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# TSOUTHERN TIDINGS



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## South Central Conference Leadership Changes

Elder Benjamin Browne, South Central Conference president since February 20, 2005, has retired — having served the Church for more than 41 years. There is no doubt that Elder Browne has been God's leader in the South Central Conference. He has modeled servant leadership, and has led the Conference in a deeply spiritual walk with the Lord. One of Elder Browne's unique initiatives was to inspire men and women to be a part of a prayer ministry. He called for "1,000 Praying Men" and "1,000 Praying Women" throughout the Conference, and organized prayer conferences and prayer summits. The Conference is in a position of strength, stability, and growth. New churches have been organized, work has been re-opened where churches had closed, and tithe and mission offerings have increased.

Elder Browne's wife, Janice Johnson Browne, Ph.D., has also been a great inspiration and motivator in the Conference. In her role as Shepherdess coordinator, and through her involvement with women's ministries, she has led in various Conference and mission initiatives, always showing personal interest in the lives of the members. Elder and Mrs. Browne have been used by the Lord to advance His Work in the South Central Conference, and on behalf of the Southern Union family, I thank them for their ministry.

On September 13, 2009, the South Central Conference executive committee voted to invite Elder Dana Edmond, Conference secretary, to become president. Elder Edmond graduated from Mt. Vernon Academy, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and in 1978 graduated from Oakwood College. He began his ministry in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. He has pastored several churches in the South Central Conference, and planted a church in Frankfort, Ky. Elder Edmond served as youth director for the Conference for more than 10 years, and in 2001 was elected Conference executive secretary. While serving as youth director, he was a weekly columnist for seven years for *Insight* magazine, and also wrote a book entitled *Do It Right—Love, Sex, and Relationships God's Way*.

Elder Edmond married Jill Robinson in 1978, and she is a very special part of his ministry. Jill Edmond is the seventh-grade teacher at F. H. Jenkins Elementary School in Nashville, Tenn. They have two adult children, Courtney Edmond Campbell and Robert (RJ) James Edmond, both graduates of Oakwood University.

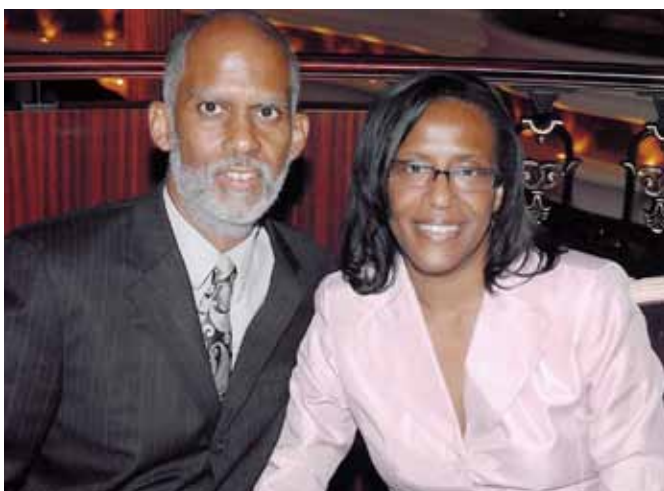
One of Elder Edmond's gifts is his personal interest in youth and young adults, always anxious to help them better their lives and have a relationship with Jesus. I have appreciated Elder Edmond's contagious enthusiasm and his commitment to the mission of the Church. We welcome Elder Edmond as the new president of the South Central Conference, and we commit to pray for his leadership, and for his wife Jill and their two children.



**Gordon Retzer**  
*Southern Union  
President*



*Benjamin and Janice Browne*



*Dana and Jill Edmond*



# Kentucky-Tennessee Conference Leadership Changes

Richard and Connie Hallock have served in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference for 17 years, and have announced their retirement. The Lord has certainly blessed the Conference during Elder Hallock's presidency. Not only has the Conference grown from about 10,000 to more than 13,000 members, but has moved from a financial position in 1992 when they had negative working capital, to a position of financial strength with 113 percent recommended working capital and no debt.

In addition, during these years Indian Creek Camp has been rebuilt and upgraded to the tune of \$5.5 million, with new lodging facilities, and a new state-of-the-art kitchen and dining facility. And, more than \$1 million is in place for a new auditorium: no debt, all paid for. We thank the Lord for Elder Hallock's visionary, faithful leadership, and the response of the constituents. His wife, Connie, has taught grades one and two at Greater Nashville Jr. Academy, and grades 3-5 at Ridgetop Elementary School. She has ministered to pastors' wives, and often accompanied Elder Hallock in visiting churches. Prior to going to the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, Elder Hallock was president of the Gulf States Conference. Thank you, Richard and Connie, for your exemplary service in the Southern Union.

The Conference executive committee has elected Elder Steve Haley, Georgia-Cumberland Conference vice president for administration/executive secretary, as Conference president. After graduating from Shenandoah Valley Academy, New Market, Va., Haley obtained an associate degree in criminal justice and worked as a law enforcement officer in Rockville, Md., for three years. God had different plans for this young man, and in 1981 he began studying for the ministry. Elder Haley graduated from Southern Adventist University with a B.A. in religion/secondary education, and then went on to complete a master of divinity degree at Andrews Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Mich.

He pastored various churches in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, and in 2001 became the ministerial director of the northern region in the Conference; he has been executive secretary since 2005. Elder Haley is a wise administrator with a gracious personal touch. I have appreciated his insightful leadership, and his obvious commitment to the mission of the Church. He has preached evangelistic meetings in various churches as well as in Cuba. Last spring he accompanied the Georgia-Cumberland Academy students on a church building project in Guatemala.

Elder Haley's wife, Malinda, is a registered nurse, and has worked most of her professional career in labor and delivery. They have three children: Carissa, allied health major at Southern Adventist University (SAU) in Collegedale, Tenn.; Brendan, computer science major at SAU; and Christopher, a fifth grader at Bowman Hills SDA School in Cleveland, Tenn. Commenting about his ministry, Elder Haley says, "Malinda joins me in sharing that our love for God's people and His church is a daily experience that thankfully allows us to contribute our time and talent in service to Christ, and advancing the Work of His Kingdom." We welcome Elder Haley as the president of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. And we will pray for his leadership, his wife Malinda, and their three children.



*Richard and Connie Hallock*



*Steve and Malinda Haley*

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The front cover caption printed on page 3 in the October 2009 SOUTHERN TIDINGS, had the name Abigail Luiz, it should have been Abigail Ruiz. On page 5, photo credit should have been given to Tim Asch, and for the top photo on page 10.



Cover Feature

# December: Square Up with GOD

BY MITCH HAZEKAMP



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New Year's Day was always inventory day in our family business. My parents owned a grocery store on the main street in our small town in Michigan. My dad and mom and all of my siblings (four brothers and two sisters) eventually worked in our small establishment. As December drew to a close, it was time to finalize the records, determine annual income, square up the accounts, and close out the year. We always closed the store and did the inventory on January 1 every year.

The inventory process in the early years of my life included all of the employees and most of my family cataloging the entire supply of items in one day. Every box, can, bag, and object had to be counted, including everything on every shelf and all the bits and pieces in the stockroom. So we would work in teams of two with each team having a large sheet to mark down the numbers. For example: 12 cans @ 39 cents, 17 boxes @ \$1.99, or one bag @ \$5.55. We had to count everything, including every piece of bubble gum at one cent each.

Our family inventories are but a fading memory from the past; an outdated system and antiquated process from the olden days. The 21st century has ushered in new technologies featuring barcode printing capabilities, inventory management software, self-scanning systems, inventory counting podcast and much more. One or two people, armed with modern equipment, can now accomplish the entire inventory procedure in much less time than it took our entire family to finish in a full day.

"Inventory" is defined by the *Free Dictionary* as "a detailed, itemized list, report, or record of things in one's possession, especially a periodic survey of all goods and materials in stock." December — the end of the year — is a good time to take inventory of your personal finances, and review your personal stewardship management of your possessions. If you have been remiss or are found wanting in this area of your walk with the Lord, it is a perfect time to square up with God.

On one occasion when the Lord Jesus was surrounded by the multitudes, He taught them regarding the all-encompassing commitment of discipleship. He shared a lesson that illustrates well the importance of counting the cost, and making sure you will be able to finish what you have started. Even though the primary application is the cost of discipleship, the principle certainly applies to counting the cost as a steward.

Luke 14:28-30 says, "For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has *enough* to finish *it* — lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see *it* begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish?'" (BIBLETOOLS-Parables of Counting the Cost, an online forerunner commentary.)

In the context of Christ's teaching on discipleship He emphasizes the importance of counting the cost, of loving Jesus more than anything. In fact, He says, "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple" Luke 14:26. We are admonished to bear His cross; to leave all to follow Him (verse 27). Therefore, we need to "count the cost" (verse 28) to make sure that we will be able to finish our task. The cost is everything I have. It is the recognition of the true ownership of our possessions. It is the acknowledgement that Jesus is the Owner of this planet and everything on it, including the "cattle on a thousand hills" Psalm 24:1; 50:10. Counting the cost is about expressing gratitude to God for all He is and for everything He has done for us. It is about seeking to please Him in our loving service for others. It is about being a faithful steward with our time, our talents, our bodies, our environment, our finances, and every aspect of our lives.

Ellen G. White relates this illustration to our stewardship responsibilities: "The Lord desires His people to have a right understand-

ing of the work to be done and, as faithful stewards, to move forward wisely in the investment of means ... He desires them to count the cost to see whether they have enough with which to finish" *Counsels on Health*, page 224.3.

"Every Christian," she says, is a steward of God, entrusted with His goods ... God is making an inventory of the money lent you and the spiritual advantages given you. Will you as stewards make careful inventory? Would that all that is spent needlessly were laid up as treasure in Heaven" *That I May Know Him*, page 220.3.

"However large the income or the possessions of any person, any family, or any institution, let all remember that they are only stewards, holding in trust the Lord's money. All profit, all pay, our time, our talents, our opportunities, are to be accounted for to Him who gives them all ..." *That I May Know Him*, page 220.

Martin G. Collins made the following observation: "A builder who does not count the cost before laying the foundation is humiliated as a disgraceful failure, yet an unfinished life is far more tragic than a rock foundation without a building." Jesus warns, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God" Luke 9:62. Thus, failure to count the cost of following Christ results in an incomplete life. "Holding fast to the Word of life" is part of the solution for finishing one's life successfully" *Philippians* 2:16.

Make sure as you square up with God that you are building on the right foundation. The Apostle Paul in his first letter to the church at Corinth made it very clear, "For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ" *I Corinthians* 3:11.

December: It's that time of year again — time to take inventory, to count the cost, to square up with God. ✨

*Mitch Hazekamp is Georgia-Cumberland Conference stewardship director.*

*Southern Union Feature*



GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION  
COMES TO ATLANTA

PROCLAIMING GOD'S  
GRACE IN ATLANTA AND  
AROUND THE WORLD!

BY NANCY HOWARD



Plan to celebrate with us in Atlanta, Georgia, during the 2010 General Conference Session at the Georgia World Congress Center and the Georgia Dome. In what will mark the Seventh-day Adventist Church's 59th business session, General Conference (or GC) takes place June 23 to July 3, and is expected to draw some 35,000 international delegates, members, and guests, with attendance doubling during the weekends.<sup>1</sup>

### Why do we do this?

So why do we invest the time and the resources every five years to bring together representatives from every part of our worldwide Church? The GC session is many things to many people, least of which is a homecoming of Church members and leaders worldwide. According to Jan Paulsen, president of the worldwide Church's General Conference, "the answer goes to the heart of our identity and mission. Through these gatherings we powerfully affirm that we are one people, united in faith, and bound by our shared desire to be instruments of God's purpose in the world."<sup>2</sup>

### What's it all about?

The theme for the 2010 World Church session is **Proclaiming**



**God's Grace.** A theme emphasizing grace is fitting given our Church's mission to go and tell the world of God's love and grace. It also gives "the delegates something around which to rally," explained Gerry Karst, general vice president of the Adventist World Church and chair of the GC Session theme committee. "[The theme] will give the session spiritual direction and help presenters focus on a very important element of [Adventist] belief."<sup>3</sup>

### History of the General Conference Session

The larger purpose of the General Conference session is the meeting of delegates representing the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church. The first session, at which the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists was organized, was held in Battle Creek, Michigan, May 20-23, 1863. The General Conference session is the time when the Conference's officers are elected, and the highest organization in the administration of a worldwide work convenes to express the collective thinking and planning of the Church. Initially held annually, the sessions later convened biennially from 1889 to 1905, and then quadrennially (every four years) from 1905 to 1970. Since 1970, sessions have been held every five years (quinquennially).<sup>4</sup>

### Who are the delegates?

The quinquennial session operates, as did the first session in Battle Creek, on the basis of duly accredited delegates. These delegates and voters consist of delegates-at-large, who are members of the General Conference Executive Committee, and other delegates who represent general institutions and Church interests. Regular delegates are also appointed as outlined in Article IV, Section 6, of the General Conference Constitution.<sup>5</sup>

### So how is Atlanta preparing for the 2010 GC Session?

The two local conferences which encompass the state of Georgia are the South Atlantic Conference, led by Vanard Mendinghall, president, and the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, whose president is Ed Wright. The Atlanta Adventist leadership has been preparing for the 2010 GC Session with concentrated efforts to evangelize the metro area through active soul-winning. In response to the North American Division's Year of Evangelism initiative, the two conferences jointly established evangelism rallies to "engage, ignite, reaffirm, and inspire Church members to get involved in soul-winning," said Mendinghall. "Many of the Church members involved in this initial in-reach have never done soul-winning of this kind before," he continued. "And we want to encourage those who may have wanted to, but have not had the opportunity, to get off the fence and get involved." The first evangelism rally was held on Sabbath, September 12, 2009, at the Metropolitan Atlanta Hispanic Church in Norcross, with more than 600 people in attendance. (See sidebar on page 11 for future evangelism rally dates.)

Following the in-reach efforts of the evangelism rallies, will be reaping meetings, the evangelism outreach to the metro Atlanta community, which will be conducted by pastors Mark Finley and Alejandro Bullón. These meetings will encourage gathering the harvest (or reaping) of souls to grow the Church in the metro area during the weeks leading up to the General Conference Session in June. The two conferences have established a goal of 800 new individuals to be baptized, and are planning for an opportunity to host a live baptism during GC.

"As I talk to members and visit churches here, there's great excitement," said Gordon Retzer, president of the Southern Union Conference, which includes the metro Atlanta area. "It's a great privilege to be able to host this event, and we're eager to show the people

here that Adventists want to be involved in their communities.”

Atlanta was in part chosen for its cultural diversity, session planners said. Some 430 people move daily to the metro Atlanta area. The region’s nearly 5.5 million residents represent myriad ethnic groups, Bill Levin, director for church planting for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, recently told the *Adventist World* magazine.

“Yet, Adventists represent less than two percent of the community’s Church membership, and that presents a formidable challenge for our Church,” Levin added. In the run-up to session, local Church officials are collaborating to better establish the Church’s presence in the city.<sup>6</sup>



PROCLAIMING GOD'S GRACE  
59th SESSION  
OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

### How is the General Conference office preparing?

“We are very excited about a PR initiative which will launch just prior to the GC session,” says Garrett Caldwell, public relations director for the communication department of the World Church. The campaign will include television ads, billboards, and printed materials which will be designed to connect the session with Church activities taking place in the city. The campaign is titled “Take the Gift,” and is based on the promise of Ephesians 2:8: “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God.”

“We want to admonish Church members and leaders to carry the message of The Gift to the public,” Caldwell continued. The campaign is due to start one month prior to the session.

### What can attendees expect from the session being here in Atlanta?

Delegates and guests can count on good preaching, good music, and good fellowship with broth-

ers and sisters who will be visiting from every corner of the world. “Coming here to the seat of the Bible Belt,” shared Mendinghall, “means that visitors can expect Christian hospitality, and camaraderie with the diverse cultural groups we have in the many Adventist churches here. They can also experience much of the history that Georgia has to offer, such as the rich heritage of the Civil Rights movement.” In addition, attendees can experience the local museums and attractions, many of which are within walking distance of the GC session. A list of self-guided tours of Adventist sites in the southern region, such as Oakwood University, Southern Adventist University, and Florida Hospital, will also be listed on the Southern Union website (www.southernunion.com) and in a brochure that will be available during the GC session.

The Adventist Church has grown to more than 17 million members worldwide. And, to have the rich and diverse cultural representation we have here in Atlanta, allows us to celebrate the international flavor of our Church family.

### What you need to know?

Hotel and travel information for the General Conference session, along with all session details (including delegate housing requests), is available on the GC website, [www.gcsession.org](http://www.gcsession.org). Information about Atlanta attractions and activities is available at the website for the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau, [www.atlanta.net](http://www.atlanta.net). The conference websites:

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[www.adventist.org](http://www.adventist.org)

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South Atlantic Conference  
[www.southatlantic.org](http://www.southatlantic.org)

Georgia Cumberland Conference

[www.gccsda.com](http://www.gccsda.com) ❖

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### Endnotes

- 1 *Adventist News Network*
- 2 [www.gcsession.org](http://www.gcsession.org)
- 3 *Adventist News Network*.
- 4 *Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia*
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- 6 *Adventist News Network*

## Good News Atlanta

The need for technology to evangelize the metro Atlanta area became the springboard for the in-each/outreach of Good News Atlanta (GNA), which was created to help build a network of communication among churches and ministries to better reach the 5.5 million people who live in the metro area. “GNA also serves to unite and strengthen all the Seventh-day Adventist churches in this community,” says Bill Levin, director of the Good News Atlanta project. GNA was founded in 2005 by the South Atlantic and Georgia-Cumberland conferences, uniting together to meet the challenge of evangelizing the people in Atlanta.

The GNA website, [www.goodnewsatlanta.net](http://www.goodnewsatlanta.net), is one aspect of the network which makes an integrated approach to evangelism possible. According to Chris Donovan, GNA website developer and church planting assistant for the Atlanta area, “This site was put together to be an informational resource for all churches, schools, and ministries — a place where they can all connect.” Churches and ministries are encouraged to set up their own profiles, and post information about their team activities, stories, blogs, photos, videos, and testimonies of how God is working through the love and labor of His people.



# FUTURE EVANGELISM RALLY DATES

## What can you do to be involved in the pre-GC evangelism?

All of this pre-GC planning can only be improved with the involvement of local Church members. What can you do to be involved? Participate in the planting of new churches in your area. Make donations to your church's evangelism ministries. Or, visit the [goodnewsatlanta.net](http://goodnewsatlanta.net) website to learn of the different ministries in your area that you can participate in. Plan to attend upcoming evangelism rallies for further instructions and encouragement on how you too can be a part of the soul-winning and growth of our Church. The next evangelism rally will be held on December 5 at Atlanta Berean Church, featuring Barry Black, Chaplain of the United States Senate. A following rally will take place February 10, 2010, at West End Church (speaker to be determined), and the final gathering will be March 26 at Morehouse College, with Mark Finley as speaker.

Above all, pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the evangelism efforts of our Church leaders and members, in preparation for an incredible reaping of souls like never seen before at the 59th General Conference Session. See you there!



## G. Tom Carter Elected Southern Union Trust Services Director

G. Tom Carter was elected to serve as Southern Union trust services director at the September 24 executive committee. Carter joins the Union with many years of trust services and denominational experience. He started as a pastor in three conferences, and attended law school at Emory University while a pastor on a stipend basis with the Douglasville and Grandview, Ga., churches. He has been admitted to the Georgia, Texas, Maryland, California, and District of Columbia Bars.

Later Carter went on to serve in trust services in three conferences, and the Southwestern and Pacific unions. He served 20 years

at the General Conference, where he was director of trust services. He was a major player in implementing



the trust services certification and accreditation program throughout the entire North American Division. After retiring from the General Conference, he has continued to work in trust services with the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

Carter has deep ancestral ties with the Adventist Church. In 2007 he wrote *The 19th Century Odyssey of John and Judith*, published by the General Conference Ministerial Association. He tells about his great-grandparents who helped start the work of the Church in Texas. Tom is married to the former Janette Mullikin. They have two daughters, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

# CATCH the PASSION

BY GLADYS NEIGEL



Left: Craig Jutila, founder and president of Empowering Kids, encouraged attendees to have a passion for their work with kids. Right: Oz and Wilde (Gene Oswald, left, and Kif Anderson) illustrated ways to Go Fish for children through puppetry and storytelling.

**“Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.” —Romans 12:11 NIV**

“Passion is a choice,” says Craig Jutila, founder and president of Empowering Kids, Lake Forest, California. Passion for children’s ministries “produces excitement, energy, entertainment, and expectancy that leads to exceptional results.”

Speaking at the Go Fish Convention in Orlando, sponsored by Florida Conference, Southern Union Conference, and North American Division, Jutila encouraged attendees to share the passion of the September weekend with team members in their churches. From this shared passion, “a dynamic team exhibiting the five following characteristics will emerge: cooperation, flexibility, commitment, loyalty, and encouragement.”

The Creation Conference Center in the new Ginsburg Tower at Florida Hospital Orlando was the venue for an eclectic mix of presenters and an

audience that spanned eight conferences across the North American Division. The Apopka, Florida, Church’s children Christian ministries staff felt the convention was “truly a spirit-filled time, and the leaders/trainers had incredible programs.”

The Creation Conference Center’s breakout rooms were home to creative workshops such as:

**Puppetry**—“Puppets can open closed doors in outreach ministry,” said Oz and Wilde of FX4 Christ, Orange, California. Puppets can help portray the passion in any storytelling venue and can be used for Vacation Bible School, community events, street ministry, hospital ministry, and mission trips.

Eleven-year-old Tito Rosario was so enthused with what he learned at Florida Conference’s Go Fish for Kids Convention in August that he requested to attend this session. Tito has already used puppetry to present the children’s story at his church in Jennings Lake, Florida.

**Object Lessons and Attention Getters**—Whether he was painting faces or creating animal balloons, Darren Casteel, DoDads Lab, Cleveland, Georgia, wove object lessons into his presentations. Young and old watched as he portrayed the endless bottle of oil in the Bible with a container of water that would not end.

In the ballooning segment, attendee Xiomara Poloche from Rex, Georgia, was a little fearful at first that balloons would break from all the twisting. At the end, she was excited about using her new found skills with the children that attend her small group outreach.

**Children’s Church**—This presentation was definitely not church as usual. JéZonn Clermont, Tiny Tunes Ministry, Laurel, Maryland, and his volunteers took “Children’s Church Through the Roof” with praise and adoration for the Heavenly Father.

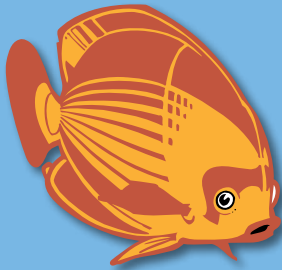
During the nature nugget on helminthology—







*Darren Casteel, DoDads Lab, asked Meredith Martin, South Orlando, Florida, Church member, to be his face-painting model.*



*Tito Rosario (right) balances cups of water from Darren Casteel's imagined empty vessel to illustrate the Bible story of the endless jar of oil.*



*Rhoda Burrill, Florida children's ministries director, donned Go Fish working attire for an Event Construction presentation.*

the study of worms—the passion of volunteers Robert Soto, Clermont, Florida, Church and Maria Pensante, Apopka Church, was no doubt tested when they had to pull imitation worms out of pans of pudding. Some brave volunteers actually held real worms while learning more about the worm's characteristics and habitat.

**Crafts Lab**—Besides the classes being offered, another big attraction was the two AccuCut machines with many dies (templates) that were made available. Participants were able to take home many craft ideas to use in Sabbath School, Vacation Bible School, and other outreach programs.

### Certification Tracks

Numerous breakout sessions were also held in meeting rooms on several floors of the Tower. These sessions included Learning Environments and Learning Centers, GraceLink Components, prayer, praise and worship, music, learning styles, and ministering to children who are grieving.

One music session conducted by Sylvia Pittman, Flint Institute of

Music, Flint, Michigan, was unique in that participants were encouraged to use simple things to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. The basic rudiments of rhythm and musicality were taught by using such items as shakers and boom whackers. The Go Fish Convention provided an opportunity to take necessary classes for basic and advanced level Children's Ministries Certification and Creative Ministries Certifications in praise and worship, puppetry, storytelling, drama, and prayer ministry.

### Answered Prayer

"I just wanted you to know that an answered prayer happened this weekend with three of the ladies from our church that attended the Go Fish Convention," wrote a church children ministries director. "For the past one and one half years, I have been praying that God would lead three or four individuals from my church into the desire to be trained in the kids discipleship program.

"It was not something I wanted to force anyone into doing. I wanted



*JéZonn Clermont (right), Tiny Tunes Ministry, presented "We're Ready To Take Children's Church Through the Roof."*

to know that God had spoken to their hearts and had moved them to see the need and importance of this commitment.

"Well, that happened this weekend. I now have three individuals convicted and convinced by God, and we will be moving forward to plan for further training."

These three ladies were among the many other dedicated children's ministries workers who "caught the passion" at the Go Fish Convention. ❄



# Café Ministry

BY MARVIN LOWMAN

Jack and Barbara Neher are members of the Hopkinsville, Kentucky, Church. Several years ago, they started a ministry called *It's My Very Own – Bags of Love*, providing duffel bags containing personal items to children who become wards of the state after being removed from their home.

More recently the Neheres have started a new outreach in their community — The Little Teapot Café. Jack says, "Actually, we were just looking for a location to hold health classes."

For more than a year, the Neheres had a Bags of Love display in a vacant storefront at the Bradford Square Mall in Hopkinsville, and they already had a very good rapport with the mall manager. They had also made arrangements to hold a Health Expo in the common area of the mall, but they needed a smaller room to hold classes. When they contacted the mall manager about this, nothing was immediately available.

Last April, a group of adjoining storefronts suddenly became available. The Neheres made a proposal to the mall headquarters for a lease amount, and their offer was accepted.

With the help and counsel of the local conference office, arrangements were made for insurance to cover this operation as a ministry of the local church. They signed a one-year lease in May (renewable each year for two

additional years at a guaranteed figure) and were allowed access on June 1 to start renovating.

"God is with us all the way," says Jack. "We were given two months of free access, rather than one, to accomplish the renovation."

Jack and Barbara spent most of June and all of July and August remodeling, painting, cleaning, and equipping the café. The church family pitched in with donations of equipment and much needed labor.

The Little Teapot Café opened on September 1. All personnel are volunteers. Presently there are five who are giving of their time each week.

"Throughout September, business has been adequate, and we are growing," Jack reported at the end of September. "Every day more and more people stop by to try us out, and we have several repeat customers."

Barbara says, "When we set out on this endeavor, we said we were going to use this café as a way to make relationships and help the health of our community. We are making a bigger impact than we dreamed we would so soon. We want to provide good, whole-

some, nutritious vegetarian food. We also want to hold health classes using the Lifestyle Matters programs."

The health classes have already begun and will continue on an ongoing basis. There is also a reading room adjacent to the dining room where literature is available, a lending library, and a TV monitor mounted on the wall tuned to the Hope Channel and 3ABN (Three Angels Broadcasting Network). "We are so excited about this whole ministry. It's working just the way we had hoped, and the people love the food. Thank you, Jesus!" comments Barbara.

The Neheres dream of their café being a location for evangelistic presentations — reaching out to a community that is rampant with overweight, diabetes, smoking addiction, and a whole range of other health problems. They also want people to know Jesus Who has the answers to all of life's problems. ❖



From top: Mall entrance to the café, a table in the dining room, and the reading room.



## Nurses Stay in Touch After Patients Leave

When a patient leaves Florida Hospital DeLand, it's not "goodbye." Florida Hospital DeLand, DeLand, Fla., has taken the normal discharge process a step further with a new post discharge nurse.

"The discharge process is a critical part for transitioning to post-hospital care, and an incomplete discharge process may cause a negative outcome for a patient," said Nancy Clark, director of case management at Florida Hospital DeLand.

Until now, when a patient is released, they go through a standard discharge plan which includes educating the patient and their family, assessing the

patient's understanding of the plan, scheduling follow-up appointments, organizing post-discharge services, confirming the medication plan, and reviewing with the patient what to do if a problem occurs.

The new discharge process will include the prior, plus a phone call within 24-48 hours by the post discharge nurse who will be there to provide additional information if needed.

"The discharge process is intended to provide patients with adequate information and necessary resources to improve or maintain their health during the post-hospital period and to prevent adverse events

and unnecessary re-hospitalization. This new step will help us provide the most comprehensive and individualized care as possible," said Clark.

The post discharge nurse will help deal with the sensitive, delicate, and difficult issues some patients face after their hospital stay; work with physicians and hospital staff for the patient; and assist in referring patient issues and concerns to appropriate services and resources, responding personally when



*Florida Hospital DeLand is extending their care even after patients leave the hospital.*

other alternatives are not available.

The post discharge nurse is another way Florida Hospital DeLand is improving the patient experience and satisfaction and showing that patients are neighbors, not numbers.

—BY ERIN HUNTER

## Emory-Adventist and Gordon Hospital Make GA Hospital Association's Presidential Honor Roll

Emory-Adventist Hospital, Smyrna, Ga., and Gordon Hospital, Calhoun, Ga., have both been named on the Georgia Hospital Association's (GHA) Partnership for Health and Accountability (PHA) Presidential Honor Roll. This prestigious list includes a total of 38 hospitals.

"We are proud of this accomplishment," said Ed Moyer, COO of Emory-Adventist Hospital. "It is our mission to ensure that each of our patients receives the right care at the right time, and this recognition validates this."

The honor roll is based on clinical data provided by the federal Centers for Med-



*Gordon Hospital is committed to providing the right care at the right time.*

icaid & Medicare Services (CMS), which administers the nation's Medicare and Medicaid programs. The data was collected from January through December 2008.

To qualify as a Presidential Honor Roll hospital, both hospitals maintained a score of 93 percent or higher in Appropriate Care



*Emory-Adventist Hospital is one of 38 hospitals to make the Presidential Honor Roll.*

Measures (ACM) during that time period.

The CMS data details how well a hospital's caregivers adhere to a list of Appropriate Care Measures (ACM), the clinical processes of care that are known to be the most effective methods of treatment for patients who have suffered heart attacks, heart failure,

or pneumonia. For instance, a recommended treatment to help prevent a heart attack is to take aspirin either before or upon arrival at the hospital. A hospital's adherence to these recommended clinical practices usually leads to better outcomes.

"We are very proud to be included on this honor roll of hospitals that are making sure that every patient receives the 'right care at the right time,'" said Rhonda Holland, director of quality management for Gordon Hospital. "Our physicians and staff strive for excellence in patient care every day, and it is an honor to be recognized in the state for reaching our goals."

## Faith on Fire: Churches Burn their Mortgages



Church ended with a celebration as Harry Robinson, pastor; Marilyn Lowder, Conference treasurer; Rick Russell; Judy Schlick; and Willis Brandon, elder, say goodbye to Albemarle's mortgage debt.

In the last two years, eight Carolina Conference churches have gathered on Sabbath morning to witnessed their mortgage contracts go up in flames. In this time of economic stress and uncertainty, God's people are determined to be free from the bondage of financial debt.

Paying off the mortgage for their community center in seven years, the Albemarle Church had a payment schedule through 2026. As proud owners, they can focus more on funding different ministries, such

as conducting ShareHim evangelistic events for their church, literature outreach, hosting vegetarian cooking classes for the community, ministering at local county fairs, and much more.

These experiences show there is no limit to God's blessings when faithful stewards use their money and time wisely. As church congregations continue to grow, testimonies like these will help their faith grow. Anything is possible with the inspiration of a little fire.

—BY JACQUIE PINDER

## Hard Work Pays Off for West Columbia

The West Columbia Church was built in 2001, and their mortgage was set for 15 years. The final payment on their \$130,000 loan was scheduled for September 2016. Through hard work, and with much time to spare, they turned in their final payment seven years ahead of schedule!

Solutions quickly surfaced to pay off their mortgage early. Initially, the church members decided to make additional payments of \$300 per month. In 2005 the priority of the mortgage was revisited and the church faithfully committed to an additional \$500 per month.

One member even found a foreclosed property and took on the financial risk. Described as the "Vanilla House" project, the

church willingly pitched in to clean and fix up the house.

God richly blessed this endeavor and the house was sold with a profit near \$40,000. A significant portion of this amount was pledged to the church building fund.

In 2007 The "Joash Fund" was implemented. Each Sabbath a special offering was collected during the children's story.

This year the "Payoff the church mortgage by September 5 fundraising campaign" also helped to add thousands of dollars toward being debt free.

With yard sales and additional giving from members, West Columbia reaped the rewards of their dedication to this important goal.

—BY JACQUIE PINDER



Members of the West Columbia Church gather around with excitement to witness the burning of their mortgage.



## Korean Church Reaching Out



Jim Davidson (right), Conference president, congratulates Stephen Kim, G-Mart owner, as Unjong Yang, pastor, looks on.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the new Korean Community Service Center in North Carolina. Unjong Yang, pastor, and the members of the Greensboro Korean church were excited to have Jim Davidson, Conference president,

come and show his appreciation and support.

Yang also invited Greensboro's mayor, Yvonne Johnson, and congressman, Howard Coble, to the ceremony. The space being used at the Super G-Mart international food mar-

ket was generously donated by owner Stephen Kim.

Almost six months prior to this event, the church held a Social Benefit Expo for the tri-city areas of High Point, Winston-Salem, and Greensboro, N.C., at the same location.

Renting a space at the G-Mart proved to be a great blessing. Not only was a new friendship formed with Stephen Kim, G-Mart owner, but the church also found a home for their new community service center.

Kim was kind enough to donate a rental space that in many

businesses can cost up to \$3,000 a month to rent.

Setting up the center in this popular establishment will bring many people to their door. It will provide an opportunity to build strong relationships within the church, while reaching out to people in the community.

—BY JACQUIE PINDER



## Unusual Witnessing Takes Places at the Races

Imagine preaching from a flatbed trailer in the middle of a cow pasture, with a Dale Earnhardt look-a-like, while giving out Christian literature to strangers. These were just a few of the unusual activities taking place at the races in Bristol, Tenn.

The Raceway Ministries Team, an official organization sponsored by Motor Racing Outreach (MRO), hosts a campground each spring and fall during race week.

This fall John Earnhardt, pastor of the Columbia First Church in Columbia, S.C., joined the group in Tennessee.

What a sight to see! In

the midst of racing paraphernalia, RV's, and tents, the team brought Sabbath morning worship on a flatbed trailer.

One young male camper walked up with a bottle of bourbon in one hand, but sat down and listened to the sermon intently.

A drawing was held after the sermon for a nice leather Bible. Much to everyone's delight, this young man won the Bible.

The sight of him walking away with a bourbon bottle in one hand and the Bible in the other made the inconvenience of camping in a cow pasture worthwhile.

God is working in mi-



John Earnhardt (right), pastor, with another Dale Earnhardt look-a-like.

raculous ways, by opening doors in the most unusual places. Seventh-day Adventists are entering into minis-

try where the possibility of sharing Jesus didn't exist.

—BY CRYSTAL EARNHARDT

## Port Charlotte Members Dive into Ministry

The number of outreach ministries offered by Port Charlotte, Fla., Church has exploded during the past two years, creating a need to educate members of the diverse opportunities to serve. When the Dive Into Ministry fair was held on a Sabbath morning earlier this year, the perfect venue was provided for nearly 200 church members to view the options.

"I was very pleased with the outcome of the fair," said Laura Dancek, ministries development coordinator. "I believe most ministries leaders were as well." As an example, Dancek spoke of the need for volunteers to serve meals at a homeless shelter due to the growing number of homeless people.



Elvin Krueger creates a festive effect at the ministry fair with bubbles while Frank Ferree watches.

"Program coordinator Donna Dunbar was very concerned about the situation and had been praying about it," says Dancek. "As a result of the fair, the homeless ministry received

a real boost with 26 new volunteers, and Donna is practically floating on air."

Additional ministries represented in the church fellowship hall ranged from more established offerings,

such as disaster response and women's ministry, to flea market ministry, which is still in the formation stage. Another favorite was the Bike Club's exhibit with Tom Flynn dressed in full riding gear standing next to his motorcycle. As Tim Goff, pastor, looked at the varied exhibits across the room, he couldn't help but think, "I'm the luckiest pastor in Florida."

When asked how the event came about, Dancek responded, "I heard that one of our churches in Jacksonville held a ministries fair, so even though I didn't develop the idea, I decided we should have one in Port Charlotte. I ordered a kit from Church Volunteer Central's web site, and that's where I got the theme idea for Dive Into Ministry.

A follow-up ministry fair is planned for the upcoming winter months.

—BY LYNN HUFF PRICE

## Lauderhill Church Ordains First Women Elders

In a progressive move to become a more effective, relevant, and rounded faith community, the Lauderhill, Fla., Church voted, for the first time, to ordain women elders. The August 1 milestone ordination service was marked by much prayer as Marlene Hunt and Audrey Weir were presented to the Lord.

The two candidates, who are both educators, have consistently and unwaveringly demonstrated their willingness

and effectiveness in serving the Lord. They fill a need for spiritual leadership and mentor-

ing, especially for the female members of the church.

—BY SHELLY PINNOCK



Marlene Hunt (left) and Audrey Weir with Lester Elliott, pastor



## Winter Springs Church Breaks Ground



Winter Springs pastors and building committee members, Conference officials, and Turner Construction representatives enthusiastically turn spades of dirt at the groundbreaking service.



PHOTOS: LEE BENNETT

An artist rendering from Turner Construction depicts the appearance of the new Winter Springs Church facility. The first phase is scheduled for completion by the end of 2010.

The Winter Springs, Fla., Church officially broke ground August 29 for a new sanctuary on Ronald Reagan Boulevard in Sanford. The projected completion date for the 800-seat sanctuary, narthex, and restrooms in this first phase of construction is December 2010, at an estimated cost of \$8,927,818.

After the Winter Springs Church family invited the Seminole Meadows congregation in Sanford

to merge with them at their Moss Road location in 2006, the combined membership soon recognized the need for a larger sanctuary. Building and transition committees were appointed by the church board, and the Moss Road property was put up for sale.

Within a few weeks after the facility was listed, the church received and accepted an offer. The contractual agreement

allowed the Winter Springs congregation to remain in the church for 60 days after closing at no charge. This gave the transition committee time to find a temporary rental church home for the Winter Springs members on Markham Woods Road in Longwood, Fla.

By the end of 2010, the congregation plans to move into its new complex on the former Seminole Meadows campus where the church continues to op-

erate a daycare facility that is open to the community.

By September 1, donations totaled \$889,326, with \$250,000 of that amount received in August. More than \$3.2 million came from the sale of the Moss Road property, and a Southern Union Revolving Fund loan will cover \$3 million of the total cost.

The congregation gives God the praise and glory for working on their behalf.

—BY PAULETTE LEWIS

## Kress Memorial Church Honors First Responders

Kress Memorial Church, Winter Park, Fla., was filled with firefighters and policemen on a Sabbath morning; yet, there was no emergency.

“The work of first responders is so vital to our community. I wanted to set aside a day to honor them and say thank you for putting their lives on the line for us every day,” says Eric Doran, pastor,



Eric Doran, pastor, presents a plaque to Orlando Deputy Police Chief Gene Bernal.

who planned the event with Chris Realin, church member and Orlando police officer.

Participants included Deputy Sheriff Kevin Rowe, who wore a kilt and played “Amazing Grace” on bagpipes; and Orlando police officers Dale and Adriane Henry, who used puppets to demonstrate the value of honesty. Kress Memorial members Frantz Joachim, Orange County fireman; Joe Startz, Road Ranger; and Gerry Realin, Orlando

Police Department, were also part of the program.

Doran’s sermon offered hope and encouragement to those in dangerous circumstances.

“People like you make our job worth it, letting us know we have a community that truly appreciates our efforts,” said Gene Bernal, Orlando Deputy Police Chief.

—BY SANDRA DORAN

## Maluti Adventist Hospital Does Much with Little

For two weeks in September, I traveled through South Africa with a group of about 15 people meeting the dedicated individuals involved with Hope for Humanity (formerly Ingathering).

On the second week, we drove to Lesotho and visited Maluti Adventist Hospital. The hospital has 160 beds and is tucked high up in the mountains. Opened in 1952 and built with funds from a 13th Sabbath Offering, serves approximately 100,000 people living in 264 nearby villages.

Lesotho is a small country, and most of its people are very poor. This tiny kingdom has one of the highest HIV rates in the world, about 30 percent. Life expectancy is only 40 years of age.

From 70 to 80 percent of the Maluti patients are HIV positive and, in answer, the hospital has a wellness center that helps those infected by offering commu-



Students at MACSEM sing songs to welcome visitors with Hope for Humanity in Lesotho.

nity education, counseling, testing, home-based care, and support for orphans. Maluti sees more than 5,000 admissions to the hospital per year, including 1,600 births and 3,000 operations.

A special greeting is offered to all who enter by a 20-year-old man named Tabo. Tabo was left at the hospital as a young man. His family never returned for him, and he has lived at the hospital almost his entire life. Each day Tabo sits at the entrance to the hospital greeting those who visit the facility. When asked if there was someone special who he remembers greeting,

Tabo says, "All."

Walking through the hospital doors, I felt like I was stepping back in time. Where are the computers? Only in the laboratory. Why

are there so many beds in each room? How many doctors work here? The answers were logical, but it was distressing to learn that they were cutting back on the number of physicians because the budget had been cut again. On staff they have six physicians, 46 registered nurses,

44 nurse assistants, as well as student nurses and lab technicians, a pharmacist, x-ray technicians, and physiotherapists.

As the group toured the facility and its maze-like quality, I was impressed with the constant flow of people visiting the facility. Every few seconds a van pulled up and dropped someone off. People also walked to the hospital or rode in on horseback. I was impressed with the spirit of the staff. They do not have a lot, but they make a difference, and they do it with a smile.

One exciting event taking place at Maluti Adventist Hospital is the addition of a brand new school for Maluti Adventist Christian School English Medium (MACSEM).

The current school is full, with more than 80 students. Students are meeting in off-campus buildings, and the 7th and 8th grade classes actually meet in an old shipping container. MACSEM offers a quality education and has had to turn students

away due to a lack of space.

The new school facility will hold 140 students, and is being built by donated funds and many volunteers from across North America. We met project volunteers from Spencerville, Md., and Nashville, Tenn., while on site.

I remember last school year, my children had to bring in \$5 for a mission project. Little did I know that MACSEM was the project. It was amazing to see it in person.

The new school will include six classrooms, a multipurpose auditorium/gymnasium, a restroom block, and space for administration. The plan is for the old school to become a day care center for area students.

Maluti Adventist Hospital also offers a nursing school, established in 1958. They have graduated more than 450 registered nurses, 197 nurse assistants, and 314 midwives.

At the end of the day, the group visited with Lynn Hurlow, the director's wife. She shared stories of children rescued from latrines and starvation. She works hard to find good homes for orphaned children.

Our group played games with the orphans and helped serve them their meal. They eat one meal per day.

The spirit of God is working at Maluti. For more details on Maluti Adventist Hospital, go online to [www.malutiadventisthospital.org](http://www.malutiadventisthospital.org).

—BY TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER



This orphan girl held tightly onto her doll until they announced dinner.

TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER



## Lawrence to Serve as ACF Director



SUBMITTED BY MICHAELA LAWRENCE

Michaela Lawrence was recently named Advent House chaplain/ACF director.

Coming from Ontario, Canada, Michaela Lawrence began the role of Advent House chaplain at the University of Tennes-

see, Knoxville, Tenn., and Adventist Christian Fellowship director for Georgia-Cumberland Conference in September.

"I'm most excited about helping students deepen their relationship with God, each other, and the larger community within which they live and go to school,"

she says. "Each student has a role to play in God's salvation plan and I want them to figure out what

that means for them, particularly in their public campus environs."

Lawrence holds a master of divinity degree from Andrews University Theological Seminary, Berrien Springs, Mich., as well as a master of arts in English literature from the University of Illinois at Chicago. She has served as a teacher, young adult ministry director, dean's assistant, and worship leader at churches and schools in the United States and Canada.

—BY REBECCA BROOKS

## Jensens Celebrate 51st Anniversary



Paul and Shirley Jensen

Married in 1958, Paul and Shirley Jensen celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary August 31, 2009. Paul has served as a publishing director around the world, including Pakistan, Japan, Africa, and the United States. They have two children, Mark and Chris. The couple resides in Crossville, Tenn.

## Blind Evangelist Preaches During Power Outage

One of the Stone Mountain, Ga., Church's newest members, Sherika Freeman, announced the scripture reading on Sabbath as torrential rain and lighting caused two brief power outages. Then, everything went black. Freeman paused, not sure what to do.

Dexter Roderick Thomas, speaker for Stone Mountain's fall Facts for Life Evangelistic #3 Revival Series, stepped to the microphone and began reciting the Scripture passage Luke 13:6-9 from memory. He did not miss a word. When Thomas finished the passage, the congregation erupted in praise and thanksgiving to God. Light or no light, nothing would prevent the Word of God from being presented!

When the revival started on September 11, the congregation observed Thomas, associate pastor of the Grand Avenue Adventist Church in Oakland, Calif., learning his way around the church facilities. Neil Reid, senior pastor of Stone Mountain, served as coach, introducing individuals, and identifying rooms and obstacles for the legally blind minister.

Reid and Thomas have a friendship that began in 2001. Reid was invited to speak at the Religion and Theology Forum at Oak-



Dexter Roderick Thomas was the featured speaker for Stone Mountain's fall evangelistic series.

wood College (now Oakwood University) and the Madison Mission Adventist Church in Huntsville, Ala. After Sabbath worship service, while talking to one of the members, Reid heard someone ask, "Is that the preacher?" Reid observed

a young man, Thomas, standing behind a display of books at the door. After walking over and meeting him, Reid learned that Dexter was a second year theology student at Oakwood who was visually impaired. A friendship formed be-

tween the two that has lasted through the years. Thomas has held evangelistic meetings at every church Reid has served, including the University Church at Northern Caribbean University in Mandeville, Jamaica.

After the song of meditation, Thomas descended the rostrum in the darkness and took his place before the congregation. Without reference to his Braille computer, he preached for the next 35 minutes on the subject, "Is He Worth the Headache?"

Thus far, the meetings have yielded more than 15 decisions for baptisms. The words of apostle Peter in Acts 10:34 were confirmed: "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons."

## First Annual Conference Prayer Summit Held



Participants gathered from four states: Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, and Mississippi.

The weekend of September 18-20 saw a constant downpour of heavy rain. But for the 45 people who assembled at Shocco Springs Conference Center in Talladega, Ala., for the first annual Gulf States Conference Prayer Summit, the rain that fell on them was the rain of the Holy Spirit.

The summit was held in a private lodge located on a summit overlooking a wooded area. It was the ideal place to seek the Lord. Michael and Dvorah Curzon of the Roebuck Church in Birmingham, Ala., opened and closed the Sabbath,

incorporating the Messianic Jewish services. Phillip Samaan, D.Min., keynote speaker, led the participants through four forms of prayer that encourage trust, faith, and a steadfast reliance on God. His newest book, *God's Way to Restoration*, was the powerful resource for his four seminars.

The thread of the entire weekend was the small group prayer times. Three to four people gathered into small groups five times to pray specifically and corporately for the same thing. All of the prayers centered on the more than 100 evange-

listic meetings being held throughout the Conference area. The first prayer of confession and repentance prepared them to pray for others. The second prayer was for those who would share the Word: everyone involved with a meeting was lifted up by name. The third prayer was for those who would hear the Word. Strong pleadings were heard for family members, friends, and others who attended. The fourth prayer was for the churches to become places of discipleship for those who would hear and receive the truth. The fifth prayer was the prayer of John 17: that God would make the group all one.

Oliver McKinney, Southern Union prayer ministries director, led out in a power-filled presentation on how God is able to do exceedingly and abundantly more than any could ever think or believe. David

Holton, pastor of Pell City, Ala., district, challenged the participants to have a burden for souls.

Angela Palmer, Caitlyn and Shayla Meharry, Terry Meharry, and Sherilyn Samaan led out in instrumental and vocal music throughout the weekend.

Other activities included the showing of the just released *Cosmic Conflict*, a DVD of the *Great Controversy* produced by Amazing Facts; a seminar for new Conference prayer coordinators; and a prayer swap.

The Gulf States Conference Prayer Team has already decided on September 10-12, 2010, as the date for the next prayer conference, and the keynote speaker will be Dennis Smith, author of *40 Days: Prayers & Devotions to Prepare for the Second Coming*.

—BY AMY MAPP

## Columbia Church Honors Healthcare Workers

The Columbia, Miss., Church honored healthcare workers in September by showing appreciation to nursing home nurses and assistants, who faithfully take care of other people's grandparents and parents.

A vegetarian meal was prepared for the 3 to 11 p.m. crew at the Myrtles Nursing Facility. There were more than 18 workers on duty. This shift was chosen because its workers have the least chance to get a good meal due to the

kitchen closing at night.

The table was decorated with real apple vases of flowers and fall leaves scattered all around. The church members served pizzas, veggies and dip, a fresh fruit pizza, potato salad, sweet potato pies, and fresh spring water.

Packets of health pamphlets and information about Columbia's health messages were made available to the workers. "We wanted them to know that we have a lot in common

with those who take care of the sick and aged, since many of our own members are, or have been, in the healthcare field.

"The administrator was thrilled that our church was being so 'nice.' The workers were overwhelmed by the thoughtfulness and repeatedly thanked us. We even received hugs! What a wonderful feeling to bring happiness to those



The health care workers were delighted with the attention and the good food.

who see so much sickness and pain," says Lynne Powell, church member.

—BY LYNNE POWELL



## Missions to India Continue



*City police approved a street concert in spite of Hindu opposition.*

Elbert James, a member of the Crestview, Fla., Church, has just completed another mission trip to India. His first stop was in Chennai, India, where his group held evangelistic meetings in villages where Bible workers had already been preparing people's hearts. James' next journey was a six-hour train ride southwest to Bangalore. He had preached there the previous year, and was invited back. "The people were very eager to hear about this man called Jesus, and wanted to know more," explains James.

After returning to Chennai, the group were allowed by the city police to hold street meetings in spite of the opposition of the Hindu believers who did not want them to preach. Many street people accepted Jesus and vowed to follow Him. Others wanted to take Bible studies and learn about this new God.

One day James traveled into a village he had visited last year to check on a girl that had been burned over

more than 50 percent of her body when her thatched roof hut caught fire. After walking to her house, James was told she now lived on the other side of the village, so he set out to find her in 105 degree heat. After about an hour of walking, he found her and sat down to rest and cool off. Seeing that he was out of water, the people offered him a drink. "I never do this, but I was hot and thirsty, so I accepted the water," says James. A few hours later he developed a fever and his strength began to wane. He went to a doctor who gave him a prescription, and he had it filled at a corner medical store. After three days,

James began to feel better. "I praise God for his mercy," exclaims James. "I could have died from the bacteria found in the water." The girl he went to visit is still having skin grafting done, and she needs food and assistance.

"I thank God for his blessings and the rich experience He has allowed us to have, including seeing some of the accomplishments of our missions since 2000," James says. The group's next project is to construct a building that will house orphans, the lame, and the blind.

—BY REBECCA GRICE



*Elbert James (center) prays with two believers.*

## Abuse Addressed



*Valerie Hopkins*

A woman is raped every six minutes in this country. In Peru, 90 percent of teenage girls give birth as a result of rape, often incest. These and other appalling statistics were cited by Valerie Hopkins in her presentation on Abuse Prevention Emphasis Day, August 22, at the University Parkway Church in Pensacola, Fla. Hopkins, who is the church's women's ministries director, focused attention on widespread violence against women, which she said is becoming a problem even in the Adventist home.

Hopkins pointed out that the missing element in modern and ancient times is love. "Gender-based violence is a tremendous evil. It is never acceptable and cannot be condoned. Children, in particular, are left with scars and traumatized for life."

According to Hopkins, to raise awareness of the abuse cycle and help hurting people, members need to extend themselves to those in pain in the Church and the community. Churches can provide ongoing support to a local women's shelter, for example, and reach out with their own ministries.

—BY GLENDA HASS

## Richard Hallock Retires

For more than 17 years the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference was blessed by the leadership of Richard Hallock.

Hallock began his ministry as a pastor in the Missouri Conference in 1969, following his graduation from the seminary. It was inevitable that his skills as a leader would be recognized; and so in September 1977, he was invited to be the ministerial director of what now is the Gulf States Conference.

In January 1982, he was elected and became the president of Gulf States. In March 1992, Hallock became the president of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference.

During the last 17 years, the membership of the Conference grew from 10,484 to more than 13,000 in more than 100 congregations in Kentucky and the western half of Tennes-



*Richard and Connie Hallock*

see. Annual title income more than doubled from \$6,385,102 to \$13,311,834 at the end of 2008.

Beginning in 1999, Indian Creek Camp has been almost completely rebuilt – serving not only the youth of the conference through an expanded summer camp ministry, but serving the entire conference with its many retreats, conferences, and training events

equipping the membership for effective service.

His counsel and insights on the many committees and boards he served on within and outside of the conference have been valued through the years.

Seventeen years in a single conference demonstrates an uncommon commitment to see the conference move forward. There have been many challenges

that may have led others to seek a call elsewhere. And indeed, there were many invitations and opportunities during that time to work in other parts of the world field.

At the May executive committee meeting, Hallock announced his plans to retire at the end of July this year – completing 41 years of service with the Church. His wife, Connie, has stood by his side as a faithful partner in ministry through all of those years.

The members and fellow workers of the Conference are indebted to Richard Hallock for the deeply spiritual and insightful leadership he provided to the Lord's work for, as he himself was so often heard saying, speaking of the work in other parts of North America and the world, "That's my church too."

—BY MARVIN LOWMAN

## Ridgetop Church Honors Members



*Oscar and Laura Torkelson*

Oscar and Laura Torkelson were recently

honored at Ridgetop, Tenn., Church as they celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on August 24. They met at Union College in Lincoln, Neb. Both of them served for

many years in the Adventist education system. The

Torkelsons have two children: Jill Harbour and Jack, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Fred Empson, a long-time member of Ridgetop, celebrated his 95th birthday with friends at Ridgetop Ad-



*Fred Empson*

ventist Elementary School gym. He was born Aug. 21, 1914.

He is a carpenter and master craftsman who has restored and built customized furniture for many years.

—BY HELEN KELLY



## Churches Celebrate 100 Years of Christian Education



The Adventist churches in Louisville, Ky., celebrated a century of elementary education, and look forward to a new school year and further establishment of the recently organized 12-grade school.

To celebrate, Chris Juhl, principal of Louisville Junior Academy (LJA), recently renamed Louisville Adventist Academy, worked with his staff and church leaders to organize

a celebration weekend.

At least 200 previous students, faculty, and staff participated in one or the other of the four major events, and more than \$5,000 was given to support worthy students.

The weekend activities began with Vespers on Friday evening. The Sabbath morning services highlighted the importance of Christian education, stressing the role of the church as well as

the parents in the process. The afternoon program included a meal, and a tour to visit the present school building and two locations that previously housed LJA. It was an inspiration to see how the Lord has led from a one-room school in the back of the church with an alley for a playground, to the present modern facility.

The Sabbath evening semi-formal banquet, the sharing “Walk Down

Memory Lane” program, and the Sunday morning golf tournament attracted a number of people who had not participated in any of the other programs.

A website has been set up, [www.ljaalumni.webs.com](http://www.ljaalumni.webs.com), that contains pictures and news. If you attended Adventist schools in Louisville, visit the site and sign up for the periodic newsletter.

—BY CLIFTON KELLER

## Vacation Bible School is Team Effort

Forty-two children registered for Vacation Bible School (VBS) this year at the Louisville, Ky., First Church. Daily the children and leaders were reminded of how God led the children of Israel to the Promised Land.

VBS required the team effort of 20 adults and teenage crew leaders to transform the church into a quaint southern bayou, where the children were led to recognize God’s leadings in their everyday lives. Six multi-sensory stations emphasized particular events where God performed miracles to



*Forty-two children attended Vacation Bible School at Louisville First Church.*

demonstrate His love to Israel. The VBS children were encouraged to look for opportunities and share God’s love with others in

practical ways.

Every day emphasis was placed on a special event in Israel’s history, with each of the six sta-

tions approaching the same event from a different perspective. As the Children simulated Israel’s flight from Egypt, with their own hands they painted blood on the door posts.

As they followed Moses through the Red Sea, they could hear Pharaoh’s army and horses in the background. They were led by a pillar of cloud. Manna-like food and snacks had special meaning. One of the teenage crew leaders said, “It was almost like being one of the Israelites.”

—BY CLIFTON KELLER

## Student Misses Graduation for the Sabbath



*Reginald Thompson stands with his parents, principal, teachers, and supporters.*

When Reginald Thompson's (RJ) dad informed the principal of Central High School that his son would not be able to participate in the graduation exercise being held on Sabbath, the principal already knew.

Thompson attended Central High for two years and was an outstanding basketball player and track star.

Long before the graduation ceremony became an issue, Thompson had already been a witness by refusing to play in

any Friday night or Saturday games. He qualified for four state championships, but chose not to compete because they were all held on Sabbath.

Thompson attends Charlotte Northeast Church in Charlotte, N.C. On Sabbath morning, while Central High School was having its commencement exercises, Northeast was having its own baccalaureate program where Ezra Mendinghall, pastor of Charlotte Northeast Church, presented the message.

Knowing that Sabbath graduation would be an issue for Thompson and possibly others, Northeast, along with other Adventist churches in the area, hosted its own Commencement exercises that Sabbath evening where 22 seniors marched and received their diplomas.

Thompson could not have been more proud when his principal, along with several of his teachers, drove the one-hour trip to Charlotte to officially present to him his diploma.

In his remarks, Thompson's principal stated, "RJ would be the first one at Thursday's basketball practices and the last one to leave, knowing that he would not play in that Friday night's game. I am impressed with this young man's relationship with God."

In Thompson's own words, "All of the graduates here will have two commencements ... this one, and the one that their school gives. I will have just this one, and I could not be happier. I only hope

my example might be an encouragement to others. Someone once told me that when you stand for God, He stands for you. I now know that to be true."



*Charlotte area churches held a special Commencement service for those students whose schools scheduled the graduation service on Sabbath.*

Thompson attends Washington Adventist University in Takoma, Md., on a track scholarship. He is the son of Reginald and Cynthia Thompson.

—BY WILLETTE JOHNSON

## Franklinton Church Holds Men's Day



*Mitchell Wiggins, John Booth, Zollie Privette, Rayquan Privette, and Korey Privette prepare to serve lunch to the women of Franklinton.*

Edward Wilson, Adventist men's leader at Franklinton, N.C., Church, had dreamed of presenting a program that would feature

all of the men of the church. On his 63rd birthday, his dream became a reality. With the support of the men of Franklinton, the event was a well organized, spiritual program.

Sabbath School was taught by Zollie Privette, followed by a health emphasis presentation by

Mitchell Wiggins. The morning prayer was offered by a guest local elder, Lawrence Davis from Smithfield Church; and Rayquan Privette presented an interesting children's story.

The morning message was divided into three parts and delivered by Edward Wilson with the topic, "Samson — The True Source of a Man's Strength"; Steve Williams, "David — A Courageous Leader After God's Own Heart"; and Mitchell Wiggins, "Job — Standing

Firm in the Midst of the Storm."

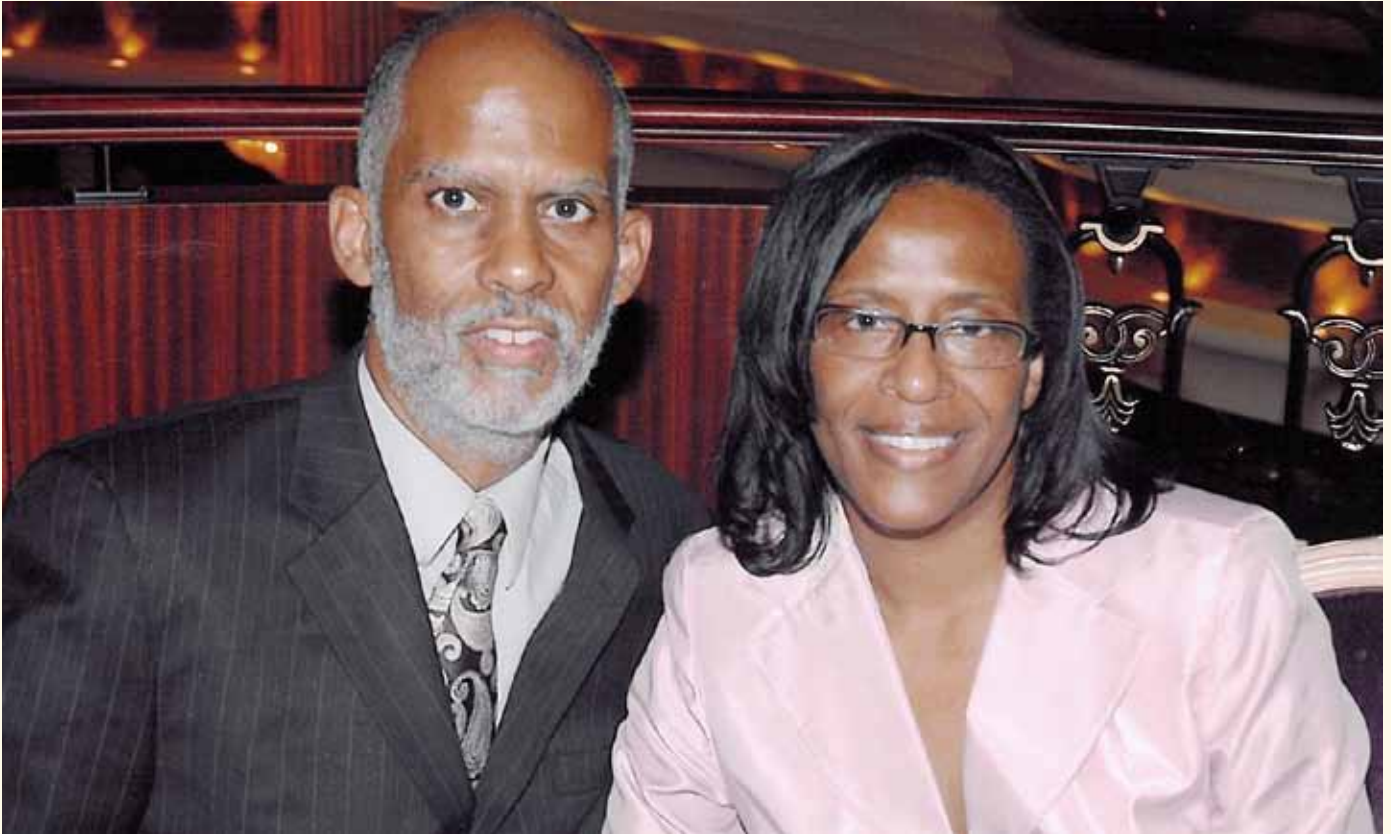
Michael Hickman, pastor, was given the rare opportunity of sitting with his wife, Annie, during the worship service.

Two highlights of this men's day program were the presentation of a red rose to all of the women present, followed by a dinner prepared by the men after the service.

—BY LOÑIETA THOMPSON  
CORNWALL



## Dana C. Edmond Elected Seventh President of South Central Conference



Dana Edmond, newly elected president of South Central Conference, with his wife, Jill, Shepheress coordinator

Dana C. Edmond, a former youth leader and magazine columnist, was elected president of the South Central Conference on September 13, 2009, in Nashville, Tenn.

Edmond has served as Conference executive secretary since 2001, and was elected by the Conference executive committee to fill the vacancy left when Benjamin P. Browne retired as president on September 1. Browne served the Church for 41 years. The executive committee will meet on December 13 to elect a new Conference secretary.

Edmond has served the Church for 31 years. After graduating from Oakwood College (now Oakwood University), he began his ministry as a pastor and school teacher in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, in the North Caribbean Conference. In 1981, Edmond joined the South Central Conference as a pastor in Covington, Ky., Northstar Church, and Frankfort, Ky., Capital City Church. In 1984, he served the Memphis, Tenn., Breath of Life Church, and in 1990 he began serving as Conference director of youth ministries.

Along with his administrative duties, Edmond was a columnist for *Insight magazine*, the Church's journal for high school and college-aged youth. He also wrote the book *Do it Right—Love, Sex, and Relationships God's Way*.

"I am humbled by this honor," says Edmond. "It is one of the greatest honors and greatest responsibilities I've ever been given."

In describing his vision for ministry, Edmond explains, "We have to be more intentional about ministry. We have to make a plan [for ministry] and then

pray for God's blessing on our plan."

Edmond married the former Jill Robinson, also a graduate of Oakwood and teacher at the F. H. Jenkins School, Nashville, Tenn. The Edmonds have two grown children, both graduates of Oakwood, Courtney Edmond Campbell and Robert James (R.J.) Edmond, and three grandchildren.

May God bless their ministry as they serve His people in South Central.

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—BY MICHAEL HARPE

## Jacquelyn Ross leads 26 to Baptism

James Bennett was visiting with his brother, Jonathan, who had come to Ft. Myers, Fla. Jonathan, an Adventist believer, suggested that the two should attend church that Sabbath morning. They checked the phone directory and found seven Seventh-day Adventist churches listed in the Fort Myers area. They chose Peniel Seventh-day Adven-



*Jacquelyn Ross meditates just before she delivers her sermon.*

tist Church, Fort Myers, Fla. They arrived at Peniel in time to hear a powerful message being preached by Jacquelyn Croumel Ross, wife of Southern Union evangelist Dennis Ross, who was conducting a ShareHim crusade.

On the opening day of the crusade, Peniel held a beautiful wedding ceremony for a special couple who had previously taken Bible studies. On the following Sabbath the couple was baptized. Bennet and the couple were three of 26 individuals who were baptized during the two-week crusade.

Harold H. Brooks, pastor of Peniel, and the members worked diligent-



*Baptismal candidates prepare for baptism during the Peniel ShareHim crusade conducted by Jacquelyn Ross.*

ly with Ross to help make the crusade a success.

An appeal written by Ellen White which first appeared in the *Review* on March 22, 1887 — more than 100 years ago — is now receiving well-deserved attention. During a revival at Battle Creek College, White stated, “Our heavenly Father is more willing to give His Holy Spirit to them that

ask Him, than are earthly parents to give good gifts to their children. But, it is our work, by confession, humiliation, repentance, and earnest prayer, to fulfill the conditions upon which God has promised to grant us His blessings” *Selected Messages*, Vol. 1, p. 121.

—BY MAXINE MOORE

## Browns Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary



Roy and Daisy Brown were married in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, on September 6, 1959, after graduating from La Sierra University, Riverside, Calif., and before entering Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Their two daughters, one son, and four grandchildren carried them on a cruise to Cozumel, Mexico, on September 6, 2009, to celebrate the

landmark occasion. Their daughter Carolyn, former Church school teacher, is deceased.

Now retired, Roy Brown has, with his wife, served the Church as president, executive secretary, departmental director, and pastor/evangelist in the Southeastern Conference.

After leaving Andrews University they began their ministry in Guyana, South America, for two years, then on to Northeastern,

Southern California, and Allegheny East conferences as pastor and evangelist.

During their retirement years, Roy Brown wrote the book *The Battle Is Not Yours, It's God's*, and they have conducted evangelistic campaigns and Week of Devotions, and preached around the country and overseas. They are delighted to continue their service to God.



## Tabernacle Church Fulfills Dream



*Southeastern Conference administrators Gwen Parker (left), treasurer; Gregory Mack, executive secretary; and Hubert Morel, president, cut the ribbon to officially reopen Tabernacle Church during the grand opening services.*

When a core of seven Seventh-day Adventist families got together in 1975 to meet in parks, middle schools, and Sunday churches, they had big dreams for a church that would serve the Little River and Little Haiti communities in Miami, Fla.

Thirty-four years later, that dream took a giant leap forward.

Tabernacle Church, under the leadership of Olinto Groce, pastor, officially unveiled its renovation project, October 2-10. Past and present pastors and members took time to thank God and the founding members for reaching this milestone and for their foresight.

"Praise God for the vision of founding members of this church," said Cleveland Holness, former Conference secretary who served as Tabernacle's pastor for nine years. "We give God praise, honor, and glory for what He has done. This church has been established to serve the community, and to make ready a

people prepared for the second coming of Christ. It is my prayer that the Lord will bless all that will take place in this complex, and when Jesus comes many souls

will make it to Heaven because of Tabernacle SDA Church."

Conference administrators Hubert Morel, president; Gregory Mack, secretary; and Gwen Parker, treasurer, were in attendance. Ron Smith, D.Min., Ph.D., Southern Union executive secretary, gave a stirring sermon on Sabbath, October 3, after the ribbon-cutting ceremony by the founding members.

The church has undergone a radical physical transformation, but the spirit of community service and outreach continues to grow. For many years, Tabernacle was the bank on the corner, but now the outside matches the inner spirit. In addition, a three-room clinic has been added, there is a large

pantry to handle food distribution, and media ministries started streaming services live on the Internet. Not all members could return for the opening, but nearly 100 people from 10 countries (as far away as Uganda and the Fiji Islands) watched the opening services.

"This church is poised to help this community become a better community," Morel said. "The purchase and development of this property was not by chance, but God knew that in 2009, that this would be needed here to help this community."

Oliver Edwards, Ph.D., of Orlando, one of the founding members of the church, sees the long-term benefits of the new look Tabernacle has. "I am impressed by the structure. I am impressed by the unity that led to this renovation, this transformation. Only through the teaching of Christ and the relationship with Christ can one be transformed .... Not only is this a place of worship, but a

place of healing where you can bring sick people in and take them to the clinic to teach them to live a healthy life. So, I see God's work throughout this building and throughout the facility."

The ribbon-cutting was just the start of a week-long celebration. Former pastors Cleveland Holness, Lloyd Burrowes, Milton Sterling, and Don Edwards returned to Tabernacle to deliver messages to their former congregation.

As visitors toured the youth chapel, music room, balcony, and health hall, it left many hopeful about the future of Tabernacle, and the impact it could leave on future generations.

"God did a wonderful job with Tabernacle," founding member Joyce O'Garro said. "Thirty-four years ago we were a smaller group, and we worked together. Now the torch has been passed, and it's wonderful to see what has happened."

Perhaps Roosevelt James, elder and founding member who has attended Tabernacle from the start, said it best, "Through the years we continue to teach and help our young people grow and stay in the faith. Tab helps young people to grow up and become God's ideal for them. That has been part of our global mission from the start, and I pray it continues."

Additional reporting by Dominique Diambois and Infanta Crutchley.

—BY JOHN DEVINE



*Hubert Morel, Conference president, congratulates the members of Tabernacle Church for a job well done.*

## Oakwood Takes Proactive Approach to Law Enforcement

The administration of Oakwood University made the extraordinary decision to pursue law enforcement status for its public safety department on July 22, 2008. Although the University enjoys a very low crime rate in comparison to area institutions, this was a proactive decision fueled by the desire to place the department at an increased level of readiness and preparedness, and to keep Oakwood on the cutting edge of Public Safety issues, especially as they relate to the rising number of campus safety concerns nationwide among institutions of higher education. The initiative dovetailed with Oakwood's Emergency Operation Plan, which is focused on preparing for, responding to, and recovering from critical incidents.

Law enforcement status was also deemed a means for enhancing the competency and professionalism of the current staff through mandated police academy training. In addition, it was considered that as a police department, there would be less dependency on local law enforcement, and the ability to secure additional department funding through federal and state grants would be more



*Senator Tom Butler (D) of the Alabama legislature visits Oakwood University to personally deliver a draft of Senate Bill 50. Pictured with him are Lewis Eakins (left), chief of security; Sabrina Cotton, vice president for financial affairs; and Delbert Baker, Ph.D., president.*

plausible. Other benefits would include the sharing of intelligence information with federal, state, and local law enforcement; the immediate response and resolution of critical incidents; and overall crime deterrence.

Oakwood's director of public safety was charged with the responsibility of working the process through to fruition. The first step involved garnering support for this initiative from the local police chief, sheriff, and district attorney. Once their written endorsements were obtained, support was solicited and obtained from Senator Tom Butler (D) of the Alabama House of Representatives to sponsor a bill to amend existing

legislation to give authority to the president of Oakwood University "to employ and appoint police officers" that have full arrest powers.

Senator Butler agreed to draft and sponsor such a bill in the 2009 Alabama legislative session, and on June 1 he visited Oakwood's campus to personally present a draft of Senate Bill 50 to Oakwood's president, Delbert W. Baker. The bill passed through both the Alabama Senate and the Alabama House of Representatives,

and was signed into law on May 22 by Governor Bob Riley. Since the passage of the legislation, additional steps have been taken by the department, as required by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to obtain an agency number to be officially recognized as a police department. The required number was issued by the FBI on July 30, which officially designates the department as the "Oakwood University Police Department."

It was anticipated that the first set of officers who qualified would be enrolled in the 360-hour basic police



*Sandra Winters, sergeant, pulls a 165-pound weight 12 feet across the field during the police academy physical agility test that is required of all law enforcement officers.*





*Oakwood University's public safety officers Sabrina Cotton (first row, left), vice president for financial affairs and deputy commissioner; Melvin Harris; Sandra Winters; Eric Davis; Glenette James; Lewis Eakins; Delbert Baker, Ph.D., president and commissioner; Rodney Williams (second row, left); Charles Mayes; David Moore; James Hill; Maurice Staples; and David Smith.*

academy scheduled to begin in January 2009. Additional officers who qualified would be enrolled in subsequent academies. However, in order to qualify to attend the police academy and be certified as a police officer by the state commission, officers had to pass a comprehensive background investigation, a physical agility test, psychological screening, and aptitude testing.

The physical agility test is a grueling battery of feats that must be successfully completed within a specified time limit to include a 1.5 mile run,

obstacle course (pushing a patrol vehicle, climbing a six foot wall, climbing through a 2'x 2' window, walking a balance beam, pulling a dead weight, etc.), 25 sit-ups, and 25 push-ups. Since June 2009, four officers, including Oakwood's president, have passed all phases of the physical agility test within the required time limits. Baker is the commissioner of public safety, and he set a good example by successfully completing the physical agility test. In addition, he had the fastest time for the 1.5 mile run. Other officers are training

and getting into top physical condition to pass this qualifying portion of the certification process.

It is anticipated that the department will be marginally operational as a police agency by the summer of 2010. The department will be comprised of a blended force of sworn and non-sworn personnel. The non-sworn personnel, that may include present officers who do not meet the qualifications to be police officers, will control access to the campus at the entrance gates, and sworn personnel will patrol the campus and re-

spond to incidents as they may occur on or in the vicinity of campus.

Law enforcement is a major step for Oakwood University, and the institution holds the distinction of having the first police department of any Seventh-day Adventist institution in the North American Division. University administration deemed this move a natural progression to further enhance the safety of the campus community and to provide for a nurturing environment for its students.

—BY LEWIS EAKINS

## Southern Experiences Record Enrollment

Enrollment at Southern Adventist University is at a record high for the 10th year in a row. The University welcomed 2,891 students this fall, making this Southern's 14th successive year of continuous growth.

"For the University to achieve enrollment growth despite the uncertain economic times is a

testament to the value of the Christian education and environment we offer," says Gordon Bietz, University president.

Total enrollment for this semester is up by 114 students, with the graduate program having grown by 41 students.

"Our master's degrees in nursing, business, counseling, religion, and

education are very convenient for the working professional, and are a popular option for those who are looking for a Christian graduate school," says Marc Grundy, associate vice president for marketing and enrollment services.

—BY JENNIFER MEYER



*Southern's second largest freshman class ever (with 603 students) get to know each other through an orientation activity.*

## Market Research Institute Established

The new Market Research Institute, established last month on Southern Adventist University's campus, is providing students with real-world experiences and scholarships while helping businesses and nonprofits conduct high-

quality research at a low cost.

Lisa Goolsby, assistant professor in Southern's School of Business and Management, and faculty administrator for the Market Research Institute, says that the institute is being created with the

needs of students in mind.

"I would sometimes struggle to provide students with projects that would give them a real view into the world," says Goolsby. "The institute is great because students can have more opportunities to observe

real projects and exercise their skills."

Some of the services provided by the institute include focus groups, one-on-one interviews, and telephonic survey measuring tools.

—BY CRISTINA HERNANDEZ-PERSIA

## Alum Receives Fulbright to Study in Kyrgyzstan

Upon graduating from Southern Adventist University, Barry Howe decided applying to be a Fulbright scholar would be the best use of his first year out of college.

"I wanted to make it a year where I really thought about what I wanted to do in graduate school," says Howe. "But, I also wanted that year to be productive. I knew the Fulbright would accomplish that goal."

Howe began researching what project he would be most interested in, as well as what would most likely gain recognition from the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, and earn

him a grant to study abroad.

"It actually looked like my best chances were in Central Asia," says Barry. "It's a part of the world that I've always been really interested in and wanted to go to.

I chose walnut trees because I was a biology major and found a Kyrgyz scientist, Almaz Orozumbekov, willing to support my Fulbright proposal — but also because the idea of studying walnut trees in Central Asia

appealed to my sense of adventure."

Kyrgyzstan is home to the largest walnut forest in the world as well as many varieties of the



*Fulbright Scholar Barry Howe is studying the rapidly declining walnut trees in Kyrgyzstan.*

walnut species. The Central Asia region houses more than 300 wild fruit and nut species. Yet, because of various factors such as human development, overgrazing, fires, and over-exploitation, the population of these valuable crop varieties has declined by about 90 percent in the past 50 years.

Howe, who arrived in Kyrgyzstan this past August, plans to send walnuts back to the United States for genetic analysis, as well as conduct general surveys and study the impact of cattle and sheep grazing on walnut seedlings.

—BY SUZANNE OCSAI



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

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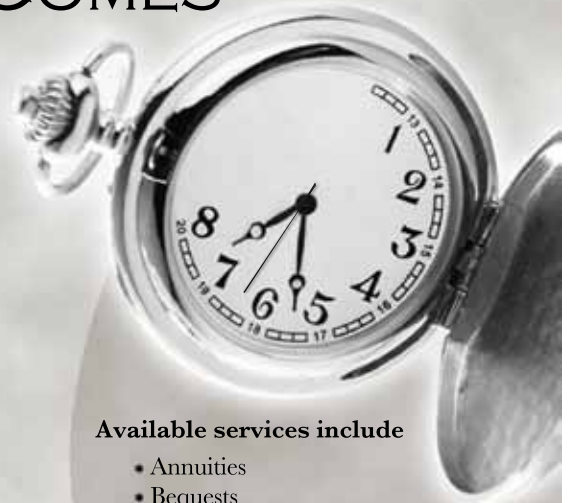
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**BUYING OR SELLING PROPERTY IN TENNESSEE** Collegedale, Chattanooga, Cleveland, or North Georgia? Contact Bob Roach, ABR, CRS, GRI at Crye-Leike, Realtors. Cell: 423-503-4196, Home: 423-326-0199, Office: 423-238-9090 or e-mail: [bob.roach@crye-leike.com](mailto:bob.roach@crye-leike.com). [11]

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**SOUTHERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY** seeks an instructor in the **School of Journalism & Communication** to teach public relations, advertising or new media. Candidates must have at least a master's degree, and preferably a doctorate, in the field, as well as professional work experience. They must be a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in good and regular standing. Send CV to Dr. Greg Rumsey, [rumsey@southern.edu](mailto:rumsey@southern.edu), PO Box 370, Collegedale, TN 37315. [11,12]

**SOUTHERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY** seeks **professor in the Mathematics Department** beginning August, 2010. Candidates will hold a doctoral degree in mathematics or mathematics education. Applicants with expertise in real analysis and/or geometry, and are qualified to direct secondary mathematics teacher education program. The successful candidate will be a member in good and regular standing of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Send letter of application, curriculum vitae (including a

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**FLORIDA HOSPITAL COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES** has an immediate opening for a **full-time faculty position in Biochemistry**. Applicants must have a minimum of a Master's degree in Biochemistry (Doctorate preferred) and have college-level teaching experience. Send resumes to: Dr. Len Archer, Chair, Department of Health & Biomedical Sciences, Florida Hospital College, 671 Winyah Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. Email: [len.archer@fhchs.edu](mailto:len.archer@fhchs.edu). Position open until filled. [11]

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Close of Probation; The Shaking; Seven Last Plagues; Stability in the Storm; The Second Coming. Wildwood Health Retreat, Iron City, TN, Nov. 30-Dec. 6, 2009. Cost: \$199 (Includes room and vegan meals). Contact: Lew Keith 931-724-6706, [lykeith@gmail.com](mailto:lykeith@gmail.com). [11]

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# Events Calendar

## Florida

**Complete calendar online** – <http://www.floridaconference.com/calendar.html>

**Florida Pathfinder events** – <http://www.floridapathfinders.com/> or call 407-644-5000 x127.

**Singles' Ministries events and mailing list information** – Spiritual study groups, fellowship dinners, outings, and more. <http://www.asamcf.org/>, [djmiller4000@gmail.com](mailto:djmiller4000@gmail.com), or 386-789-3235.

**North Florida Oakwood University Alumni Chapter** – Membership information and event listings for Oakwood alumni in Florida. Details: <http://www.oakwoodalumninfl.org/>, [oakwoodalumninfl@gmail.com](mailto:oakwoodalumninfl@gmail.com), 888-719-7776, or 904-616-1896.

**Florida Hospital DeLand Support Groups** – Florida Hospital DeLand offers a variety of support groups. Details available under the "Support Groups" link in the "Patients and Visitors" box at <http://www.fhdland.org/>.

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Dec. 5. Port Charlotte.

Dec. 6. North Port, Venice-Nokomis, Sarasota, West Coast Christian Academy in Bradenton, Brandon, Tampa First.

**Singles' Ministries Annual New Year's Retreat** – Dec. 30-Jan. 3. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Details: <http://www.asamcf.org/>, [djmiller4000@gmail.com](mailto:djmiller4000@gmail.com), 386-789-3235, [rhoda.burrill@floridaconference.com](mailto:rhoda.burrill@floridaconference.com), or 407-644-5000 x136.

**116th Annual Florida Conference Camp Meeting** – March 4-7. New venue: Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Details online as information is available: <http://www.floridaconference.com/campmeeting/>

## Georgia-Cumberland

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**Pathfinder Teen Challenge** –

Nov. 6-8.

**Health Rally** – Nov. 7. Smoky Mountain Church, Sevierville, TN.

**K.I.D. University** – Nov. 8-11. Collegedale, TN.

**Marriage Retreat** – Nov. 13-15. Rome, GA.

**Prayer Ministries** – Nov. 14.

**Hispanic Men's Congress** – Nov. 20-22. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.

**Personal Ministries Rally** – Nov. 21. Murphy, NC.

**Benefit Concert featuring King's Heralds Quartet** – Nov. 21. Fayetteville, GA.

**Homeland Lay Evangelism Training** – Dec. 4-6. Columbus, GA.

**Pathfinder Teen Leadership Training** – Dec. 4-6. Cohutta Springs.

**Prayer Ministries** – Dec. 5.

**GCC/SAC Evangelism Rally** – Dec. 5. Atlanta Berean Church.

**Stenbakken Christmas Program** – Dec. 5. Alpharetta, GA.

**New Members' Retreat** – Dec. 11, 12. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.

**Handel's Messiah Sing-Along** – Dec. 20. Chattanooga First Church.

## Gulf States

Complete Calendar online

<http://www.gscsda.org>

**Elder's Certification Training** – Nov. 6-8. Camp Alamisco.

**Teen Rock Climbing Invitational** – Nov. 6-8. Details: Conference Youth Dept.

**Victory Sabbath** – Nov. 14. Join us for a time for praise and thanksgiving for the growth in membership in the Gulf States Conference. Speaker: Gordon Retzer, Southern Union president. Harbert Center, 2019 4th Ave., N # 100, Birmingham, AL 35203-3360.

**Elders' and Deacons' Meeting** – Dec. 4-6. Camp Alamisco.

**Conference Executive Committee** – Dec. 8. Montgomery, AL.

## Kentucky-Tennessee

**Conference Association Board**

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March 16. May 4.

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## Southern Adventist University

**Student Missions Expo** – Nov. 7.

**Online Registration Open for Returning Students** – Nov. 10-20.

**PreviewSouthern** – Nov. 12, 13.

**Pierson Lectureship** – Nov. 13, 14.

**Symphony Orchestra Concert** – Nov. 15.

**Thanksgiving Break** – Nov. 25-29.

**Online Registration Open for New/Transfer Students** – Nov. 30-Jan. 8.

## Announcements

**Adventist Attorneys and Law Students:** Membership in the Southern Society of Adventist Attorneys and Law Students is open to all Seventh-day Adventist Attorneys and Law Students. For membership enrollment and additional information, please contact: Southern Society of Adventist Attorneys, PO Box 849, Decatur GA 30031-0849.

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– April 1-4. Honor classes are 1940, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1985, 1990, and 2000. Details: Contact the alumni office at 402-486-2503; 3800 South 48th Street, Lincoln, NE 68506; or [alumni@ucollege.edu](mailto:alumni@ucollege.edu).

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Charleston, SC	5:24	5:20	5:16	5:14	5:13	5:14
Charlotte, NC	5:24	5:18	5:14	5:12	5:11	5:12
Collegedale, TN	5:41	5:36	5:32	5:29	5:28	5:29
Huntsville, AL	4:48	4:42	4:38	4:36	4:35	4:36
Jackson, MS	5:06	5:01	4:58	4:56	4:55	4:56
Louisville, KY	5:38	5:32	5:27	5:24	5:23	5:23
Memphis, TN	5:01	4:55	4:51	4:49	4:48	4:49
Miami, FL	5:36	5:33	5:30	5:29	5:30	5:31
Montgomery, AL	4:50	4:46	4:42	4:40	4:40	4:41
Nashville, TN	4:46	4:40	4:36	4:33	4:32	4:33
Orlando, FL	5:37	5:33	5:30	5:29	5:29	5:30
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