s death and resurrection for our sins, we are on the winning side.” Hill also shared that all should have an attitude of victory, live a life of victory, and rejoice because of that victory.

The evening service



Manouchka Moran

gave the graduates from a chance to celebrate their most recent academic accomplishments. Four young women shared their memories of high school and expressed appreciation to their parents, family, friends, and church family.

Stephanie Nicolas (Brandon High School) gave the welcome. Daniell Taylor (Middleton High School) introduced the commencement speaker. Bryanna Campbell (Middleton High School) gave the farewell address. And Manouchka Moran (Middleton High School) sang a song that caused many to shed tears.

The speaker for the evening service was Neale Davis, assistant head of school for Bible-Based Fellowship Christian Academy in Tampa. The title of his message was “Life Without Limits.” One of his points centered on keeping God first, as stated in Proverbs 3:5-6. “This can be accomplished by spending more time with God and asking His will for your life,” stated Davis.

The intent behind the message was to help the



Daniell Taylor

graduates avoid certain pitfalls, and learn from the experiences of others.

Each graduate received a framed Certificate of Academic Excellence. Student profiles were read for each graduate as they walked across the platform. The profiles included high school accomplishments, college plans, hobbies, and favorite quotes or sayings.

Moran and Taylor finished their course work ahead of schedule, December 2007, and started classes at the local community college. Campbell and Nicolas started in June.

The beautiful thing about these students finishing high school and middle school, is their involvement in church.

Their staying in school and being involved in church is something to be applauded. As they move forward in their educational pursuit, the church family prays for them to “Keep God First” and stay focused on their goals, remembering the lessons they have learned.

—BY ROBERT WATKINS AND
MARY ALICE BATTLE

Miami Bethany Hosts Urban League Event

The Bethany Church in Miami, Fla., recently hosted the Urban League of Greater Miami, Inc. 65th annual meeting, and educational awards ceremony.

This annual program promotes great incentives for senior high school honor students to enter into college, and pursue a college degree with various scholarships and gifts presented to them by the Urban League and other

business men and women representing companies in the metropolitan Miami community.

It was a great honor for Eric Smith, director of education for the state of Florida to be a part of this celebration for the students in Miami Dade County.

T. Willard Fair, CEO, is the director of the Miami Dade Urban League and chairman of Florida's Educational Board.

Launita Gaiter is the CFO and vice-chairperson for the Urban League, and is a long-standing member of Bethany. Sharron Henley is education director/program manager for the Urban League and a former student of Miami Union

Academy (MUA) and Oakwood University.

William C. Byrd, pastor of Bethany Church, is an active member of the Miami Urban League Board, and he pushes for the students of MUA to be included in this celebration.

The Conference Education Department is extremely proud that two 2008 MUA graduates, Kristina Desir and Ginelle Nedd, were the recipients of scholarships and special gifts.

Leslie Ann Braithwaite and Meagen McPhee, last year's top two graduates of MUA, received additional scholarships as well.

Carol Byrd, Conference associate superintendent of education, and Regina Harris, MUA principal, coordinated their students partici-



Eric Smith (left), William C. Byrd, pastor, and T. Willard Fair pose during the Urban League award presentation.

participation in this program with Sharron Henley.

William C. Byrd, MUA school board chairman; Regina Harris, principal; and Elisa Young, Conference education superintendent and MUA school board member, are elated that the MUA students are included in this yearly celebration which promotes incentives for the students to attend college.

—BY CAROL BYRD



Sharron Henley (left), Meagen McPhee, Leslie Ann Braithwaite, Kristina Desir, Carol Byrd, William C. Byrd, Ginelle Nedd, and Eric Smith

Internet Provides Long Distance Stand for Christ

After hearing Keith Morris issue an altar call during divine worship at camp meeting 2008 in Hawthorne, Fla., Willie Anderson decided to take a stand to get baptized.

While hundreds of individuals across North America make a decision to follow Christ every Sabbath, Anderson's stand was unique because he made a stand while watching the webcast of the service in the Salem Church sanctuary, more than 300 miles away in Pompano Beach, Fla.

Southeastern began broadcasting its camp meeting services in 2004 on Hope TV. However, the costs associated with broadcasting camp meeting on Hope TV prompted the Conference to look for an alternate solution.

The Conference decided to use the Internet and partnered with Praise-vision to webcast camp meeting. The decision to use the Internet to webcast camp meeting was an easy one since Southeastern had successfully webcast a num-

ber of Conference events before, including the 2008 session.

The use of the Internet as a broadcast medium enabled Southeastern to webcast every service during camp meeting, as well as the Wednesday night all-night prayer meeting and the children's hour.

Using the Internet to broadcast the services provided an additional benefit that broadcasting via satellite does not offer — metrics. More than 10,000 individuals from 35 U.S. states and



Jessica McKenzie operates the camera during camp meeting service.

16 countries watched the services via the Internet.

—BY ROBERT HENLEY

Pastors “Recharge” at Southern

Southern Adventist University and the Georgia-Cumberland Conference held a first-of-its-kind pastoral retreat, entitled “Recharge,” on July 6-18.

“Recharge” was a time for pastors and their families to step back and simply recharge every aspect of their lives in an unhurried setting.

During the mornings, pastors and their spouses

attended classes designed to develop professional skills, renew personal and spiritual growth, and teach the importance of balance. In the afternoon, the program became a type of summer camp for pastors and their families, providing them with opportunities to scale rock walls, raft down rapids, discover a hidden talent, and more.

“Recharge has been

that pause in time to reset,” says David Wendt, pastor of the Pikeville Church. “It’s been wonderful! “Recharge” gave me a chance to focus on family and do activities I would never have the time to do — like art and rafting.”

—BY SUZANNE OCSAI



Pastors and their families participated in art classes and other enriching activities during “Recharge.”

Evangelism Field School Saves a Life

Forced through more than 30 surgeries and three amputations on one leg, Gail Nelson, of South Carolina, felt there was no meaning to her life and began to plan her suicide.

The day after deciding that she would take her life, a flyer in the mail caught her eye. It was an advertisement for an evangelistic series that Southern Adventist University theology majors Darryl Bentley and Jeff Sagala were presenting as part of the field school of evangelism in South Carolina. Nelson felt that God was trying to reach her one last time.

“I’m going to give this a chance,” she thought.

“As I greeted her the



Gail Nelson found a new life as a result of Southern’s evangelistic field school.

first night,” says Bentley, “she made the comment that she had been impressed that she should come.”

After hearing that, Bentley made it a point to greet her each night. Nelson attended almost every meeting despite hardships that

could have kept her away. She had discovered a reason for life and soon asked Bentley if he would baptize her.

“When she came up out of the water at her baptism,” remembers Bentley, “she broke down in tears of joy

and relief — she was just elated.”

Each time a field school of evangelism takes place, Southern students do more than merely meet a graduation requirement — they change lives like Gail Nelson’s.

“The field school makes ministry real for the students,” says Alan Parker, associate religion professor at Southern, who led the South Carolina field school.

This summer, field schools were held in Guatemala, Ghana, Tanzania, and South Carolina. In South Carolina alone, 45 people were baptized and 65 chose to prepare for baptism.

Brick Boys Finish Strong Before Disbanding

Andrew Donesky, 14, and the Brick Boys, who have won the last three Southern Challenges hosted by Southern Adventist University, have now also won the North American Division

Adventist Robotics League Challenge.

Donesky, the team’s founder and only three-year member, hasn’t attended the finals in previous years because they coincided

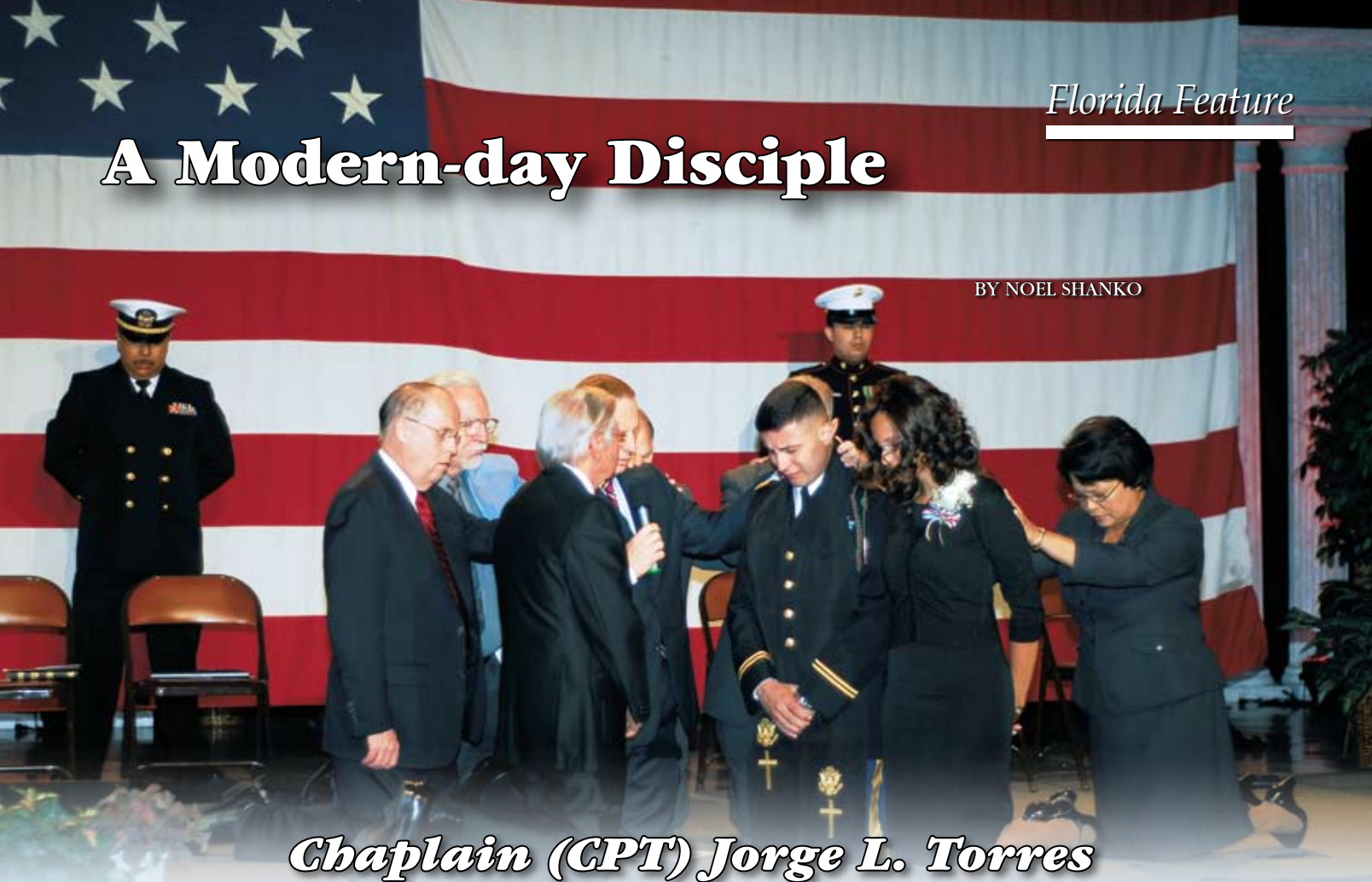
with his family’s annual mission trip. This year, however, instead of going on a summer mission trip, the Doneskys are moving to Peru to serve as full-time missionaries.

“I think it was one of the happiest ways to go out,” says Donesky, “It was exciting — we’d made it there, and it was our final accomplishment.”

—BY SUZANNE OCSAI

A Modern-day Disciple

BY NOEL SHANKO



Chaplain (CPT) Jorge L. Torres

Approximately 2,000 years ago, Jesus met with 12 young intern pastors by the Sea of Galilee and placed His hands on their heads, ordaining them to the Gospel ministry. Reminiscent of this service, Chaplain (CPT) Jorge L. Torres was ordained on Memorial Day weekend during Florida Conference Camp Meeting in Apopka, Florida, and viewed worldwide via satellite.

Recently returned from a second deployment in Iraq where he served in the first presidential Surge Unit, Torres continues to trust in God, “who promises that He will be with us wherever we go.

“I believe God has set me apart for this special mission,” says Torres. “I know that God will enable me to live out the Army’s Chaplain Corps motto which is ‘Pro Deo Et Patria,’ (For God and Country).”

Gary Councill, guest speaker and director of Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries for the North American Division, emphasized that “ordination acknowledges relationships:

- the intimate bonding of God with those chosen for His special work,
- the support of God’s remnant church for those exercising the spiritual gift of pastor, and
- the complete commitment of the Called to humble service.”

Torres was born in San German, Puerto Rico. He earned a bachelor of science degree in theology from Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tennessee, and a master of divinity degree from Andrews University Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Michigan. He pastored churches in Georgia, Tennessee, and Florida, and served as a missionary in Mexico and Taiwan before becoming a chaplain in 2001.

Chaplain (CPT) Jorge L. Torres is married to his childhood sweetheart, Evelyn. They have four children: Gabriel, 9; Alexis, 7; Emmanuel, 4; and Joshua, 22 months.



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Obituaries

BANDRY, Gene, 96, born Feb. 20, 1911 in Queens, NY, died Feb. 11, 2008 in Deltona, FL. He was a member of the Deltona Church for 19 years. He is survived by his wife, Elaine; and one sister, Irene Baldwin.

BARNES, Hazel J., 70, born Dec. 27, 1937 in Pierson, FL, died June 15, 2008 in DeLeon Springs, FL. She was a member of the DeLand Church for four years. She is survived by five sons: Mike Meyer, Mitch Bisch, Patrick Meyer, Paul Meyer, and Charles Meyer; 15 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

BAUTISTA, Priscilla, 88, born July 14, 1919 in the Philippines, died Dec. 12, 2007 in Avon Park, FL. She was a member of the Avon Park, FL, Church, and served for 10 years in housekeeping in Simi Valley Hospital, CA. She is survived by five daughters: Lolita Nobang, Angelina Tamayo, Estrellita Gensolin, Carmelita Lim, and Rosemary Iletto; 14 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

BECKER, Rhoda G., 88, born Nov. 15, 1918 in Angola, NY, died Oct. 27, 2007 in DeBary, FL. She is survived by her son, Art Becker, Jr.; one daughter in East Aurora, NY; and one sister in New York; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

BEE, Virginia, 86, born Feb. 5, 1921 in Lincoln, NE, died Jan. 23, 2008 in Inverness, FL. She was a member of the Inverness Church. She is survived by two sons: Haskell Bee and Robert Bee; one daughter, Patty Lyland; one sister, Ann Steinhoff; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

BENCE, Nicolas J., 82, born Dec. 6, 1924 in Florida, Cuba, died Nov. 9, 2007 in Orlando, FL. He was a member of the Avon Park, FL, Spanish Church for four years. He served in denominational work for 46 years: pastor, departmental leader, president of the East Cuba Conference; president of the National Conference, Cuba; president of the Las Villas Conference, Cuba; pastor, Havana Conference, Cuba; literature evangelist in California and Texas; and pastor in the Florida Conference. He is survived by his wife, Sara Vileta; two sons: Hiraldo and Carlos; two daughters: Keyla and Raquel; one brother, Herman; four sisters: Felida Comesas, Lydia Flores, Celestina Sales, and Cora Lorenzo; and nine grandchildren.

BLANEY, Zain Joseph, 3½, born Dec. 8, 2003, died Oct. 4, 2007 in Maryville, TN. The son of Matthew and Ashley Blaney; grandson of Mike and Durienda Blaney and Joseph and Julie Low; great grandson of Hugh and Imogene Shepard and Jean Elizabeth Blaney. He attended Sabbath School with his grandparents, Mike and Durienda Blaney.

BLANTON-JACKSON, Agnes, 98, born Feb. 8, 1910 in Paris, TN, died Feb. 26, 2008 in Paris. She was a member of the Murray, TN, Church.

BOWEN, Dewitt, 85, born March 6, 1922 in Florence, MS, died Jan. 13, 2008. He was a resident of Collegedale, TN, most of his adult life. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Army having served during WWII. He was a code clerk with the 14th Tank BN 9th Armored Division. He attended Southern

Junior College and graduated from the University of Tennessee Dental School in Memphis, TN, with a degree in Dental Surgery in 1953. He served on the city commission for 16 years including eight years of that as the second mayor of Collegedale, and was one of the founding fathers that incorporated Collegedale. He was a member and deacon of the Collegedale Church. He was a member of the credit commission and endowment fund commission for Southern Adventist University. He is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Josie Newlon Bowen; one daughter, JoDee Marie Bowen; one son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Truby Bowen; one sister and brother-in-law, Thyra and John Keplinger; one brother and sister-in-law, Dr. John Harvey and Dusty Bowen; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

BOWEN, Josie Newlon, 82, died Jan. 27, 2008 in Collegedale, TN. She was born in Cleveland, OH, but had been a lifelong resident of Collegedale. She attended Southern Junior College where she met Dewitt, her life partner of nearly 60 years. She was a member of the Collegedale Church, head deaconess for many years, and organized bereavement meals for her church family. Her husband, Dr. Dewitt Bowen, died Jan. 13, 2008. She is survived by one daughter, JoDee Bowen; one son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Truby Bowen; one brother and sister-in-law, Bruce and Katherine Newlon; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; nieces; and nephews.

BRANUM, Nancy, 70, born May 22, 1937 in Akron, OH, died Dec. 22, 2007. She was a member of the Cedar Ridge Church in Georgetown, TN. She is survived by her husband, Allen; four children: David Branum, Dale Branum, Jennifer Branum, and Sharon Miller; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

BRISTOW, Jr., Harvey E., 66, born June 4, 1941 in Portsmouth, VA, died Dec. 30, 2007 in Crystal River, FL. He was a member of the Inverness, FL, Church for eight years and served as an assistant treasurer at Shenandoah Valley Academy 1964-1966, and as boy's dean 1966-1968; Bible teacher/associate pastor at Jefferson Academy 1968-1970; principal at Fort Worth Jr. Academy 1970-1973; principal at Indianapolis Jr. Academy 1973-1976; principal at Highland View Academy 1976-1979; Bible, history, and business teacher at Takoma Academy 1979-1987 and principal 1987-1992; chaplain at Washington Adventist Hospital 1992-1995; and Bible teacher at Greater Miami Academy 1996-1997. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Ruth; two daughters: Teresa Kelchener and Carol Hipps; his mother, Leone Bristow; one brother, Raymond Bristow; one sister, Mary Ellen Van Horn; four grandchildren.

BROOKS, Jr., Daniel R. E., 52, born Sept. 9, 1955 in Madison, TN, died Dec. 29, 2007 in Gerrardstown, WV. He was a member of the Hagerstown, MD, Church. He is survived by his wife, Lisa Doyle Brooks; his parents: Raymond and Irma Brooks; two sisters: Lutricia Whitlow and Karen Hansen; six nieces; eight great-nieces; and great-nephews.

BROWN, Charlie, 80, born July 20, 1927 in Kansas City, MO, died June 14, 2008 in Live Oak, FL. He was a member of the Madison, FL, Church, for five

years. He is survived by his wife, Jeannette; three sons: Gregory, Stephen, and John; four daughters: Cynthia Gordon, Charlene Freeman, Tina Kent, and Freida McAvoy; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

BRYAR, Eleanor M., 85, born Jan. 8, 1922, died Jan. 1, 2008 in Tarpon Springs, FL. She was a member of the New Port Richey, FL, Church. She is survived by two sisters: Gwendolyn Kriley and Beverly Hill.

BUNGAN, Jeanne (Hartie), 81, born July 4, 1926, died July 17, 2007. She was a member of the Cedar Ridge Church in Georgetown, TN. She is survived by one son David; and grandsons.

BUTLER, Mildred L., 88, born March 9, 1919, died March 6, 2008 in Huntsville, AL. She was a member of the Huntsville Central Church. She is survived by three sons: Ralph Butler, Jr., Clifford Butler, and Mark Butler; one daughter, Joyce Russell; one sister, Marcella Lamberson; and two granddaughters.

CABRERA, Juana, 80, born Nov. 24, 1927 in Havana, Cuba, died April 19, 2008 in Avon Park, FL. She was a member of the Avon Park Spanish Church for 14 years. She is survived by her husband, Juan; one son, Juan Cruz; one sister, Rosa Cruz; and one grandchild.

CARTER, Sarah Elizabeth, 98, born Oct. 28, 1909 in Atlanta, GA, died Jan. 10, 2008 in Austell, GA. She assisted her late husband Glenmore R. Carter, as he served as a minister for the Church. Upon retirement, they moved to Douglasville, GA, where they started the local church and were founders of Atlanta West Hospital and the Georgian Villa, which is now Douglasville Nursing Home. She is survived by two sons: L. Ed (Judy) Carter and G. Tom (Janette) Carter; one sister, Claudie Mae Woods; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren. She was a member of the Douglasville, GA, Church.

CAYS, John Luther, 83, born Aug. 10, 1924 in Bagdad, KY, died Dec. 8, 2007 in LaGrange, KY. He was a member of the Pewee Valley, KY, Church.

CHAPIN, Audrey Dunaway, died April 26, 2008. She was a native of the Lovedale community and lived most of her life in Jackson County, FL. She was an active member of the Marianna Church. She is survived by one son, Paul Chapin and his wife Maite; her 90-year-old sister, Mildred; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild. Her husband, Dr. Jay Paul Chapin, predeceased her.

CHISHOLM, Darrell F., 87, of Cleveland, TN, died Nov. 28, 2007. He is survived by two daughters: Cheryle Chisholm and Carole Bush; two sisters; one grandson, Jason Bush; and two great-grandchildren.

CLOUSE, Fred C., 89, of Apison, TN, died Dec. 4, 2007. He was a member of the Collegedale, TN, Church.

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COATS, Mildred Belle, 90, born Dec. 20, 1917 in Johns, AL, died Jan. 20, 2008 in Huntsville, AL. She was a member of the Huntsville Central Church. She is survived by one sister, Ida Fay Oakley; one brother, Morgan Crumbly; nieces; nephews; and one special friend, Charles Ward.

COCHRAN, Edith, died Feb. 10, 2008. She was a member of the Newton County Church in Newton, GA. She is survived by her husband, Ronald Cochran; three daughters: Debbie Gunnyon, Rhonda Coody, and Julie Brown; and six grandchildren.

COTTON, Mary, born Feb. 2, 1926, died Feb. 15, 2008 in Madison, TN. She was a member of the Madison Campus Church.

CULPEPPER, Menveal Elton, 90, born Dec. 30, 1917 in Union Grove, AL, died March 7, 2008 in Huntsville, AL. She was a member of the Huntsville Central Church. She is survived by one daughter, Carole Rutter; one son, Ronald Culpepper; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

DABBS, Ruby E., 96, born April 26, 1911 in Okemah, OK, died Jan. 1, 2008 in Chattanooga, TN. She served on the staff of Wildwood Lifestyle Center & Hospital in Wildwood, GA, for more than 55 years. She is survived by three sisters: Mildred, Audley, and Lillian; nieces; and nephews.

DEKENS, Louise Crowley White, 83, born in Bonifay, FL, died March 1, 2008 in Montgomery, AL. She was a member of the Montgomery First Church. She is survived by her husband, Richard; one daughter, Carole Askew; three sons: Floyd White, Michael White, and Phillip White; 21 grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and great-great grandchildren.

DEVLIN, Joyce Rebecca "Becky," 59, born March 26, 1948 in Valdosta, GA, died Dec. 25, 2007. She was a homemaker and a member of the Valdosta Church. She is survived by her husband, Don Devlin; two daughters and one son-in-law: Katrina and Jody Winters, and Ronda Gray; one son, Don Davlin, Jr.; sister and brother-in-law: Trissie and H.C. Harvey; sister and brother-in-law: Linda Gail and Charles Powell; her grandchildren; nieces; and nephews. She is predeceased by her daughter, Serina Sheree Lancaster.

FARRIS, Maria E., 78, born Sept. 1, 1929 in Cuba, died March 9, 2008 in Avon Park, FL. She was a member of the Avon Park Spanish Church for three years, and served as a chaplain at Florida Hospital, Avon Park. She is survived by her husband, Howard; one son, Andy Montejo; one daughter, Beatriz Stitzer; one sister, Maria Vidal; and three grandchildren.

FOXWORTHY, James D., 61, born April 17, 1946 in Manatee County, FL, died Jan. 31, 2008 in Palmetto, FL. He was a member of the Palmetto Church. He is survived by one brother, William.

GANTZ, Elmerine Artith, 85, born 1922 in Carmen, OK, died May 14, 2008 in New Port Richey, FL. She was a member of the Palm Harbor, FL, Church for

six years. She was a RN, and as a pastor's wife, they served in Texas, Oklahoma, Michigan, British West Indies, and Florida. She is survived by her husband, George; one son, Edwin; one daughter, Georgene Norris; one brother, Leroy Moddrell; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

GARNER, Louie F., 80, born July 12, 1926, died Aug. 9, 2007. He was a member of the Hiram, GA, Church, and a long time member of First Church in Tallahassee, FL. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Muriel; two sons: Robert Gary and Thomas; one daughter, Catherine Boyd; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two brothers: Paul and Douglas.

GEARHART, Bernice Woolsey, 92, died March 22, 2008. She was a member of the Collegedale, TN, Church since 1946. She retired from the Catoosa County School System after many years of service. She received a B.A. degree in English from Southern Missionary College and a Masters in library science, special education and English. Her husband, C.J. Gearhart, predeceased her. She is survived by one daughter, Letitia Gearhart; two sons: Joel W. (Lyndia) Gearhart and Jon Michael Gearhart; two brothers: Elmo Woolsey and Milton Woolsey; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; nieces; and nephews.

GILL, Margaret B., 101, born Sept. 11, 1906 in Hastings, MI, died March 15, 2008 in Clermont, FL. She was a member of the Clermont Church and an Adventist for 89 years. Her denominational employment included: church school teacher in Michigan, 1930-1946; supervising teacher at Emanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University), 1946-1955; missionary/training teachers in Malawi, Africa, 1955-1969; and in Rwanda, Africa, 1976-1978; teacher at Groveland Academy in Florida, 1980-1987. She is survived by one sister, Avis Cruttenden.

GLASSCOCK, Henry LeRoy, 91, born Dec. 10, 1917 in Cullman, AL, died Feb. 19, 2008 in White House, TN. He was a member of the White House Church.

GORDON, Lucy, 82, born Sept. 5, 1925 in Bocas Del Toro, Panama, died March 18, 2008 in Port Charlotte, FL. She was a member of the Port Charlotte, FL, Church for 18 years. She is survived by two sons: Lloyd and Volney; one brother, Otis Hall; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

GRAVES, Ivan Harding, 75, died March 1, 2008. He retired from plant services at Southern Adventist University. He was a member of the Collegedale, TN, Church and a veteran of the U.S. Army. He is survived by his wife, Elaine B. Graves; five children: Carmen Graves, Karl Graves, Rodney Graves, Rachel Hyatt, and Rhonda Kurahara; seven grandchildren; one sister, Evelyn Tidwell; and one brother, Edson Graves. Two brothers, Dean Graves and Marvin Graves, predeceased him.

GRIFFITH, Connie, 86, born Sept. 15, 1921 in Fort Worth, TX, died Oct. 30, 2007 in Apopka, FL. She was a member of the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park, FL, for 30 years. She is survived by

one son, Daniel; and two daughters: Darlene Winter and Denise Griffith.

GRINDLEY, Thomas "Tom" Carrol, 75, died May 10, 2008 in Rutherfordton, NC. A native of Missoula, MT. He was a home-building technology instructor at Southern Missionary College and chief builder of the Adventist University in Rwanda, Africa. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Murlita Sylvester Grindley; two sons: Thomas C. Grindley III and Timothy J. (Jamie) Grindley; two brothers: Dr. James S. (Sylvia) Grindley and Clifford J. (Nancy) Grindley; two sisters: Marjorie Grindley and Eugenia J. Manos; and seven grandchildren: Melissa, Thomas IV, Keturah, Caleb, Annelise, Jens Peter, and Marita.

HADAWAY, Ruth, 92, born Oct. 3, 1915 in Pennsylvania, died Jan. 5, 2008 in Deltona, FL. She was a member of the DeLand, FL, Church for 32 years. She is survived by her husband, Harry.

HAIGH, Ruth, 89, born Feb. 24, 1919, died April 30, 2008 in Madison, TN. She was a member of the Madison Campus Church.

HAMM, Minon Auda, Ph.D., 81, born Nov. 9, 1926 in Berrien County, MI, died April 4, 2008. She served as a missionary for the Church by teaching on the island of Aruba and in Colombia, South America from 1953-64. She taught English at Southern Missionary College from 1966-80, during which time she earned a Ph.D. in English in 1975 from Vanderbilt University. She was professor and department chair of the humanities division at Union College from 1981-93, and continued teaching part-time until 1998. After retirement, she resided with her daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Lewis Sommerville in Maryville, TN, and was an active member of the Maryville Church.

HAMM, Verena Leuthold, 81, born April 16, 1926 in San Bernardino, CA, died Feb. 7, 2008 in Wildwood, GA. Verena graduated from Loma Linda University with a nursing degree in 1949. While at Loma Linda she met medical student George Hamm. Following graduation, Verena and George married and spent almost 59 years together. She is survived by her husband, George; five children: Heidi Hamm, Becki Knobloch, Jonathan Hamm, Mark Hamm, and Juli Untermahrer; nine granddaughters; and two grandsons.

HARDY, John, 65, born Jan. 20, 1943, died June 29, 2008 in Lake Helen, FL. He was a member of the DeLand, FL, Church for five years. He is survived by his wife, Debbie.

HENLEY, Charles, 69, born Nov. 30, 1937 in New York City, NY, died Sept. 28, 2007 in Ocala, FL. He was a member of the Silver Springs Shores Church in Ocala. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; two sons: Michael and Jerome; one daughter, Loretta; one sister, Esther; one aunt, Evelyn; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

HOLLAND, William Mahlon, 94, born June 15, 1913 in Port Lavaca, TX, died Oct. 25, 2007 in Athens, AL. He was a member of the Athens Church. He is survived by two sons: Bobby Jones and Charlie Holland.

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INCH, John ("Jack"), 86, born in Marysville, MI, died Nov. 17, 2007 in Castalian Springs, TN. He was a member of the Gallatin, TN, Church.

IVEY, Pauline, 83, born April 23, 1924, died Nov. 3, 2007 in Meridian, MS. She was a member of the Meridian Community Church.

KELLER, Ruth, 95, born in 1912 in Louisville, KY, died Oct. 9, 2007 in Louisville. She was a member of the Louisville Church.

KELLY, James "Lewis," 80, of Collegedale, TN, died Jan. 28, 2008. Lewis was a lifelong member of the Church, and retired from McKee Foods Corp. with more than 30 years of service. He was a member of the Tennessee Association of the Deaf. His wife of 51 year, Marie Katherine Henderson Kelly, predeceased him, and one infant daughter. He is survived by four daughters: Sandra Kay Brown, Joanie Denise (Joseph) Kirk, Judy Ann (Steve) Sapp, and Nancy Beth (Dewayne) O'Neill; one brother, Russell S. Kelly; two sisters: Betty (Jack) McKee and Deborah (Verle) Thompson; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; nieces; and nephews.

KENEMORE, Nathan, 7, born June 28, 2001, died March 27, 2008 in Statesville, NC. He was a first-grade student at Crossroads Adventist School and attended the Statesville Church where he was a part of the Adventurer Club. He is survived by his parents: Shane and Deborah Kenemore; one sister, Lauren Ashley Kenemore; maternal grandparents: Ron and Linda Davis; paternal grandparents: Lester and Violet Kenemore; aunts and uncles: Steve and Deanna Herren, David and Julie (JuJu) Dugan, and Reed and Wendy Kenemore; and three cousins: Stephen and Lexie Herren, and Seth Kenemore.

KIP, Philip Russel, 81, born Jan. 4, 1927 in Horseheads, NY, died Feb. 16, 2008 in St. Joseph, MI. He was a member of the Avon Park, FL, Church. He is survived by two sons: Jason and David; two daughters: Martha Minesinger and Miriam Golvatsky; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

LEGASPI, Reuben P., 77, born March 8, 1931 in Pasay City, Philippines, died May 1, 2008 in Loma Linda, CA. He was a member of the Avon Park, FL, Church for 20 years. He served as a job press and linotype operator in the Philippines for 18 years. He is survived by his wife, Elizabate; two sons: Jerme and Frederick; two daughters: Rubeliza Rada and Deborah Jewett; and seven grandchildren.

LIGHTBOURN, Samuel E., 72, born in Nassau, Bahamas, W.I., died March 21, 2008 in Port Charlotte, FL. He was a member of the Port Charlotte Church for 14 years. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Deta; two sons: Samuel Jr. and Allen; one daughter, Andrea Williams; one brother, Verdent; five sisters: Maida Lightbourn, Lois Rivers, Valerie Knight, Melba Lightbourn, and Lorie Lightbourn; and 11 grandchildren.

LOMBEIDA, Enrique, 86, born July 14, 1921 in Guayaquil, Ecuador, died Feb. 26, 2008 in Margate, FL. He was a member of the Margate Spanish Church for two years. He is survived by his wife,

Judith; one son, Manuel; two daughters: Berenice and Ana; one sister, Dolores Leon; and four grandchildren.

MARTLOCK, Frank, 73, born July 23, 1934 in Cleveland, OH, died March 3, 2008 in Longwood, FL. He was a member of the DeLand Church for 11½ years. He is survived by his wife, Jeanette; one son, Dennis; one daughter, Dena Mikkonen; one brother, Kenneth; and two grandchildren.

MCALEXANDER, Kenneth Jackson, 82, born July 1, 1925 in Carroll County, TN, died Nov. 22, 2007 in Memphis, TN. He was a member of the Leach Church.

MCBROOM, Dan, 84, died Feb. 29, 2008. He was a member of the Collegedale, TN, Church. He was a World War II veteran, having served in the U.S. Navy. He retired as assistant manager of the College Press in Collegedale, TN. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Myra McBroom; one daughter and son-in-law: Dianne and Richard Rey; two granddaughters: Stephanie Rey Worboys and Pamela Alcorn; and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by two children: Dr. David Bryan McBroom and Beverly Ruane.

MOORE, Thelma C., 88, born Nov. 11, 1919 in Keene, NH, died Nov. 23, 2007 in Baldwin, NY. She was a member of the Silver Springs Shores Church, Ocala, FL. She is survived by three sons: William Jr., Ronald, and Richard; two daughters: Carolyn and Maureen; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

OLES, Sophie (Wazdatskey), 90, born April 16, 1917 in Max, ND, died Dec. 5, 2007 in Apopka, FL. She was a member of the Fairplain Church in Benton Harbor, MI. She is survived by two sons: Gary and Theodore (Teddy); four daughters: Barbara Wilson, Sharon Wotring, Connie Snodgrass, and Janine Edmondson; one brother, John Cherry; one sister, Lillian Rauch; 18 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

OLIVER, Jr., Vernon Joseph, 71, born Nov. 10, 1936 in Niles, MI, died Nov. 27, 2007 in Huntsville, AL. He was a member of the Huntsville Central Church. He was an educator and taught Church school for 37 years in Alaska, Colorado, and at Big Cove Christian Academy in Huntsville. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; one daughter and son-in-law: Victoria and Steve McConnell; one son and daughter-in-law: David and Rosalie Oliver; two sisters: Alberta Oliver and Christa L. Spear; and one granddaughter, Mallory Oliver.

PAYNE, Silas Eugene, 92, born Dec. 20, 1914 in Sapulpa, OK, died Sept. 21, 2007. He attended Southwestern Junior College in Keene, TX. Moved with his family to Chattanooga as a teenager, and after marriage in 1937, moved to the east coast to work in the shipyard during WWII. Later he moved outside Washington, DC, where he worked in the Government Printing Office, retiring in early 1960's. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Boles Cabe Payne; one daughter, Barbara Schroeder; four step-children: Cathy Lewis, Darlene Taylor, Ed Cabe, Jr., and Angela Holley; two grandchildren: Greg Freeman and Lisa Davila; four great-grandchildren; and seven step-grandchildren.

PEEK, Norman E., died Feb. 25, 2008. He was a former chemistry teacher at Southern Adventist University and later worked with the Laymen Foundation of self-supporting institutions. He is survived by his wife, Ava; one daughter and son-in-law: Charlene and Britt Ponder; one son and daughter-in-law: Dan and Cynthia Peek; and two grandchildren: Hannah and Timothy.

PERVIS, Gracie M., 87, born May 7, 1920 in Bassfield, MS, died March 3, 2008 in Palmetto, FL. She was a member of the Palmetto Church. She was a RN and served as head of the cardiology department at Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital, IL, for more than 20 years. She is survived by one son, Paul, Jr.; one daughter, Dorinda Schutte; one sister, Mavis Newman; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

PLUMMER, Clara H., 93, born Oct. 14, 1914 in Goshen Heights, PA, died Jan. 13, 2008 in Dade City, FL. She was a member of the East Pasco Church in Zephyrhills, FL. She served as a nutrition instructor in Pennsylvania, and as the kitchen manager for the Pennsylvania Camp Meeting for multiple summers. She is survived by one son, Stephen; one daughter, Ruth Henson; one brother, Allen (Jimmy) Hartshorne; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

POGUE, Evelyn Sylvia Anderson, 88, born Jan. 9, 1920 in St. Cloud, MN, die Jan. 29, 2008 in Omaha, NE. She taught nursing for six years at Malamulo Mission Hospital in Malawi, Africa. Her first husband, Robert Jordan, predeceased her, as well as her second husband, Archie Pogue, and one granddaughter, Melody Rose Barr. She is survived by her children: Donald Jordan, Robert Jordan, Linda Barr, and Richard Jordan; one stepdaughter, Nancy Parrott; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

RAITZ, Robert ("Bob"), 78, born July 3, 1929 in Denver, CO, died Feb. 22, 2008 at Emory Hospital in Atlanta, GA. He practiced family medicine in Dalton, GA, for 34 years. He was active in the Dalton Church. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Vivian; son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Bridgette Raitz; one daughter Karen Raitz; son and daughter-in-law, Ken and Brigitt Raitz; four grandchildren: Tiffany, Robert, Ryan, and Nikki Raitz; other family members; and friends. His daughter Sandra predeceased him.

RAYNER, George, 93, born Jan. 27, 1914 in Laurel, MS, died Dec. 15, 2007 in Collins, MS. He was a member of the Laurel Church. His wife, Ethel Rayner, predeceased him in 2002.

REAMS, Nan, 84, born Sept. 21, 1923 in Richmond, VA, died Oct. 2, 2007 in Sebring, FL. She was a member of the Avon Park, FL, Church. She was a teacher for 11 years in North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Kentucky. She then taught at Florida Hospital Orlando and Florida Hospital Heartland Division. She is survived by her husband, Joseph; one son, David; one daughter, June Brown; three grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

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RICHARDSON, Robert F., 69, born Sept. 19, 1938 in Ogdensburg, NY, died Feb. 24, 2008 in The Villages, FL. He was a member of the Lady Lake, FL, Church. He is survived by his wife, Joyce; one son, Jeffrey; two daughters: Robin Richardson and Jeri Lynch; one sister, Virginia Fenlong; and two grandchildren.

RIDDLE, Larry Dale, 74, born Nov. 15, 1932, died March 4, 2007. He was a member of the Athens, TN, Church. He organized Englewood Helping Hand in McMinn County, TN, which he directed for 10 years, providing food and Christian literature to the people in the area. He was on a missionary trip to Mexico when he was involved in an automobile accident that took his life.

SMITH, Joan Dorothea, 76, born June 25, 1931 in Brooklyn, NY, died Feb. 17, 2008. She was a member of the Collegedale, TN, Church. She spent the greater part of her life working with young people as a teacher and food service director. Following her retirement from the field of education, she resided in the Chattanooga, TN, area. She is survived by one brother and sister-in-law: Henry P. and Christine Smith; two sisters: Dorothy (Walter) Erland and Alice R. Voorheis; sister-in-law, Fresia Fields; nieces; nephews; and friends.

SMITH, Norwood, 75, born May 28, 1932 in St. John, New Brunswick, Canada, died Oct. 23, 2007. He was a member of the Cedar Ridge Church in Georgetown, TN. He is survived by his wife, Leda; and son, Wayne Odell Smith, M.D.

SNYDER, Calvin E., 90, born May 24, 1917 in Maryde, PA, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Apopka, FL. She was a member of the Florida Living Church in Apopka for four years. She is survived by one son, Barry; one sister, Irene Jones; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

SNYMAN, Alexander de Neufville, 87, born July 17, 1920 in South Africa, died June 4, 2008 in Holt, MI. His family was members of the Dutch Reformed Church and made their living on the farm. When he was a teenager, his mother and father joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Desiring to show that his parents were making a mistake, he endeavored to prove them wrong from the Bible, but became a Seventh-day Adventist himself. He studied for the ministry at Walla Walla University, and upon graduation, became an evangelist in the Washington Conference. In 1946, he married Audrey Hankins, the granddaughter of the third Seventh-day Adventist missionary to South Africa. They continued in evangelism and pastoral ministry in the States, and in 1956, they returned to South Africa to pastor. Later they served the Church in Nairobi, Kenya. In 1962, they returned to the States and pastored in southern California until his retirement in 1986. He was also a part of the original 1888 Message Study Committee. Their retirement years were spent in Tennessee. They were members of the Lancaster, TN, Church. His wife Audrey lives in Holt, MI.

STANLEY, Paul Ervin, 89, of Collegedale, TN, died Dec. 21, 2007 in Muscle Shoals, AL. A resident of Collegedale since 1948, he retired from McKee

Foods after 35 years of service. He was a member of the Collegedale Church. He is survived by his wife, Geraldine Stanley; two daughters: Dr. Suzanne (David) Blaylock and Jacqueline (Jerry) VanHook; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

STANLEY, Richard Charles, 83, died Feb. 2, 2008. He was a member of Collegedale, TN, Church for 44 years. He was past chairman of the office administration department with Southern Adventist University, a lifetime member of VFW and member of Collegedale VFW Post 1697 and NBEA, and a WWII veteran having served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater with the US Army, earning a bronze star. He was the originator along with Dr. Mitchell Thiel of the ROMEO'S (retired old men eating out). He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Cora Ann Stanley; two sons: Dr. Richard E. (Coleen) Stanley and Raymon C. (Lisa) Stanley; one daughter, Kathy S. (Dale) Mather; eight grandchildren: Christopher Stanley, Haven Stanley, Jonathan Mather, Tiffany Mather, Trista Mather, Richie Stanley, Justin Stanley, Alexandria Stanley; three great-grandchildren: Jonathan Pearce Mather, Tyler Mather, and Jaden Mather; and one cousin, Ralph Hess.

STEARNS, Dolores, 74, died Dec. 30, 2007. She was a member of the St. Petersburg, FL, Church. She is survived by her husband, Paul; one son, Charles Saxon; two stepchildren: Vanessa and Troy; one sister, Judy; one brother, Dan; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren;

STEVENS, Mary Louise Short, 94, died Feb. 20, 2008. She was a member of Collegedale, TN, Church. She is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Jeanette and Ronald Knickerbocker; two grandsons: Gary (Stephanie) Knickerbocker and Steve (Vickie) Knickerbocker; one great-granddaughter, Amy (Geoff) Knickerbocker White; four sisters; nieces; and nephews.

STEVENSON, Linnea M., 90, born Jan. 28, 1918 in Ironwood, MI, died Feb. 7, 2008 in Oregon. She was a member of the Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL. She is survived by two daughters: Leanne Gainer and Lynn Sleeth; one sister, Ina Baschki; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

STILES, Cleo V., 97, born March 10, 1911, died April 21, 2008. She was a member of the Collegedale, TN, Church. She is survived by one daughter, Evelyn VandeVere; four grandchildren: Rhonda (Tim) Burnham; Rob (Sharon) VandeVere; Jodi (Stephen) Ruf; and David (Cindy) VandeVere; and nine great-grandchildren.

THOMPSON, Betty Jane Reedholm, 82, born March 5, 1925 in Madrid, IA, died Nov. 24, 2007 in Ooltewah, TN. She was a member of the Collegedale, TN, Church. In 1945, Betty and a girlfriend went to fill positions in the War Department in Washington, DC. It was there she met and married in late 1945, a young man who also happened to be her boss, Dale N. Thompson. In 1951, Betty and Dale joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church and were members of Sligo Church until their move to Tennessee in 1984. Betty and Dale worked at the Washington Adventist Hospital in Maryland for 20 years until their

retirement in 1980; Betty working at Dale's side as his secretary. She is survived by her daughter, Carla; son-in-law, Neal Wearer; three grandchildren: Todd, Jennifer, and Brittny; one great-grandchild, Maya; one brother, Paul Reedholm; one sister, Dorothy Weathers; nieces; and nephews.

TORKELSON, Robert, 68, born Aug. 8, 1939 in Poplar Bluff, MO, died Sept. 30, 2007. He retired after 37½ years with the College Press in Collegedale, TN, in January 2003. He was a member of the Cedar Ridge Church in Georgetown, TN. He is survived by his wife, Martha; two children: Kenneth Torkelson and Sondra Kerbs; and grandchildren.

TUCKER, S. Floyd, 82, born Nov. 26, 1925, died Jan. 4, 2008. He was a member of the Collegedale, TN, Church. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Anne Tucker; one son, Dr. Burton F. Tucker; one daughter, JoAnne Harrelson; his siblings: Allan, Arthur, Howard, and Lena Mae; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; nieces; and nephews. His son, William Everett Tucker, predeceased him.

WALTER, Ralph Sylvester, 94, born June 22, 1914 in Jonesboro, TN, died Feb. 18, 2008. He was a member of the Collegedale, TN, Church for 43 years. He married the late Laverne Akers Walters (1942-92) and the late Lucia Martone Walters (1993-1998). He served in the U.S. Army, 1942-46, in Italy. He worked as a baker for Southern Missionary College and McKee Baking Co. He is survived by his wife, Burniece Goetz Walters; three sons: Clyde, Keith Floyd (Dorothy), and Dale (Lezlee); 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

WILHELM, Nellie, 98, born in 1909, died Dec. 6, 2007 in Louisville, KY. She was a member of the Louisville First Church.

WYATT, C. Ray, 82, born Dec. 12, 1924 in Alexandria, LA, died July 18, 2007 in Zellwood, FL. He was a member of the Markham Woods Church, Longwood, FL. He served as a pastor in Illinois for 14 years, in Wyoming for 11 years, in Colorado for five years, and then worked in the trust services department in Colorado for 10 years. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Bernie; one son, Ray; one daughter, Nancy Harlow; one brother, Travis; one sister, Janet; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

YOUNG, Pastor Milton M., 75, born Sept. 13, 1931 in San Antonio, TX, died July 27, 2007 in Huntsville, AL. Pastor Young retired in 2002 after 48 years in the Gospel ministry. He pastored his last 17 years in the Southeastern Conference. He also served in the Southwest Region and Central States Conferences, as well as South Central Conference for 14 years as a pastor and AY and education director. He also served as the executive secretary in the Southwest Region Conference. He is survived by his wife, Ramona; and one sister, Edythe Doggette.



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The Call Center telephone number is 1-800-317-8226.

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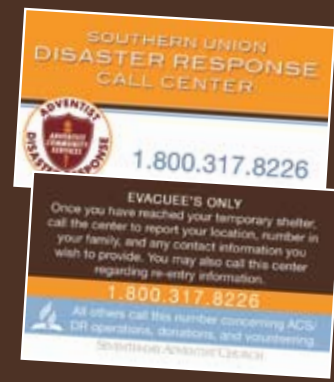
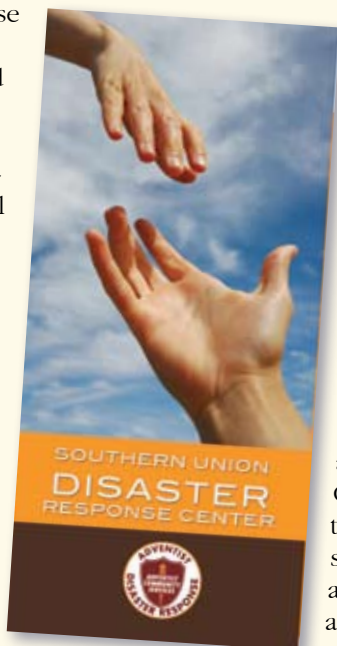
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- Depression – The Way Out
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- Enhancement Office and Staff Preparation for Medical Emergencies
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Thursday, October 16

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7:00 - 10:00 p.m.	3 hours / CE / Physicians
7:00 - 10:00 p.m.	3 hours / CE / Dentists
7:00 - 11:00 p.m.	4 hours / CE / Optometrists

Friday, October 17

7:00 - 12:00 p.m.	Golf Tournament (must register)
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.	3 hours / CE / Physicians
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.	3 hours / CE / Dentists
7:30 p.m.	Children's meeting (ages 1-5)
7:30 p.m.	Evening meeting Barry C. Black / U. S. Senate Chaplain

Sabbath, October 18

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9:00 a.m.	Children/Youth Sabbath School & Church Beginners, Kindergarten, Primary, Juniors, Youth
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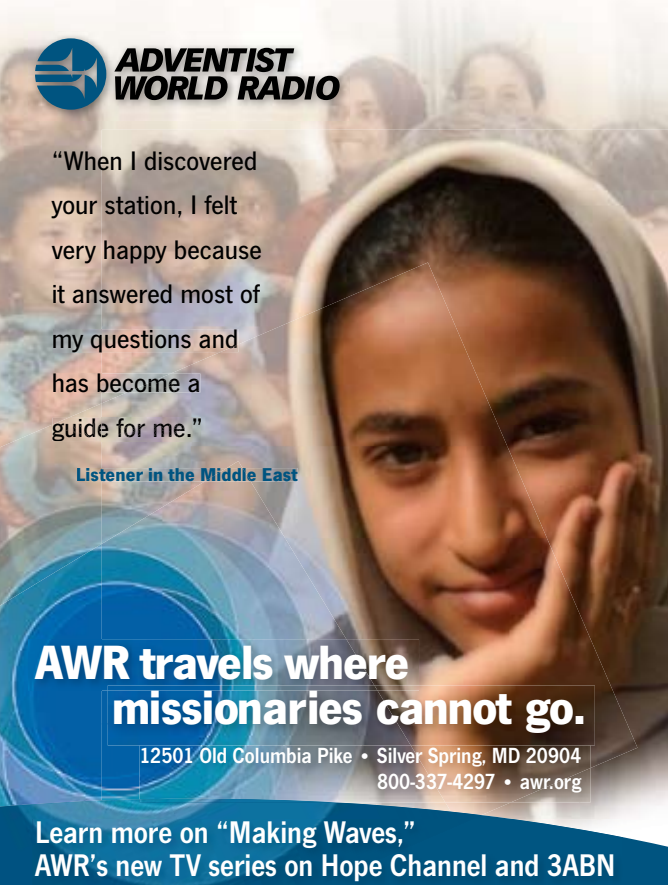
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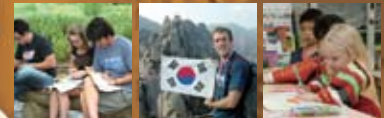
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Hispanic Camp Meeting 2 – Sept. 12-15. NPR.
Eastern Carolina Camp Meeting – Sept. 26-28. Oak Island.
Young Adult Retreat – Sept. 26-28. NPR.

Florida

Complete calendar online – <http://www.floridaconference.com/calendar.html>
Planned Giving Clinics and Seminars
 Sept. 27. Victory in Port St. Lucie.
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 Oct. 11. Naples.
 Oct. 12. Ft. Myers, Ft. Myers Shores, Arcadia, Lakeland, Lakeview, Winter Haven.
 Oct. 18. Sunrise.
 Oct. 19. Plantation, Lauderhill, Temple Adventiste in Deerfield Beach. (*Southeastern Conference: Mt. Olivet.*)
 Oct. 25. St. Petersburg.
 Oct. 26. Clearwater, New Port Richey, Spring Hill, Brooksville, East Pasco in Zephyrhills, Plant City.
Evangelism Series
 Oct. 5-Nov. 25. DeLand. Bill and Sunshine Waters.
 Oct. 9-Oct. 26. Miami Temple. Lester and Zula Pratt.
 Nov. 1-8. La Red 2008 from Miami Central Spanish. Rolando and Rebeca de los Ríos.
West Coast Youth Rally – Sept. 27. New Port Richey Church. Details: 407-644-5000 x129.
High School Bible Conference – Oct. 9-12. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Details: 407-644-5000 x129.
Disabilities Ministries

Leadership Training – Oct. 11. Conference office. Details: disabilitiesministriesfl@yahoo.com, 407-644-5000 x159, or 407-889-4575.
South Florida Youth Rally – Oct. 18. Host church: Fort Myers. Details: 407-644-5000 x129.
College/University Leadership Retreat – Oct. 24-25. Stillwaters Lodge at Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Details: 407-644-5000 x129.

Georgia-Cumberland

Complete calendar online – www.gccsda.com
Sabbath in the Smokies – Sept. 5, 6. Cades Cove.
Health Rallies
 Sept. 6. Auburn, GA.
 Sept. 20. Murphy, NC.
 Sept. 27. Fayetteville, GA.
 Oct. 4. Conyers, GA.
 Oct. 11. Knoxville Grace Church.
Kids in Discipleship Training – Sept. 7-10. Collegedale, TN.
Elder's Certification Training – Sept. 12-14. Cohutta Springs.
Hispanic NET '08 – Sept. 13-20. Speaker: Alejandro Bullón. Part II, Broadcast from Phoenix, AZ. (check local church for more details)
Retired Workers' Retreat – Sept. 18-21. Cohutta Springs.
Pathfinder Drill Instructor Boot Camp – Sept. 19-21. Cohutta Springs.
Benton Detox Program – Sept. 22-27. Lifestyle Center of Benton, TN.
Southern Deaf Camp Meeting – Sept. 25-28. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs, FL.
Northeast TN Church Retreat – Sept. 26, 27. The Oaks, outside Greeneville, TN.
Youth Workers Convention – Oct. 3, 4. Cohutta Springs.
Hispanic Men's Retreat – Oct. 3-5. Cohutta Springs.
South Georgia Women's Conference – Oct. 4.
Hispanic Lay Festival – Oct. 10-12.
Pathfinder Fellowship Events – Oct. 17-20.
Men's Congress – Oct. 17-19. Cohutta Springs.
Pathfinder Fellowship Jamboree – Oct. 20.
Pastors' Wives Retreat – Oct. 24-26. Cohutta Springs.
Young in Ministry – Oct. 27-29. Cohutta Springs.

Pathfinder Teen Challenge – Oct. 31-Nov. 2.
Marriage Conference – Oct. 31-Nov. 2. Rome, GA.
Hispanic Couple's Retreat – Oct. 31-Nov. 2.

Gulf States

Complete Calendar online – www.gscsda.org
Hispanic Camp Meeting – Sept. 12-14. Camp Alamisco.
Junior High Bible Conference – Sept. 19, 20. Camp Alamisco.
Principals' & Head Teachers' Retreat – Oct. 3-5. Camp Alamisco.
Pathfinder Camporee – Oct. 16-18. Camp Alamisco.
Family Ministries Couples Retreat – Oct. 24-26.
Teen Invitational Biking – Oct. 26.
Conference Executive Committee – Oct. 21. Conference Office.

Kentucky-Tennessee

Conference Association Board
 Sept. 30. Dec. 9.
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Young Women's Retreat – Sept. 19-21. Indian Creek Camp.
Women's Retreats
 I. Sept. 26-28. Indian Creek Camp.
 II. Oct. 3-5. Indian Creek Camp.
Madison Academy Alumni Weekend – Oct. 10-12.
Hispanic Youth Retreat – Oct. 17-19. Indian Creek Camp.
Conference Pathfinder Camporee – Oct. 23-26. Salt Lick State Park.

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Tournament – Sept. 12.
SEYC Weekend – Sept. 18-20.
Lori-Gene Gallery Show – Sept. 18-Oct. 29.
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Announcements

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Birmingham First Church will host Shelley Quinn from 3ABN Network – Sept. 20. Details: birmingham7th@bellsouth.net.

Sunnydale Adventist Academy Alumni Weekend – Oct. 2-5. Honor classes: '48, '53, '63, '78, '83, '88, and '98. Activities start with the Silver Showcase on Thursday evening. Details: 573-682-2164, or visit www.sunnydale.org.

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Charleston, SC	7:40	7:31	7:21	7:12	7:03	6:54
Charlotte, NC	7:45	7:36	7:25	7:15	7:05	6:56
Collegedale, TN	8:02	7:52	7:42	7:32	7:22	7:13
Huntsville, AL	7:08	6:58	6:48	6:38	6:28	6:19
Jackson, MS	7:21	7:12	7:02	6:53	6:44	6:35
Louisville, KY	8:08	7:57	7:46	7:35	7:24	7:13
Memphis, TN	7:22	7:12	7:02	6:52	6:42	6:32
Miami, FL	7:37	7:29	7:21	7:14	7:06	6:59
Montgomery, AL	7:05	6:56	6:47	6:37	6:28	6:19
Nashville, TN	7:10	7:00	6:49	6:39	6:29	6:19
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