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The Carter Brothers

Here in the Southern Union, we quest to foster the engagement of every member in the exciting ministry of evangelism. More specifically, introducing people to salvation through an active relationship with Jesus Christ is our goal. The modality for ministry we've adopted for this quinquennial period has been inviting our members to the following: intimacy with Jesus, the mission of making disciples of Jesus, and the inclusion of all in laboring for the salvation of others.

The Carter brothers' evangelistic series is a recent demonstration of a commitment in the Southern Union to break down barriers to effective and responsible ministry of leading lost people to Jesus. --RCS

The beginnings stemmed from a divine meeting between two brothers who have been washed in the blood of Christ the Savior.

In keeping with the challenging vision of the president of the Southern Union, Ron Smith, D.Min., Ph.D., of "Reach Up, Reach Out, and Reach Across," Tom Carter, trust services director for the Southern Union, and Patrick Carter, youth and young adult ministries director for the South Atlantic Conference, joined together for the "Carter Brothers" prophecy seminar that took place in Union City, Georgia, February 2-23, 2013.

This spiritual venture was aided by the diligent efforts of Lloyd Johnson, pastor in the South Atlantic Conference, and Shawn Shives, pastor in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, along with their respective congregations. The prophecy seminar started on a spiritual high and concluded along that same vein. Throughout the seminar, the "blood brothers" team of Tom and Patrick, working under the influence of the Holy Spirit, were able to present biblical truths that were informative, instructive, and indicative of God moving in these last days; how our heavenly Father desires us to live; and how to be prepared for the subtle workings of our arch-enemy, Satan.

"A Better Way," "Armageddon: Earth's Last Battle," "God's Indestructible Sign," "History's Greatest Cover-up," and "The Mark of the Beast vs. The Seal of God" were just a few of the tremendous subjects covered. The meetings were met with even greater enthusiasm than either Tom or I expected. As such, it gave us both a clearer insight as to what God expects of His followers in these last days, and an indication of how we must work together to spread the everlasting "good news" of the soon-to-be inaugural of the King of kings and Lord of lords!

The meetings were well attended, and many returned night after night to hear the clear, simple truths directly from the Word of God. Each night Tom and I both presented a topic that built upon the prophetic themes from the apocalyptic books of Daniel and the Revelation. In between the presentations, a light repast was prepared. So, not only were the guests recipients of the spiritual food, but they received physical food as well. Many thanks to both churches for supplying wonderfully prepared food and music for this awesome event!

The meetings were concluded with baptisms as a result of this joint effort between the Southern Union, South Atlantic, and Georgia-Cumberland conferences.

This evangelistic thrust would not have been possible without the support of our conference presidents, William Winston of South Atlantic and Ed Wright of Georgia-Cumberland. We also appreciate the support of Calvin Watkins of South Atlantic and Greg Harper of Georgia-Cumberland conferences. Additionally, we were honored by the attendance of the Southern Union president, Ron Smith, and his wife, Yolanda, along with Southern Union stewardship and personal ministries director, David Long, and his wife, Francine. We want to thank Randy Robinson, Southern Union treasurer, for his presence and support of our meeting as well.

We look forward to seeing more reaping of the seeds planted during this season. In keeping with the thematic statement, "If it's in the Bible, I believe it; if it's not in the Bible, it's not for me." This is our motto, mission, and vision until Christ returns. Hallelujah!

--PATRICK CARTER



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Tom Carter (left), Southern Union trust services director, and Patrick Carter, South Atlantic Conference youth and young adult ministries director

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Tia Hughes, chair of Adventist University of Health Sciences Occupational Therapy Department, works with a Hope Clinic patient to stretch out his arm during a session.

HOPE THROUGH HARDSHIP: CLINIC PROVIDES FREE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

BY SARAH CROWDER

Imagine waking up tomorrow to a different world. Your surroundings are the same, but something has changed drastically. The difference is now you must rely on someone to help you with tasks you didn't think twice about previously. Getting out of bed, bathing, eating, even using the bathroom will now forever require someone else's help.

For many, this scenario is all too familiar. Whether it's caused by an accident or a medical condition, a world of independence

and freedom can instantly shift to a world of limitations and dependence. That's where the Adventist University of Health Sciences in Orlando, Florida, Hope Clinic comes in, which exists to offer free occupational therapy to those with no insurance, maxed-out insurance, or insurance that does not cover therapy.

The clinic's goal is to enable clients with physical, developmental, or mental disabilities to function as independently as possible in the areas of self-care, work, and leisure.

Tia Hughes, chair of Adventist University of Health Sciences Occupational Therapy Department, describes the therapy as the "now what?" stage after a patient is medically stabilized. "The goal is not to take away business from hospitals or traditional clinics; the idea is to fill the gap that they can't fill."

Traditional medical needs can almost always be met somewhere, but occupational therapy, which averages more than \$100 per session out-of-pocket, is an impossibility for many.

“For our clients, there is no other option without the Hope Clinic,” explained Ron Carson, assistant professor in the Occupational Therapy Department and Hope Clinic manager.

The only “fee” required is that clients must agree to allow students to observe the therapy. This allows students to see therapy techniques and what their career will be like, even if they’re just starting the program.

A Different Kind of Revenue

In 2011, Hughes developed a business plan for a class in her doctoral program. In her plan, she envisioned a clinic where she could model client-centered therapy to her students. By showing students the importance of care in therapy, the students could one day be agents of change in the world of occupational therapy. Little did she know this dream would quickly turn into reality: the Hope Clinic.

Despite costs involved in the startup and operation of a clinic that produces no revenue, University leaders embraced the idea because the clinic matched the University’s mission of “Healthcare as Ministry.”

“It’s a different kind of revenue. It shows the community that we’re not here to sell education; we’re here to make professionals. It’s not about selling, it’s about giving back,” said David Greenlaw, president of Adventist University.

Case managers, clinicians in the field, churches, and personal connections typically refer patients. The Hope Clinic accepted its first client in September 2012 and currently treats six.

Clients continue therapy as long as they wish and as long as the therapist believes is medically appropriate.

“We answer to our pa-

tients, our clients, and our license,” Carson said. “It opens up a tremendous amount of leeway because we address the things that are really important to the patient, not what’s important to the insurance company.”

Reclaiming Freedom

After Lorenzo Few suffered from a stroke in May 2012, nurses advised his wife, Lenette, to place him in a nursing home. When she refused, they sent the doctor in to convince her, but she wouldn’t budge.

The massive stroke, caused by a blood clot in his brain, left Lorenzo in a wheelchair and with aphasia, an impairment that hinders his ability to speak. Despite the seriousness of his condition, the couple’s insurance doesn’t cover occupational therapy for his age group. The couple was referred to the Hope Clinic and started treatment in January 2013.

Lorenzo is currently about 95 percent dependent on Lenette, but he has improved since he began

his treatment and already surpassed what doctors originally expected from him.

“Since we started coming we’ve noticed a change,” Lenette said. “He feels more confident to do things. He wasn’t expected to make it, and here he is, nine months later, walking with a cane.”

A large part of the progress is due to the couple’s fighting spirit, said Carson, who has been treating Lorenzo. “To say Lonnie [Lorenzo] is determined is an understatement. He keeps pushing harder and harder; that’s why he is where he is today.”

An Eye-Opening Experience

As a way to deal with bipolar disorder, Gunnar Jenkins turned to illegal drugs. Despite overdosing four times, he continued using. The fifth overdose nearly took his life. While unconscious, Jenkins slumped onto his arm and laid there for ten hours. This caused multiple medical problems; he had six surgeries, complete organ failure, and, according to doctors, he had an 8 percent chance of living.

Before the accident, Jenkins prayed and asked God to help him stop using because he couldn’t do it on his own. God didn’t answer the way he expected, but Jenkins’ near-death experience convinced him he could never return to his old lifestyle.

When Jenkins was released from the hospital, he could not move his right arm at all. He started therapy at the Hope Clinic on December 26, 2012. Since then, he’s gained substantial movement in his right arm. Now Jenkins shares his story openly to prevent others from going down the path he did.

“He witnesses to the students a lot,” Hughes said. “He is where he is



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Ron Carson (left), Hope Clinic manager, and Susi Rodd, Occupation Therapy Department assistant, speak with Lorenzo and Lenette Few during a therapy session.



A Hope Clinic patient works to regain leisure activities, like painting and drawing, after an arm injury.

because of bad choices, but God gave him a wake up call and he's using his life for good."

Jenkins hopes his arm can become fully functional again, but even

if it doesn't, he's learned one-armed techniques to be fully independent.

"Coming here is the highlight of my week. Before, I thought I would have to live with a caretaker, but I've

learned I can do things for myself just as well as I did before."

The Future of the Hope Clinic

This spring, the Hope Clinic will move to a newly renovated 1,000-square-foot clinic space that includes a simulated apartment, a space where patients will practice the functional skills they need for daily life.

With time, the vision is for the Hope Clinic to become a full-time, multidisciplinary clinic with its own staff. It will also serve as another venue for students to complete field-work and clinical rotations.

"It's a teaching clinic, kind of like a teaching hospital," Carson said. "It exists because it's good for the patients, good for the students, and good for us as clinicians." ✨

Sarah Crowder is the communication specialist at Adventist University of Health Sciences.

ANDREW SHAW

Live Life to the Fullest With the Power of Your ENVIRONMENT!

ENVIRONMENT — WHAT IS IT REALLY?

Environment is *everything* that surrounds us. So, we should be wise about everything we see, hear, smell, taste, and touch, because it affects our wellness either positively or negatively. Research demonstrates the impact of our larger environment (air and water quality) and our immediate environment (light, sound, aroma, and touch).

A TOP ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD

Americans spend 90 percent of their time inside — and the air indoors is two to five times more polluted than the air outside.

Air pollution is one

of the top five environmental risks for public health, according to the EPA. Leading causes are household chemicals and pesticides, along with furnishings like carpet and other fume-emitting synthetic materials.

SOLUTIONS?

According to NASA research, live green plants can remove many toxins from the air inside building interiors.

So here's something you can do. Buy one six-inch plant for every 100-square-feet of living/work space to purify that particular environment.

Three of the top 10 plants for removing formaldehyde (found in virtually all indoor spaces),

benzene, and carbon monoxide from the air are Gerbera Daisy, Pot Mum, and the Peace Lily.

IMAGINE...

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God desires this for us today. So *choose* to create an enjoyable environment that helps you live life to the fullest every moment.

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—BY LYNELL LAMOUNTAIN



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ROY BRAND'S AMAZING JOURNEY

BY REBECCA GRICE

“Are you still on that God thing?” a college friend of Roy Brand’s asked. With a smile Roy began to talk to his friend about God, and handed him a flyer advertising his YouTube videos. Later the friend wrote Roy on Facebook saying, “You’re saying one day I might have to die for my faith? And is this the Gospel Jesus spoke about that should be preached before He returns? Come to my house Saturday; I want to learn more. I’m going to call my job and tell them I cannot come to work because of my religion.” Roy thought, “Wow, he must have really paid attention to my Sabbath video.”

Arriving at his friend’s, Roy expected to see an empty house, but instead, two girls were there. Roy had always talked to one person at a time, so he began to get nervous. Then, one of the girl’s boyfriend arrived. “My hands started to shake as I reached for my Bible,” Roy says. “Then my friend said, ‘Don’t start yet. I have four more people coming.’ I said to myself, ‘no,’ I can’t speak in front of all these people.” But Roy was not alone, and as he started to speak, God’s Spirit was with him. When he finished, the group wanted him to come back. His friend said, “I thought you would

be another guy trying to force some religion on us, but when you started to speak I knew what you was saying was the truth.”

Roy wasn’t surprised; his life has been full of the unexpected, since that fateful day two years ago when his girlfriend declared,



Roy and his wife, Latonya Thomas Brand, and their son, Jeremiab Brand

“We need God in our life. Let’s go to church.” Roy was against it — he thought of all the reasons why he did not need church. He thought he had everything he needed. He says, “I was consumed with worldly pleasures and ocean deep in my sins.” Finally, Roy and his girlfriend decided to read their Bibles together, beginning with Genesis.

“We didn’t realize how long it would take,” Roy adds.

One night while listening to rap music, Roy realized the lyrics were against the character of God. “That’s it,” he said. “I’m on your side, God.” The next day, he saw a program on the History Channel about the book of Revelation. After seeing all the symbols such as the four horsemen, the dragon, and the beast, he asked, “Where is that in the Bible?” Grabbing his Bible he turned to the table of contents, and there it was. Roy says, “I was so amazed I told my friends that in the end times they

would see dragons and beasts walking around Earth.”

That night he thought, “This can’t be right.” Then he prayed and asked God to reveal the book of Revelations to him. The next day in the mail there was a flyer titled, “Revealing Revelations by Pastor Richie Halverson.” The flyer caught his attention because it had all the symbols he had read about. Roy attended every meeting and was baptized in the Montgomery First Church on February 5, 2011.

When describing his baptism, Roy says, “When Pastor Richie brought me out of the water, a feeling hit me that brought me to tears. My past began flashing before me and a still, small voice said, ‘You are forgiven — your past is gone.’ Since then, I have a burning desire to spread the Gospel by any means necessary.”

Roy began to teach the Gospel to friends, family, and strangers. Every day during his lunch break at work he read his Bible. Roy says, “Word got around fast about what I was doing. I earned the name ‘Preacher Man.’”

Roy concludes, “Before I answered to God, I was a member of a violent gang called the ‘Crips.’ I was a talented rapper; I had fame, money, and women on my mind. God stepped in and saved me. He can do the same for you. With His help, I gave up the worldly desires, got married, and stopped smoking and drinking. I feel a connection with God like you would feel with a close friend. You can, too. Open your heart and let Jesus in.”



EXTENDING HIS TOUCH THROUGH CREATION Health

BY RAINEY TURLINGTON

Adventist Health System's annual Conference on Mission kicked off Thursday evening, February 21, 2013, at the Sheraton North Orlando Hotel in Florida. There, hospital and church leaders gathered to discuss ways they can partner to continue extending the healing ministry of Christ throughout Adventist Health System.

With the eight principles of CREATION Health as their guide — Choice, Rest, Environment, Activity, Trust, Interpersonal Relationships, Outlook, and Nutrition — attendees developed and shared ideas for new initiatives they could launch to introduce people to the abundant life God has in mind for them.

As a new resource this year, Adventist Health System is offering

grants to help its hospitals launch these new projects. While the funds do not cover the entire cost of the initiatives, they do provide enough funding to seed new ideas, said Don Jernigan, president/CEO of Adventist Health System.

To date, Adventist Health System has received 55 applications, 22 of which were accepted. Conference attendees had the chance to hear from some of these hospitals, including three that are in the Southern Union.

Providing Non-Emergency Transportation

Manchester Memorial Hospital, located in Clay County, Kentucky, has unique obstacles to overcome. Roughly 74 percent of the state's

population suffers from diabetes, 60 percent of the residents in Clay County fall below the poverty line, and 22 percent within the county have no insurance, said Erika Skula, president/CEO of Manchester Memorial Hospital. Coupled with these factors, miles of dirt road and lack of transportation often prevent patients receiving the medical attention they need.

"We often hear heart-wrenching comments in our hospital," Skula said. "These include, 'After being discharged, I had to stay at the hospital for hours because my family wasn't willing to come all this way to pick me up.' 'Honey, I can't come for the CT scan because I just don't have the money for the co-pay and a ride to the hospital.' And, 'I had to

buy groceries with my food stamp card for someone so they would give me a ride to the hospital.”

To address this problem, Manchester Memorial Hospital plans to use funds from the CREATION Health grant to start a non-emergency transportation system. They have purchased a 15-passenger van, equipped with space for two wheelchairs, to take patients to much-needed lab visits and follow-up appointments. While in transit, patients will have the opportunity to watch a CREATION Health DVD that teaches principles for holistic living. They will also be invited to participate in CREATION Health classes and events.

“By doing this we hope to provide a continuity of care for the people we serve,” Skula said. “We will enhance patient access to care, improving the overall health of our community.”



Partnering to Manage Chronic Diseases

A common problem for hospitals across the country is high re-admittance rates, caused by patients who need primary care but, not knowing where to turn for help, end up in the emergency department. As a result, “patients are receiving care which is not ideally fitted to their needs and which costs the hospital more to provide,” said Peter Bath, regional vice president for mission.

The seven hospitals in the Florida Hospital Tampa Network have implemented CREATION Health at various levels and through various programs. Now, with funds from the CREATION Health grant, they plan to launch a two-phase model

that will connect patients who have chronic diseases with appropriate resources and support in the area.

Phase one involves partnering with local pharmacies, family health clinics, and the state’s department of health to set up a better line of referrals for patients who arrive unnecessarily in the emergency department. Phase two is to connect with churches that are interested in establishing vibrant health ministry teams that can offer support and education through classes about

nutrition, exercise, and life skills.

“After all,” Bath said. “It’s in the context of community that people find encouragement and support to make a difference.”

Through this method, the hospitals expect to see a 50 percent reduction in recurring visits to the emergency department caused by diabetes and other chronic diseases.

Incorporating CREATION Health into Cancer Care Services

In 2002, Lanell Jacobs was diagnosed with breast cancer. During her journey through treatment she came to a realization that now shapes the entire concept of cancer care at Gordon Hospital in Calhoun, Georgia.

“Even faced with a cancer diagnosis, we believe patients can experience wholeness,” Jacobs said.

With the help of the CREATION Health Grant, Jacobs, who is the director of therapy and oncology at Gordon Hospital, and her team plan to develop an eight-week CREATION Health curriculum specifically for oncology patients, along with an evaluation tool to measure lifestyle changes. This will complement other aspects of CREATION Health that are currently being

integrated into Cancer Care Services, such as serene artwork used to enhance the hospital environment, a survivorship program that draws its strength from interpersonal relationships, and community outreach and education aimed at empowering people to make healthy choices.

“Our goal is for CRE-

ATION Health to be incorporated into every aspect of our Cancer Care Services,” Jacobs said.

Beyond Hospital Walls

Even as these initiatives begin to take shape, Adventist Health System is preparing for the next grant application deadline: April 30, 2013.

“One of our Vision 2020 goals is to become a demonstrable industry leader in holistic care,” Jernigan said. “It is our hope that over time CREATION Health will not just impact our immediate patients, but make a difference outside of our hospitals’ walls so that entire communities can begin experiencing the life God intended for them.”



CHANGING LIVES THROUGH HEALTH MINISTRIES

BY E.W. DEMPSEY

The temperature was 114 degrees Fahrenheit, way too hot outside for health testing, even with a covered canopy. It can be that way in Vidalia, Georgia, in mid-summer. Yet, these were faithful church members (Dublin, Statesboro, Vidalia, Georgia) conducting this free health screening in partnership with Community Services of South Georgia, Carolyn and Hew Lipscomb. It was so hot that two of the testing machines actually melted. Despite the soaring heat, more than 100 individuals showed up for testing. Out of the 100 tested, one experience made

the outreach effort worthwhile. A man was tested and it was discovered that his blood sugar level was over 400. The nurse sent him straight to the local hospital. The family later told us that our action had saved his life, as he was unaware of any health problem. *Free*



health testing can make a life-changing difference.

The CHIP program changes lives as well. There was a graduation night for a four-week program conducted by the Dalton, Geor-

with a loaf of whole grain bread. *Even young children can make a difference.*

Grundy County, Tennessee, is ranked 95th out of 95 counties, for the ratio of people with dia-

year she has had to stop registration at 200! Wow! *Cooking classes are appealing!*

The *Let's Move* initiative has been designed to bring national focus on the childhood obesity epidemic, and the need for daily exercise. The Blairsville, Georgia, Church did a great job organizing their *Let's Move Day*. The mayor was so impressed that he designated it as a *Let's Move Day* for the city, and the state representative from their county also participated. Five community churches participated in the *Let's Move Day* organized by the Oglethorpe, Georgia, Church. The local Wal-Mart participated with their *Let's Move Day* by giving four free bicycles, and a basketball goal to be used as prizes. The Lenoir City, Tennessee, Church did such an outstanding job of organizing their *Let's Move Day* that they received special recognition from the White House. *Bringing recognition to childhood obesity is certainly accomplished with the Let's Move Day community events.*

Carl Hartman of the Andrews, North Carolina, Church has had great success conducting the *Eight Weeks to Wellness* classes for more than 10 years. When the mayor lost more than 50 pounds, a lot of attention was aroused.

Everywhere Jesus went He healed and helped people. Isaiah 60:1 says, "Arise, shine, for the glory of the Lord is risen upon you." These experiences are examples of what each person and each local church can do in reaching out to the community. Let's rise,

shine, and share our health knowledge. It could save a life. Even better, it could save souls. ✨

E.W. Dempsey is the health ministries director for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.



gia, Church in conjunction with the local hospital. One woman's testimony was remarkable. When the program began, her cholesterol level was over 1,500, and her triglycerides were over 900. She was obviously thrilled to announce that her cholesterol level was "down" to 700, and her triglycerides were "down" to 500. Of course these numbers were still very high, but it was a significant improvement in the right direction. *CHIP works.*

Amazing weight loss? There was recently a natural weight loss program conducted by the Benton, Tennessee, Church and Lifestyle Fitness Center. This plan included a plant-based diet and regular exercise at the Lifestyle Fitness Center. As a result of regular attendance, one woman lost more than 100 pounds, and her daughter lost more than 75 pounds.

Walter Cross has been conducting nutritional classes in the Newport, Tennessee, Elementary School System. One young student was in a local grocery store with his grandmother, when he noticed that she had put a loaf of white bread in the grocery cart. When she was not looking, the young boy took the white bread out of the grocery cart, and replaced it

betes. Steve and Karen Wickham, members of the Jasper, Tennessee, Church have been conducting a Diabetes Reversal Class. Of the 23 people who began the class five weeks ago, 21 are still attending. *What a blessing health education is to the community.*

It would be wonderful if every Seventh-day Adventist church would conduct these types of programs in their communities. The average person does not know or understand the causes of type 2 diabetes, nor ways to improve their situation. *We have the knowledge to save lives.*

Sylvia Knoch of the Hixson, Tennessee, Church has demonstrated repeatedly the importance and results of great organization in conducting cooking classes. Each





Taking the Temperance Program Back into the Public School System

BY WALT CROSS

“YUM” was the official word among students as Tennessee State Representative Jeremy Faison made healthy banana milk shakes for students at Northwest Elementary School in Newport, Tennessee. Faison, a member on the Tennessee House Agriculture Committee, spoke

to students about the importance of their choosing healthy and nutritious foods when he stopped in to visit and see the progress of the NEWS-TART “Brain Team” program at the 420-student (K-8) elementary school in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains of East Tennessee. Rep-

resentative Faison stated that he was impressed as first graders quickly answered questions on subjects which they had learned last year as kindergarteners — questions about topics such as the physiology of nutrition as it travels through the body; which foods are whole versus refined; how much exercise, water, and sunshine they need each day; temperance (making the right decisions); what time they need to get to bed each evening in order to get the most physiological benefits; and the importance of “In God We Trust,” which must be important, because it is on every piece of our currency in the United States of America.

The Northwest Elementary School NEWSTART “Brain Team” program started three years ago with the assistance of U.S. Congressman Dr. Phil Roe, encouraging students to make proactive lifestyle decisions in order to prevent diabetes, heart disease, obesity, and many of the other



chronic diseases of today.

This school year, a second elementary school, Grassy Fork Elementary School in the Appalachian Mountains of Cocke County, Tennessee, has also embraced the NEWSTART “Brain Team” program for their students.

Growing up in the Seventh-day Adventist school system, Walt Cross had the opportunity to participate in the then popular temperance programs sponsored by the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. Starting in eighth grade, he was immersed in teaching students at the local public schools about tobacco, alcohol, and drugs. When attending Georgia-Cumberland Academy, he continued all four years presenting the temperance message to the local public schools in Gordon County.

And when taking health care administration at Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University), Walt continued his passion of working in the temperance program at Southern by going out to the local public schools of Hamilton County.

It was this passion that brought Cross, along with his wife, Mary Lou, back to presenting the health

message that he had first learned and experienced 35 years ago through the Seventh-day Adventist school temperance programs.

The Cocke County programs focus on providing information concerning the eight laws of health identified in the NEWSTART program in order that the students can make informed decision on the physiological advantages in implementing healthy lifestyle changes. The program also focuses on stimulating the children’s

taste buds with healthy whole, plant-based foods which they can make at home. Each class has both a lecture component and a hands-on cooking school.

Is it successful? Within the first two months of the program, the county’s Coordinated School Health staff identified that 22 percent of the students had a reduction in their BMI (body mass index). Students report that they are now making informed choices such as Cheerios and oatmeal instead of Fruit Loops and Frosted Flakes, water and juice instead of soft drinks, fruit instead of cake, and going to bed earlier in order to get the needed growth and memory hormones. One third grader reported to his teacher and class that when his grandmother put a loaf of



Tennessee State Representative Jeremy Faison stands at the vita-mix machine.

white bread into the shopping cart at a local grocery store, he climbed into the cart and “stole” the white bread and returned it to the shelf, then grabbed a loaf of brown (whole wheat) bread and placed it quickly into the cart without his grandmother

noticing. A sixth grader reported last year that all but one item of her family’s Thanksgiving meal year came from the recipes that she learned to make in the NEWSTART “Brain Team” program. Cross stated that it was expected that the students would have some impact on the food purchasing decisions of the parents, but in no way did he expect it at the levels which the students are reporting. As he and his wife shop at the various grocery stores in town,

routinely they are met by the students with hugs and a strong desire to introduce them to their parents and grandparents. It is here that Walt and Mary Lou see the true outcomes of the program as the parents and grandparents tell their personal family stories of how the students are changing the buying and eating habits in their homes.

This school year’s program is focusing even more on the student’s cooking skills and the use of whole fruits, grains, nuts, and vegetables in their diet. Students are learning how to read the nutrition labels on food packaging in order to make more informed decisions on their food choices. Cross stated, “It is our goal to increase and broaden the students’ tastes to include whole foods, especially fruits and vegetables.” The program has partnered with the Tennessee Department of Health in their “Eat 5 a Day” program, encouraging students to eat at least five fruits and vegetables each day.

This year’s program is also taking a deeper look at the philosophy of genetic predisposition versus environmental predisposition. In 1969, Tennessee was the fourth healthiest state in our nation. In 2009, Tennessee was the fourth unhealthiest state in our nation. So what happened in just 40 years? Was it major genetic changes? Or was it environmental lifestyle changes, as T. Colin Campbell has identified at Cornell University? According to the Tennessee Department of Health, Tennessean’s lifestyles changed. We eat more fast food, drink more soft drinks, and exercise less.

The NEWSTART “Brain Team” program is designed to address lifestyle habits which have a significant impact on the students’ brain function and their overall health, such as childhood obesity and Type 2 diabetes.

Cross reports that the nutrition component which the students learn in the program is very similar to the information in the movie, “Forks Over Knives” and the CNN special, “The Last Heart Attack,” which was hosted by Dr. Sanjay Gupta. ❄

Four Individuals Recognized for Embodying Adventist Health System's Mission

In addition to providing a forum for developing and sharing new ways to extend the healing ministry of Christ (see page 10), Adventist Health System's annual Conference on Mission provides an opportunity to recognize people who embody that mission. This year four individuals from the Southern Union received awards during the February 2013 event in Orlando, Fla.

Crystal Angel Award

Michelle Givens, president/CEO of Adventist Care Centers, received the Crystal Angel Award in recognition of the contributions she has made toward advancing the mission of Adventist health care.

Since the time she first learned about CREATION Health – eight principles for healthy living based on God's original plan – Givens has made it a priority to build a workforce that is informed and empowered to share it with others, said Bob Henderschedt, senior vice president of administration at Adventist Health System. As a result, Henderschedt said, "Today we have 14 facilities with a very live and vibrant CREATION Health program that residents and families benefit from."

Carlene Jamerson, chief clinical officer at Adventist Health System, also received a Crystal Angel Award for the outstanding spiritual leadership she has provided



Michelle Givens

Carlene Jamerson

Peter Bath

Warren Santander

through the years. The many events and ministries she has helped organize include community prayer breakfasts, health fairs, and gatherings for religious leaders to discuss the role of spirituality in health.

"If you know anything about Carlene, her heart is filled with this mission," said Don Jernigan, president/CEO of Adventist Health System. "She loves the Lord and she loves this work."

Christian Service Award

In acknowledgement of his compassionate and untiring service to others, Peter Bath, vice president for mission and human resources at Florida Hospital Tampa, was given Adventist Health System's Christian Service Award. Inside and outside of the hospital, Bath works to build relationships with members and leaders of various denominations in order to share the message

of the healing ministry of Christ.

"He knows no strangers, regardless of the setting or circumstances," said John Harding, president/CEO of Florida Hospital Tampa. "Peter's engaging personality allows him in any diverse situation to lend an attentive ear and to bring compassion and care to whatever the audience, be it physicians, employees wrestling with personal issues, or our patients and their loved ones who are struggling with life and death issues."

Community Service Award

Warren Santander, administrator at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center Lake Placid, received the Community Service Award for his ongoing dedication to improve lives locally.

"Warren's heart for the community has been a hallmark of what he has done in his health care ministry all

his career, even before he came to Heartland," said Tim Cook, hospital president/CEO. "He was always engaged in the community and they loved him, and they continue to love him."

In addition, Santander recently took it upon himself to lead a campaign to raise support for medical mission work in the Dominican Republic, building new relationships between people there and at Florida Hospital.

"We are extremely grateful for these and the countless other employees who represent Christ to our communities, patients and their families day in and day out," Jernigan said. "It is truly through their care and willingness to be used by God that we are able to share His love with so many others."

—BY RAINEY TURLINGTON

Best-Selling Author Emphasizes Compassionate Caregiving at Nursing Convocation



Best-selling author Marcus Engel spoke about his experience on "The Other End of the Stethoscope" at the annual nursing convocation at Adventist University of Health Sciences on February 1, 2013.

At 18, Marcus Engel was severely injured in a car accident. When the doctors told him he would never see again, his immediate reaction was anger. After the anger subsided he was simply left with the question, "Why?"

In an attempt to answer that question, Engel shares his story with healthcare professionals, students, and corporations worldwide. He also authored three books that give the patient's perspective of nearly 350 hours on operating tables and two years of medical recovery.

Engel shared his message "The Other End of a Stethoscope," at the annual nursing convocation on February 1, 2013.

Many eyes glistened as Engel spoke. While he does not remember much about the night of the accident, there is one thing he'll never forget.

"In a world filled with pain, darkness, and terror, a patient care technician named Jennifer held my hand and said, 'I'm here.' I knew I wasn't alone. That simple human presence was what I needed

help carry on the compassion that Jennifer gave me

so much in that moment of vulnerability."

A small act of kindness made all the difference, and he encouraged students to remember the power of compassion as they enter the healthcare field.

"One way I can

is to pass it on to you."

For many, the message carried special weight after reading Engel's books, one of which is used in the nursing curriculum.

"When I read his book I couldn't put it down," said Carolyn Ramsey, professor in the Department of Nursing. "I thought about my career as a nurse and asked myself if I made the impression on my patients that he recalled of his nurses."

As Engel wrapped up, he asked the audience if they got anything out of his talk. When the audience responded "yes," he said, "If you did, then thank you for helping me find an answer to the question 'Why?'"

—BY SARAH CROWDER



Attendees wait in line at Engel's book table after he spoke at the nursing convocation on February 1, 2013.

Youth for Christ Lead Out in Carolina



Have you heard about CYC? Carolina Youth for Christ (CYC) is a grass-roots, youth-led, youth ministry that was organized in March of 2012. When a group of young people from the Boone, N.C., Church returned from the annual GYC Conference in Houston, Tex., they were determined to continue the revolution that God had started in their hearts. A few months later they found themselves meeting with the GYC leadership in West Virginia, and formed a team to start a GYC movement in their home conference in the Carolinas.

Since then, God has blessed and guided the CYC team. With an age range of 13-35, CYC seeks to connect, inspire, train, and equip the young people in North and South Carolina to be the genera-

tion that will turn Carolina upside down for Jesus!

On February 15-17, more than 150 young people came to the Morganton, N.C., Church for CYC's second annual youth revival weekend. Their theme was based on Revelation 17:14, "Called, CHOSEN, and Faithful." From the evening messages to Sabbath School, to door-to-door outreach in the snow, as well as the Sunday morning training seminar, the Holy Spirit was poured out, and lives were changed.

The Morganton Church family went above and beyond in hosting CYC, and provided amazing amounts of delicious food to feed everyone. Barry Mahoney, pastor, and the youth leaders worked with CYC leadership to plan a wonderful event.

Throughout the weekend, attendees were encouraged to strengthen their relationship with Jesus, study His Word, develop spiritual friendships and connect with godly mentors. The response from the

young people themselves was exciting.

Alina from South Carolina commented, "The speakers were always interesting, not boring like some are. Outreach was fun, even though it was really cold. I will definitely go again!" Jenasia, also from South Carolina, shares, "I was blessed at this year's CYC because I



BARRY MAHORNEY

left feeling accepted. There wasn't a dull moment with all my new friends. I really enjoyed going and being able to worship with people that shared the same passion and beliefs as me." It was such a blessing for the staff (all young people themselves) to connect with and mentor attendees from all over North and South Carolina.

In the fall of 2012, CYC's first youth revival weekend was held in Greenwood, S.C., and the impact of what God did there is spreading. As a result of their outreach, 21 individuals requested Bible studies. Austin, a young man who came to CYC last year, is now starting a youth movement in his church in Augusta, Ga.

CYC is working to become a GYC affiliate by 2014. They want to keep the revolution alive throughout the year by planning youth revival weekends in the Carolinas, summer cross-training sessions which combine intense Bible study with outreach, and colpourtering at local churches. Visit their website and Facebook page to receive updates about future CYC events: www.carolinayouthforchrist.com, <http://www.facebook.com/CarolinaYouthForChrist>, info@carolinayouthforchrist.com.

—BY BRITTAINY BROWN AND ALYSSA BRANTLEY



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It's Official: New Church in Heart of Rockingham

The stately white-columned Victorian building in the heart of Rockingham, N.C., is the home for a new Adventist church. On Sabbath, February 2, the church was officially organized as the Rockingham Cornerstone Seventh-day Adventist Church.

After worshipping in a rented church facility for several years, and then receiving a sizable donation for a new church

building, members felt it was time they acquire their own church home. Church officials learned about this property that was in foreclosure, and were able to purchase it for a mere \$100,000.

Members mobilized in a united effort to began the remodeling process. In less than two weeks a new platform and audio/visual arena were built in the sanctuary. The kitchen

serving area and fellowship hall received new tiled floors and fresh paint. Sabbath School classrooms were updated and equipped with new furniture. Pictured are church officials posing for a photograph in front of



RON QUICK

their new church (Pastor Jose Rivera (left); Gary Moyer, Conference secretary; church elders Samuel Garcia, Louis DesChamps, Milton Aguilar, and Samuel Swinney).

Built in 1890, the house was, at the time, one of the most impressive of the high Victorian houses in Rockingham. During the

years it has been remodeled and redesigned with a two-story Classical Revival

portico. The interior retains many original features, such as mantels and beaded tongue-and-groove wainscots. For several years it was operated as a funeral home. What was once a place associated with death now represents the Life-giver in the Rockingham community.

—BY RON QUICK



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Couples Find Romance at Ranch Retreat

Several married couples enjoyed a great time together in prayer, worship, and relationship building at this year's Romance at the Ranch Retreat. The first weekend brought sunny skies, and the second one a snow-storm, but regardless of the weather, love was still in the air!

The music, activities, and God's natural canvas set the perfect mood. With this year's western theme,



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many couples also dressed in their finest cowboy and cowgirl attire.

Claudio Consuegra and his wife, Pamela, were a dynamic team at the English retreat, February 8-10. Their message spoke



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straight to the heart. They currently serve as the director and associate director of family ministries for the North American Division. David Labrador, pastor, and his wife, Merlyn, serve in the Florida Conference and presented to the Span-

ish lovebirds the following weekend. They explored the boundaries of love and marriage using the Prepare-Enrich Study.

If you have never had the "Romance at

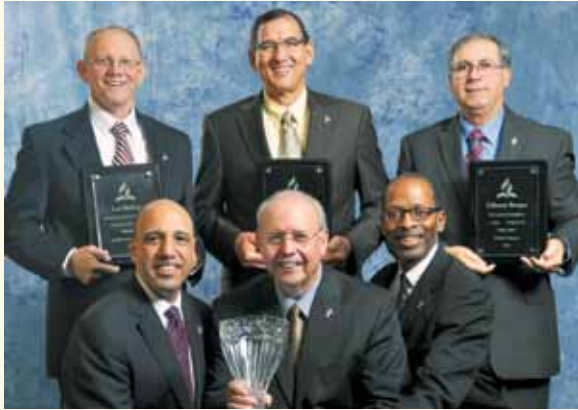
the Ranch" experience we invite you to join in next year. If you have, there is still always something new to discover, so make sure you don't miss out.

—BY JACQUIE PINDER

Publishing Program Reaches Milestones

The Florida Conference Publishing Department recently celebrated reaching the million-dollar mark in cash sales from Big Books and MagaBooks.

This milestone for Florida's unique Giving Light to Our World (GLOW) program brought William Smith, Southern Union publishing di-



ARIC TURLINGTON

Southern Union Publishing Director William Smith (front row, left), and Associate Publishing Director Keith Reid (front row, right), gave special recognition to the four Florida Conference Publishing Department leaders who have each worked with the department more than 25 years, collectively representing 100-plus years of service. Pictured: Joe Holloway (front row, center), Les McCoy (back row, left), Alfredo Gonzalez, and Gilberto Borges.

rector, and Keith Reid, Southern Union associate publishing director to the Florida Conference headquarters in Winter Park, February 11, to congratulate Joe Holloway, Florida Conference publishing director, and his team for their accomplishments.

Individual awards were presented to Les McCoy, Florida Conference pub-

lishing youth coordinator — Highest Percentage Gain in MagaBook Sales; Alfredo Gonzalez, Florida Conference associate publishing director for south Florida — 30 Years of Service; and Gilberto Borges, Florida Conference associate publishing director for north Florida — Top Literature Evangelist in Cash Sales Award for Florida Conference, Southern Union, and North American Division.

—BY VILMA GALVA

Orlando Magic Mascot Gets a Lunch Box Makeover

Stuff the Magic Dragon, mascot of the Orlando Magic basketball team, recently received a healthy lunch box makeover with fresh vegetables harvested from Orlando Junior Academy's (OJA) Edible Schoolyard (ESY) Garden in exchange for his normal fare of hot dogs and nachos.

He donned an apron to visit the ESY nutritional science lab and tasted fresh produce students prepared as part of their integrated curriculum. On hand to greet Stuff were OJA alumnus Ken Bradley, Winter Park mayor and CEO of Florida Hospital Winter Park, and his wife, Ruth, a licensed dietician.

During a student assembly led by Mission: FIT Possible, a Healthy 100

Kids initiative sponsored by Florida Hospital for Children, the Mission: FIT "edutainers" highlighted the importance of fueling the body with healthy food. Students taught Stuff the importance of movement by leading him through a Just-A-Minute routine.

Principal Nicole Agbonkhese explains, "Stuff has previously visited our campus for traditional Pep Rallies, but today we're celebrating God's provisions and OJA's commitment to healthy living, and we thought Stuff would enjoy sharing in the bounty."

Teachers and administrators interested in extend-



JAY FACUNDUS

Orlando Magic's mascot, Stuff, poses in Orlando Junior Academy's Edible Schoolyard garden with students who helped gather fresh vegetables for his lunch box.

ing their classroom to the garden or kitchen may register to attend OJA's Edible Schoolyard Academy this summer, June 12-13,

through the Edible Schoolyard OJA Facebook page: <http://bit.ly/oja-esy>.

—BY JANICE BANKS

South Orlando Church Celebrates Family Life Sabbath

South Orlando, Fla., Church members celebrated Family Life Sabbath, February 16, with guest presenters Ken and Helen Bryant.

The Bryants, who have conducted family enrichment programs throughout the North American Division, have a motivational, spiritual, and sometimes humorous style of presenting material



Helen and Ken Bryant

that has touched more than 30,000 lives.

“Ken and Helen are highly skilled in administering professional personality, temperament, and spiritual gifts inventories,” says Dan Forbes, South Orlando pastor. “This knowledge and ability brings their ministry to a whole new level of service.”

The program at South Orlando Church was the capstone of the Bryants’ 25 plus years of pastoral service and family life ministry in Florida before moving to a new home base in northern Georgia where they will continue to serve.

—BY DANIEL FORBES

Kendall Members Attend Anger Management Seminar

“Facing the Giant of Anger Management” was the theme of a February 8-9 Family Life program sponsored by the Kendall, Fla., Church and coordinated by Claudette Henry, family life ministries director.

Weekend presenter Jeffrey Thompson, senior pastor of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Church, interspersed a PowerPoint presentation with practical video clips on anger management resolution. Topics covered were “Effective Anger Management Techniques for Men and Women,” “Anger and the Bible,” “The Impact of Anger on Marriage,” “Anger Management Tips for Teens,” and “The Spirit of Prophecy and Anger.”

—BY JEFFREY THOMPSON



Attendees who completed the Anger Management seminar at Kendall, Fla., Church are shown with their certificates. Kneeling on the front row are Jeffrey Thompson (left), presenter, and George Williams, Kendall Church pastor.

Standifer Gap Students Feed Starving Children

This school year, the students and teachers of Standifer Gap School in Chattanooga, Tenn., have been focusing on the ripple

effect — that is, how influence and actions affect others and the way one represents Jesus.

One recent mission

involved students in third through eighth grade. An organization called Feed My Starving Children was the focus on January 18,

2013. This gives individuals an opportunity to help end world hunger. They provide the raw goods and package materials, and the community provides the manpower. Together, millions of individuals are provided daily nutritious meals who would otherwise go hungry.

Every day, nearly 18,000 children die from hunger or related

causes. Jesus said in Luke 12:48, “From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required.”

Food scientists designed the MannaPack meals of Feed My Starving Children to reverse and prevent malnutrition. Volunteers pack the meals, and the organization provides the meals free to clinics, schools, orphanages, and refugee programs around the world.

The meals Standifer Gap packed will go to Haiti. The students volunteered two hours, and packaged enough meals to feed 134 children for an entire year.

—BY JOEL MCQUISTAN



Standifer Gap students Shaun Thomas (left), Lori Froot, James Froot, and David Brant help create manna packs for Feed My Starving Children.

Hulseys Celebrate 70 Years of Marriage

On August 26, 1942, Harry Hulse married Berneice Johnson in Nashville, Tenn. Harry went off to fight the war from 1943 to 1946, and Berneice became a church school teacher. By spring 1946, the couple had lived in 30 rentals in numerous states. Harry's foreign service was limited.

He graduated Southern in 1954 and served as chair of the Industrial Arts Division. For 11 years he was production supervisor for a manu-



facturing organization. For 20 years he was a construction contractor and broker/

owner of real estate offices in Tennessee and Florida. From 1996 to 2012, he was

manager of construction and maintenance at the Samaritan Center, a church-sponsored organization. He has now retired for the third time.

Berneice is a mother-in-Israel to four daughters, three granddaughters, and one great-granddaughter. She is a wife and homemaker.

They are members of the Collegedale Community Church.

Wimbish Church Family Shares Victory via Jesus

Frank Sanchez, Southern Union coordinator for Adventist recovery ministries, had shared the 12-Step Christ-Centered Recovery program with the Wimbish Church family during the summer of 2011.

After much prayer, discussion, and church board approval, the program got started January 9, 2013. The initial meeting was well attended with a group of 10 individuals, six church members and four visitors.

According to the pro-



AUBREY DUNCAN

Members of the Wimbish Church in Macon, Ga., 12-Step Christ-Centered Recovery program, are excited to share recovery and the love of Jesus.

gram outline, participants volunteer to individually read the credo, steps, and traditions. Collectively the group repeated the

“Serenity Prayer,” pledge, and promise. Most of the evening was spent talking about the first step, recognizing the powerlessness

and unmanageability of a life of addiction. Appropriate Bible passages were read as participants freely, sometimes emotionally, shared their acceptance of this fact.

The ultimate goal of the program is not only to help overcome addictions, but leading and developing a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

The 12-Step Christ-Centered Addiction Recovery program is an excellent evangelistic tool.

Find more information on setting up a program at your church by visiting www.adventistrecovery.org, or contact Aubrey Duncan at 404-322-5683, advent-truth@yahoo.com.

—BY AUBREY DUNCAN

Living Free Classes Offered in Collegedale

This year, the international ministry Living Free was launched at the Collegedale Community Church with nearly 80 individuals enrolled. The class consists of a group working specifically on uncovering issues that adversely affect their relationship with Christ.

Jimmy Lee and Dan Strickland, founder and president of Living Free, were on-hand for an introductory potluck in January at Collegedale Community Church to introduce the ministry to the members. Since then, seven classes have begun, beginning with the introductory nine-week class called “Insight,”

followed by the 13-week class called “Free to Grow.”

After those two classes are completed, specific classes dealing with relationships are offered, such as “Committed Couples,” “Godly Parenting,” “Growing through Divorce,” “Peacemaking,” and others.

Ken Poston, church ministries leader, says, “Going through the Living Free classes forced me to look

inward, and face things to deal with in my life that are not as Christlike as they should be.”

Classes are available for all ages, from mature teenagers and above.

—BY NATHAN LEWIS



TOM HAYES

Collegedale Community Church is offering Living Free classes where individuals can work on life issues that impact their relationship with Jesus.

Small Groups Fair Offers Something for Everyone

Whether you enjoy running, biking, tennis, photography, or just enjoy eating out regularly, you could find a group to match your interest at the Small Groups Fair held January 12, 2013, at University Parkway Church in Pensacola, Fla. Members and visitors could sign up for small groups focused on these and other activities

The Fair was organized as a result of a discussion between the newly arrived pastor, Jeffery Crain, and Richard Reyes, elder, about strategies to grow University Parkway Church. Crain said he had had success with small groups at previous churches where he pastored. Reyes led out in recruiting members already involved

There are already signs that this approach combining church fellowship and community outreach is working. Reyes' wife, Rayna, posted information about the groups on Craigslist, and received a text reply from a woman interested in racquetball, tennis, and running. A neighbor of one member signed up for the handcrafters small group. Leader Marla Schilling said she is very excited about her group. "This will give us an opportunity to get to know one another better, and develop some close friendships as we share new craft ideas, visits, and create something with our hands."

In addition to newly formed small groups, several groups already in existence added new members at the Fair. The Running group, led by InStep for Life coordinator Erika Peterson, added about 20 members. Sports enthusiasts can also choose such activities as cycling, golfing, biking, tennis, and racquetball. Fifteen additional individuals signed up for the International Diners'

Club. Organizer Maria Nelson noted that "each month we experience a different culinary adventure at various area restaurants. We have fun, fellowship, and good conversation."

On the more spiritual side, there is an already existing Prayer Warrior group and a ShareHim group. The ShareHim group of 13 members met with Crain to plan two ShareHim seminars in September. To follow up on the success of this kickoff event, the members plan to repeat a Small Groups Fair every 90 days. Crain explains, "That will give people an opportunity to rotate to a different small group and promote community awareness and participation in our Christian fellowship groups. As church members become more connected, they will invite others to join them in a nonthreatening circle of friends. The hope is that sharing our interests in the small groups will help build relationships for eternity."

—BY GLENDA HASS



The running group, led by InStep for Life coordinator Erika Peterson, added 20 members.

at any of a dozen booths, where leaders answered questions and shared their areas of interest. Altogether, more than 100 participants signed up for the various small groups, some for two or more groups.

in various leisure activities. "The goal is connecting with others through fellowship. We hope to invite many others from the community to connect with the church and Jesus through these activities," said Crain.

Huntsville Members Turn Copper into Gold

Pennies seem to be worth less and less these days, and yet at Huntsville, Ala., Central Church the members have found a way to turn them into "gold!"

In 2012 the junior/earliteen Sabbath School class conducted a mission "Penny Project," asking the congregation to bring in penny collections large or small so



Members of the junior/earliteen Sabbath School class from the Huntsville Central Church show the penny jar to Morgan Fowler (one of Allen and Kelley Fowler's sons).

that the church could buy Navajo-language hymnals for Diné Outreach Ministries in Page, Ariz. Diné is a ministry close to Central Church's heart, since it was started by previous Central members Allen and Kelley Fowler.

Under the leader-

ship of Sandy Acevedo, the junior class collected, counted, and wrapped \$135 worth of pennies. With donations from two other contributors, the final total was more than \$300, enough to order 25 hymnals for the growing Diné congregation. Not only were the hymnals delivered right before Christmas, but

they were in time for the dedication of their miracle church* on December 29, 2012!

God is working mightily in all corners of the world, in many hearts and

homes, and in places that many members may not be able to go. But through prayer and heeding His call — whether it's contributing pennies or being led on a mission trip — we

can have a part in bringing minds and souls to Jesus.

Now that is truly God's gold.

(*Go to www.dineout-reach.org to read about the Diné Church miracle and

more, and to get excited about planning your own mission trip to Diné!)

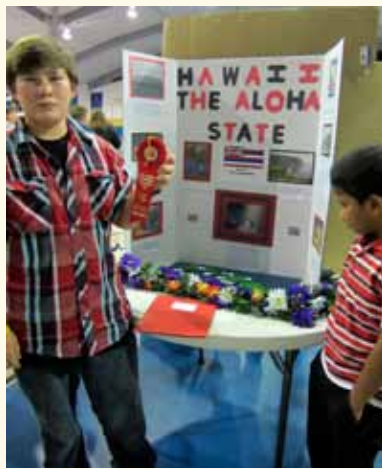
—BY MICHAEL FARR

Education Fair Packs a Lot into 24 Hours

More than 100 students and their chaperones met on the campus of Bass Memorial Academy for the Gulf States Conference Annual Education Fair. This annual event is for 5th through 9th graders from the elementary and junior academies throughout the Conference. The students arrived on the campus by 1 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, and for the next 24 hours they were involved in everything from performing orations to gymnastic presentations.

This year, 64 art projects were submitted with each focusing on nature, which was the theme. Sixty social studies projects were submitted. The quality of the projects for art and social studies was astounding. The way the students intertwined biblical messages through their projects is a real testimony to the Adventist Christian education they receive.

Drama was another area the students excelled in. The students received points for writing their own



CAROL SWINYARD

Kyle, a student from the Corinth, Miss., School received a second place award for his geography display.

skits, which lasted between four and seven minutes. They also received points for their presentation and the originality of the skits. The winners then performed their skits for the entire education fair participants. Spiritual themes were prevalent in all of the winning skits.

Every student was involved in something the entire time they were at the fair. Some students sang in a group choir, and after practice sessions they performed in front of their peers. Students involved in the gymnastic clinic also performed Sunday evening

for everyone.

Bible Quest was the event in which students give spiritual orations. These orations were critiqued by at least three individuals, one of which was a pastor. The winners then presented their orations for each of the worships.

Math Masters was for the student who excels well at math. There have been a growing number of participants each year, and by the end of the day there was a champion math master.

Poetry entries were submitted prior to the fair. They were judged by an outside source, and the winning poems were read Sunday morning.

The spelling bee was a new event. Sunday morning all the students had the opportunity to participate. Then the best spellers went on stage and were given the really hard words to spell. Each of the schools represented cheered their fellow students on as they

were spelling these difficult words.

Bass Memorial Academy was an excellent host for the fair. The academy students welcomed the visiting students, and on Sunday morning groups were given tours of the campus. Education Fair was an exceptional opportunity for students to enjoy



MARK GRICE

Jake, from Big Cove School in Owens Cross Roads, Ala., received the grand prize for his art sculpture.

the beautiful Bass campus, and share their faith while participating in educational activities. The fair was evidence that Adventist education is truly the best!

—BY ELIZABETH LONG

Madison Women Hold All-Night Prayer Vigil

“Why doesn’t God answer my prayers?” was the theme of the very first all-night vigil sponsored by the Womens’ Ministries Department of the Madison, Tenn., Hispanic Church. The women brought sleeping bags which were laid out in the fellowship hall. But, no one slept. Even when they were resting in their sleeping bags, they continued to fellowship and bond with each other.

Throughout the night,



eight women experienced a special communion with God through prayer, tears, laughs, and healing, all in the name of Jesus. Some of the topics presented were “Frustration Over Unanswered Prayers,” “Recognizing Our Desperate Need for Forgiveness,” “Why Isn’t He Answering,” and “God Answers Prayers, But, Why Not the Way I Want?”

After each topic was presented, everyone wrote down their prayer requests, and a special prayer session was held the next morning. Following the prayer session, the prayer requests were burned while the women sang “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus.” Before leaving, a

delicious healthy breakfast was served.

Although the group was small, the service was special, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit was felt as a reminder of the Lord’s promise, “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them,” Matthew 18:20.

—BY MARLINE DEL VALLE

Community Responds to Coble Disaster

An EF2 tornado tore through the small Hickman County community of Coble, Tenn., shortly after 2 a.m. on January 30. More than

20 homes were completely destroyed, and more than one dozen others were severely damaged.

Hundreds of downed trees blocked community access, and cut electricity and phone lines. But, the darkened village soon came alive with the sound of chainsaws as neighbors began checking on each other. Within two hours, friends were out with dozers, tractors, and skidders beginning to clear debris,



Tornado destruction

reports Hohenwald church member Bob Aldrich, who lives in Coble with his wife, Joyce.

More than one dozen volunteers from the nearest Adventist churches in Centerville and Hohenwald came on site to help serve and clean up while others donated food and cash. The Adventist Disaster Relief van, driven by Ron Mays of the Madison Campus Church, arrived the next day with needed blankets and supplies.



Aldrich barn

The overwhelming sentiment was, “We felt most blessed by being able to help and to see this community come together. We worked side by side with ‘neighbors’ we didn’t know, members of other local churches, and even staff and inmates from both the county jail and the nearby minimum-security Turney Center prison.”

The Aldrich’s barn was badly damaged, and Bob Aldrich’s ham radio tower was toppled. But, others

had it worse. When the storm awoke neighbor Christopher Westbrooks and his wife that night, they went to check on their

children. He lifted his baby daughter from her bed and started down the hall with his wife and little son just steps ahead. Then, “Everything [the roof] started I guess blowing off; it sounded like a small explosion,” recalls Westbrooks.

Thank God for no loss of life at Coble and for many willing, helping hands.

—BY BRUCE KESSELRING

Highland Students Help Organize Coat Drive

More than 200 pounds of coats were sent with love from Highland Academy to the victims of Hurricane Sandy in the greater New Jersey area.

Highland Academy students helped organize a coat drive for victims of Hurricane Sandy, under the direction of Jeanne Aldrich, wife of faculty member Don Aldrich. Aldrich realized there was a great need in New Jersey as the press played scene after scene



Sophomores and sponsors prepare the coats collected for Hurricane Sandy victims.

in the media, and as she talked with her relatives in the area. This was Aldrich's home, and her heart was moved to do something for the people left without anything. Flyers were

sent out asking for coat donations, and as a result, coats poured into Highland.

Students and Aldrich were able to collect 80 coats which were sent to Bernardsville, N.J., one of the hardest hit areas. The coats arrived the week of Christmas, and the recipients were ecstatic.

Aldrich said, "The people couldn't believe they were getting coats from people all the way down in Tennessee. Their hearts were moved that people

cared so much from so far away. When they got the coats, tears of joy were shed."

—BY AMY CIRIGLIANO



Boxes of coats are loaded into vans for shipping.

Karen-Burmese Group Organized as a Company

Near the turn of this new century, life became increasingly hard for the people of Burma. Because of persecution or economic challenges, many had fled the border towns of their home countries for safety, and to seek support for their families in refugee camps along the border of Thailand under United Nations protection. But, in these camps life wasn't easy — little freedom was found.

In 2003, the United States and other western nations opened their doors for refugees. Most, including many Seventh-day Adventists, came to the United States, where the U.S. government settled the refugees throughout the 50 states, some of whom came to the Louisville, Ky., area.

A year ago, after meeting together in a Baptist Church where Burmese was spoken, a group of about 15 Adventists, believing God's promise, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them," Matthew 18:20, stepped out in faith. Si Blur, a Burmese Adventist from Dayton, Ohio, and an Adventist known to them as Pastor Jimmy, who was bringing Adventist refugees to Louisville from North Carolina, invited them to worship at the South Louisville Church.

Within a short time, Blur and his wife moved from Dayton to nurture the group. Their numbers

quickly grew as non-Adventist Burmese young people became interested in joining them in Bible study.

Needing more room,



The Karen-Burmese group was organized as a company on January 5, 2013.

they began meeting in the Louisville Korean Church where John Moon, pastor, provided additional pastoral support. With God's blessing, they requested

and were approved by the Conference Executive Committee to become an official Company of Seventh-day Adventist.

Sabbath, January 5, 2013, for them was truly a Sabbath of new beginnings. On this first Sabbath of a new year, 60 individuals were present as 33 refugees from Burma, Thailand, and Malaysia signed the charter to become the first Karen-Burmese Seventh-day Adventist Company of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference.

They will appreciate your prayers for God to use them to introduce countless refugees to Jesus as they support one another.

—BY STEVE ROSE SR.

Ephesus Member Named Mentor of the Year

United Way of Greenville County Young Philanthropists has named Clarence Kegler, senior elder at Ephesus Church in Gastonia, N.C., as the group's 2013 Mentor of the



Clarence Kegler

Year. Kegler, who currently serves as the chief diversity officer for Michelin North America, was nominated for the award by two of his mentees, Erica Brown and Mike Williams. They cited Kegler for his dedication to providing professional and personal guidance to many

individuals through the years, creating his own informal support system in the community for young professionals. "Clarence has been like

a father to me," Michael says. "It is one thing to be mentored professionally, but it takes on an entirely different perspective when it's personal." Through difficult life challenges, Kegler helped guide Michael with a fatherly touch, compassion, and thoughtfulness.

Outside of work, Kegler is an active volunteer and contributor in the community. He is a member of United Way's Palmetto Society, and serves as board chair of Habitat for Humanity of Greenville County. One of the main things Kegler has encouraged both Michael and Erica to do is to reach back and become mentors themselves. His message to them: "Invest in someone as someone invested in you!"

Kegler feels very strongly about diversity and helping those who are less fortunate. The evidence of his passions can be seen through his work at

organizations like Habitat for Humanity, United Way of Greenville County, and the Greenville Chamber of Commerce's Diversity and Inclusion Initiative. In addition to these philanthropic efforts, he has also served on boards at South Carolina State University and Greenville Tech.

He has been married to Brenda Kegler for 42 years, and they have two adult children, Kimbrelly and Clarence II. He has two grandsons, six-year-old Clarence C. Kegler III and two-year-old Dylan Christopher Kegler.

—BY UNITED WAY OF GREENVILLE COUNTY

Gethsemane Members Merge Music, Amazing Facts

Music and Amazing Facts, who would have thought of merging the two? The answer is Gethsemane Church in Raleigh, N.C. L'Tonya Jackson, Adventist youth leader and assistant youth choir director, along with DeCarlo Buie, youth choir director, merged in ministry music and Amazing Facts to produce MIQ: Most Important Questions: Amazing FAQs for Teens.

Music is a ministry within itself, but especially explosive when in the hands of young people. When you combine youth Bible studies and music, you get Gethsemane's youth on fire for God.

Under the leadership of Larry Johnson, Gethsemane pastor, what started out to be a personal ministries "tract attack" grew into much more than distributing quality literature in the community. It became a ministry within the church as well. One of the pieces of literature included a copy of Amazing FAQs 4 Teens. After browsing through the book, Jackson saw the advantage of this book for her own children, which she used for devotional studies, but then ordered copies for all of the



teenagers in the church. The book was given to the youth choir, which starts at age 13, for devotional studies and rap sessions. It is now used on Sabbath afternoons for Bible studies with Pathfinders and AYS.

At the time of placing the order, Carl McRoy, South Atlantic publishing director, was able to send a promotional T-shirt with each book. When the choir ministered in concert

to the church and community, they decided to wear their Amazing Facts MIQ T-shirts. This created an exciting buzz, and generated an opportunity to share the book and its purpose during the concert. This created more interest in attending the youth Bible studies. As a result of the Youth Week of Prayer and Bible study, several youth have been baptized and more are requesting baptism.

—BY L'TONYA JACKSON

Atlanta Berean Chariots Visit Oakwood University Church

At 4:15 a.m., on a Sabbath morning, the Atlanta Berean Chariots boarded a chartered bus at the church parking lot in Atlanta, Ga. Culminating months of planning, their journey was about to begin. They were at the start of a trip that would cover 400-plus miles, touch countless lives, and change some of their lives forever. The planning began about one year ago at the 2012 Oakwood University Alumni weekend. Samuel Cort Jr. talked with Carlton Byrd, D.Min., pastor of Oakwood University Church, Huntsville, Ala. They discussed the club coming to the church and selected a date.

On Sabbath morning, the Berean Adventurers hosted the adult Sabbath School program preliminaries in conjunction with the Oakwood University Church Adventurers. About 100 Adventurers, staff, and parents made the trip to Huntsville. After being welcomed by the Oakwood Adventurers, the Chariots welcomed those who came to Sabbath School. The children put on a skit entitled, "Bringing a Friend to Jesus." They described how South American children use small groups to teach and learn more about Jesus. This is a blossoming ministry that is really doing wonders in those countries.

A hearty lunch was prepared by the Oakwood University Church. On the way to the hotel, the Adventurers took a walking tour of



SAMUEL CORT JR., M.D./DALIA RAGINE

Atlanta Berean Chariots visit Oakwood University Church in Huntsville, Ala.

Oakwood Memorial Gardens. Officially established by Oakwood University in 2001, the site was a former plantation and served as a slave burial ground. Later, the chariots had a skate and pizza party on Saturday night at the Millett Activity Center on the campus of Oakwood University. There were plenty of thrills and even some spills. Thankfully, all Adventurers and their parents made it out in one piece.

One of the most anticipated events of the weekend was touring the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. There were numerous choruses of "Wow" as the children entered the Davidson Center for Space Exploration and saw an authentic Saturn V rocket suspended overhead. They were able to view numerous space and rocket artifacts. The club was able to participate in several interactive rides: Space Shot, G-Force Accelerator, Mars Mission, and the Mars Climbing Wall among other things.

All Adventurers that participated were given a commemorative patch to proudly wear on their uniforms.

The weekend was so much more than an overnight field trip. Cort believes that it is of utmost importance to expose the Adventurers to civic service. It is imperative for them to participate in activities both in and out of Berean. The Chariots are involved in various activities at their local church. But they also love to visit and minister to other churches that may not have a strong children's ministry. Many parents have expressed the joy that their children experienced from this trip.

The club would like to thank Byrd for the invitation, and Brenda Harrigan, Oakwood Adventurer director, for her support and assistance in making this trip a success. A special thank you

also goes to Gwen Molley, South Atlantic Conference Adventurer coordinator, for taking the time to accompany the group on this journey. The club is forever indebted, and would like to send a very special thank-you to the sponsors of this trip, who wish to remain anonymous. Without them, this trip would not have been possible.

"Too much importance cannot be placed on the early training of children. The lessons that the child learns during the first seven years of life have more to do with forming his character than all that it learns in future years," *Child Guidance*, page 193.



Atlanta Berean Chariots give the welcome during Sabbath School at Oakwood University Church.

The Adventurer club is for families with children in pre-K through the fourth grade. If you enroll your children and/or support the Adventurer club, you are starting your child off on the right track to the Kingdom. What are you doing to support your local club?

—BY SAMUEL F. CORT JR., M.D.

Adamsville First Church Presents “Rated R” Seminars

There are certain taboo subjects that are not discussed in many churches. One of these taboo subjects is sex. Many churchgoers get uncomfortable at the mention of sex, and assume that sexual issues are off limits in church. However, sex is being explored every day through many forms of media such as television, radio, Internet, and magazines. Even in many schools the debate rages on whether sex education classes should be taught in schools to children, and if so, what subjects should be covered. However, what does God say about sexual matters? How can we protect our youth from the snares of the devil? Should churches talk to their young people about sexual



Raymond S. King (left), elder, Susan King, Clifton McMillan Sr., pastor

matters? Is abstinence until marriage still a realistic goal for young people?

On January 11-12, 2013, at Adamsville First Church in Adamsville, Ala., Raymond and Susan King, from Securing Hope Ministry, held a weekend of seminars entitled, “Rated R: The Subjects that No One Wants to Discuss!” Rated R was centered on sexuality in modern day society

and the word of God. No punches were pulled as hot button issues such as STDs, pornography, teenage pregnancy, homosexuality, adultery, fornication, and hidden messages in mass media were discussed

extensively.

The weekend kicked off Friday evening with a breakout session, with Susan King talking to the teenagers in a personal discussion on healthy relationships and true love. Raymond King, elder, talked to the adults about being on guard against the devil’s misuses of education and mass media to

promote to children sexual lifestyles contrary to God’s Word. On Sabbath from divine worship to AYS, the entire day was dedicated to informing all about what God says in the Bible about sex.

The weekend culminated at AYS with a special seminar dealing with recognizing occult symbols and negative messages that promote sex and violence. Many of these symbols and messages can be found in songs performed by popular musicians such as Jay Z and Beyonce. It led all to really consider what they and their children were daily listening to, and to seek to get rid of any music and other forms of mass media that was not drawing them closer to Jesus Christ. Lives were transformed and souls were freed.

—BY CLIFTON MCMILLAN JR.

In Memorium: Elder Maximo Lunga

Maximo Lunga was born February 22, 1962, and fell asleep in Jesus February 2, 2013, at the age of 51.

He was born in Masivingo, Zimbabwe. He joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1978, and was ordained as a minister of the Gospel on July 18, 1982. He graduated from Solusi University (an affiliate of Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan) in 1993. He



Elder Maximo Lunga, 1962-2013

served as a minister in the Central Zimbabwe Conference in Gweru from 1982 until moving to the United States in 2001.

His wife, Norah, says they met through a telephone call, and began chatting as old friends almost immediately. They married in 2004. She referred to him as being her “best friend.” He and Norah were members of the Clifton Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, until 2005.

Max (as he was called by friends) served as head

elder at the Taylor Mill Church in Taylor Mill, Ky. (Kentucky-Tennessee Conference), from 2007 to 2008 before being appointed as its interim pastor from 2008 to 2009. Lunga inspired the Taylor Mill congregation by his leadership, and led the overall growth of the church.

In June of 2009, the South Central Conference called him to serve at the North Star Church in Covington, Ky., as the district lay associate pastor, which he did until his sudden

passing.

His mother, Edinah Lunga, referred to him as a “lover of mankind and a peacemaker.” Jeba Moses, pastor of the Clifton Church in Cincinnati, echoed those same sentiments, calling him a “people-oriented peacemaker.” The Zimbabwe Adventist community in the Greater Cincinnati area holds him in high regard, and many turned to him for advice and counsel. His sister-in-law, Florah

Magosha, referred to him as a “prayer warrior.”

In addition to his work as pastor of North Star Church, he worked at ZFboge Company as a quality control inspection and production operations supervisor since 2001. He was completing online course work at Liberty University, with the goal of becoming a chaplain.

Lunga battled two bouts of cancer before succumbing to pneumonia. Through it all, his trust in

the Lord was unshakeable, and his spirits were always high. Though he was not in good health, he was always concerned about the well-being of others.

Dana Edmond, South Central Conference president, reports that because of his exceptional work at North Star Church, he was considering taking Lunga to a full time position in South Central last fall before he had to take medical leave. Lunga rejoined

South Central in January 2013.

He is survived by his wife, Norah; three children, Tatenda, Tariro, and Tanya; his mother, Edinah; and a host of relatives and friends.

—BY ALAN COLEMAN

OAA Teacher Inducted into Alabama Economics Educator’s Hall of Fame

Crystal Greene Thomas, a veteran economics teacher at Oakwood Adventist Academy (OAA), Huntsville, Ala., was inducted into the Alabama Economic Educator’s Hall of Fame at the Alabama Council of Economic Education (ACEE) annual meeting on October 25, 2012, in Birmingham, Ala. Former Alabama Governor Bob Riley delivered the keynote address and assisted Sam Adams, ACEE chairman, in the presentation of the award. Thomas was one of 15 teachers from across the state that was recognized for her professional leadership and service in teaching, and advancing economic education and financial literacy in Alabama.

For more than 25 years, Thomas has consistently provided her

students with a variety of innovative and stimulating classroom instruction. Her method of teaching and creating “out of the box” activities challenges her students to develop critical, analytical, and higher level thinking skills, which helps them excel to their highest potential.

In 2011, the ACEE selected Thomas as the 2011 Alabama Economics Teacher of the Year. She was also one of 24 teachers selected nationwide by the National Council for Economics Educa-



tion to participate in the 2011 Economics Study Tour to the Republic of South Africa. Thomas has been very active with the Alabama Council of Economics for many years. Her students have competed in the stock market game or the stock market simulation since 1998. In 2001, she was the recipient of the Presidential Award from the Center for Economics Education as a result of her students achieving first, second,

and third place in the stock market simulation. Throughout the years, her students have consistently ranked in the top 10 or higher in the stock market game. In 2010, teams from her class placed first and second place, and in 2011 her students placed first in the North Alabama Region of the Stock Market game. She has received numerous other awards and recognitions through the years.

Thomas earned her undergraduate degree from Oakwood University, and received her master’s degree from Kentucky State University. OAA is proud to have Crystal Thomas as one of its teachers who is committed to providing the Adventist EDGE (Educators Delivering Great Education).

—BY KELLI DULAN

Student Turns Letters to Friend into Book About Walk with God

Oswald Walker Jr., senior nonprofit administration major, never thought his personal spiritual journey would be shared with the world. But after he wrote letters to a close friend about renewed longings for a personal relationship with God, he felt impressed to continue meditating on the topic. Three months later he completed *The Student and the Advisor*, a self-published book.

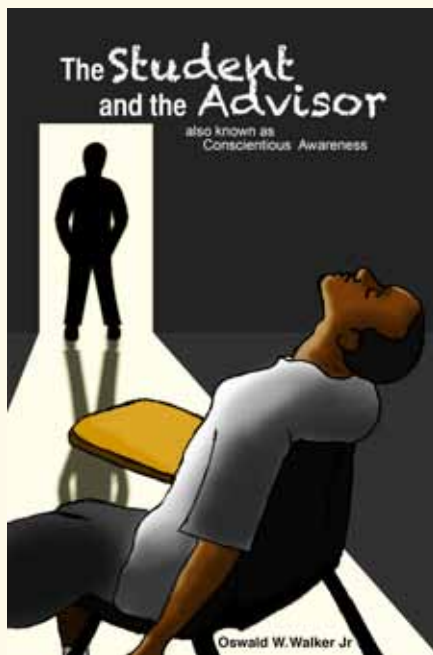
Walker began the project at the end of November after conversations with a professor in the School of Business and Management. Braam Oberholster had just returned from leading students on a study tour in China, and while conveying the experience to his class, he asked about the responsibilities of being a good global citizen. It was those questions that ultimately led Walker to seek God more earnestly as he thought about the connection between what it means to be a resident of this world versus a resident of Heaven; connecting with each other and connecting with the Father.

After the first draft was completed, Walker re-



Oswald Walker Jr. (center) enlisted the help of fellow students Simone Marshall and Christopher Lockhart in putting the finishing touches on *The Student and the Advisor*.

cruited two other students to help put the finishing touches on his manuscript.



Simone Marshall, senior journalism major, was the primary editor, and Christopher Lockhart, senior graphic design major, helped with the layout.

“It has been a real privilege to work on this book,” Marshall said. “I believe that everyone who reads it will gain a better understanding of their relationship with Christ.”

The book has been completely funded by Walker. He is using Xulon Press, a Christian company that specializes in self-publishing, to print and market the book. To cover expenses, Walker took on a third job and worked straight through Christmas break.

“Not being able to go home for the holidays was hard, but I really felt the Lord moving in me,” Walker said. “Sometimes God asks us to make certain sacrifices, and this was something he called me to do.”

The Student and the Advisor will be available for purchase beginning the first week of April in Adventist bookstores, Barnes and Noble, and online at Amazon.com. For more information, visit profound-meditations.org.

—BY LUKE EVANS

Southern Offers New Master's Degree with Mission-Minded Focus

Beginning in August 2013 Southern will offer its first interdisciplinary studies graduate program, a master of science in global community development. The curriculum emphasizes research, entrepreneurship, empowerment, and Christian witnessing as key components in creating sustainable change.

The new degree will combine online courses with mission projects in the field, and was designed with several types of students in mind: recent graduates, international

development professionals, and local indigenous students seeking a U.S degree to better serve their own communities.

Sharon Pittman, professor in the School of Social Work and director of the Global Community Development program, has experience working with each of these groups, and has seen firsthand the need for increased education among mission workers. While managing a \$24 million development effort in Madagascar, Pittman's team was composed of medical

doctors, agriculture experts, engineers, and other professionals. Yet, none of them had taken even a single course in community practice, and it showed. They created 640 community groups, but only 15 of those remained active once government funds to build them were exhausted after five years.

"We need to do a better job of engaging and mobilizing communities so they can take ownership of our development assistance," Pittman said. "It is our hope that this program

will help create new and more successful mission opportunities for the next generation of Adventists."

The University is actively engaged in seeking partners to help create those opportunities. A memorandum of understanding signed with World Vision International last year outlines the organization's intent to create internships and jobs for Southern students and graduates.

—BY RAQUEL LEVY

Planning Their Estate With *Heaven in View*

Carolina Conference literature evangelists Jabe and Pattie Morris were recently honored as being top in sales in the Southern Union. "We focus every breath to this highest form of missionary work," they say. "We are gladly laying up treasure in Heaven by leaving all of our entrusted possessions to the object of God's supreme regard —His Church." See *TM 15*



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Cristo Frente al Drama de la Humanidad

Plantando Nueva Obra en Feison

“Cristo Frente al Drama de la Humanidad” fue el tema central del ciclo de conferencias que se llevó a cabo en la ciudad de Feison, NC, del 2 al 29 de septiembre. Los pastores Elías Sandoval y Joel Beltrán y los laicos Andrés y Samuel, tuvieron a cargo las predicaciones en forma alternada. Esta no fue la primera campaña de un mes de duración organizada por la iglesia de Mt. Olive.

Para las reuniones, se utilizó una carpa de propiedad de Mt. Olive con capacidad para 350 personas. Esta carpa se instaló en cuatro puntos de la ciudad de Feison, permaneciendo una semana en cada lugar. El desafío fue dar a conocer el mensaje de salvación y establecer la presencia de



la iglesia adventista en esta ciudad.

Bajo el liderazgo del director de obra misionera Honorio Rodríguez, la hermandad tuvo una participación activa, y todos estuvieron motivados al ver la obra del Espíritu en las numerosas visitas que se hicieron presentes en busca del mensaje de salvación. Se repartieron volantes, y se trabajó invitando a familiares, vecinos y amigos.

Como fruto de este esfuerzo, 15 personas

entregaron sus vidas a Cristo manifestándolo por medio del bautismo.

Con Dios Haremos Proezas en Wilson

La iglesia de Wilson, NC, organizó una semana de evangelismo que tuvo lugar desde el 18 al 24 de noviembre. El tema fue “Cristo Frente al Drama de la Humanidad,” y el orador fue el pastor Elías Sandoval.

La iglesia de Wilson trabajó arduamente invitando conocidos y repartiendo volantes, convencidos de que con la ayuda de Dios, se realizarían proezas en la ganancia de almas. La comisión misionera dirigida por Joel Velázquez fue minuciosa en la preparación de la campaña. El resultado de este trabajo de amor trajo 6 almas a la iglesia, y un grupo de personas que continúan estudiando la

Biblia.

Experimentando Bendiciones en Greenville

La iglesia de Greenville, NC, también organizó una cruzada de evangelismo titulada “Cristo Frente al Drama de la Humanidad” que se llevó a cabo entre el 25 de noviembre y el 1 de diciembre. El evento de evangelismo de siembra tuvo lugar en una carpa, que se instaló en un territorio de Greenville en el que aún no se había trabajado. El pastor Elías Sandoval fue el orador. Herlinda Alvarado, directora del departamento misionero fue la encargada de la organización de las reuniones. El resultado fue un hermoso grupo de personas que continúa estudiando la Palabra de Dios para seguir sus pasos en el sendero de la salvación.

—ELÍAS SANDOVAL,
PASTOR DEL DISTRITO

Florida Noticias

Inauguración del Nuevo Templo de Júpiter

El sábado 2 de febrero se inauguró el nuevo templo de la iglesia de Júpiter. Después de un largo período de ahorro, oración y planeamiento, el Señor permitió que se comprara un edificio muy cerca del mar, en un área en donde las propiedades están tasadas a altos precios, sin embargo, la negociación terminó en una reducción del 50% del precio original. Asistieron a

la ceremonia alrededor de 220 personas, además de los pastores Abel Paulín, Allan Machado, Vicmael Arroyo, pastor del distrito, e Isabel Ferrás, pastora laica de la iglesia.

Los miembros de la congregación están felices y animados.

Han trabajado en base a una visión para la iglesia y



Ceremonia de inauguración

tienen un plan estratégico al cual están dedicados con entusiasmo. El día de la inauguración se entregó el certificado del curso “La Fe de Jesús” a Juan López, quien fue instruido por Norma Ramírez, una joven recién bautizada que nació en la iglesia de Júpiter y ya es una misionera.

—IRMA GÓMEZ, ASISTENTE DEL
DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO

Explosión Juvenil

“Con semejante ejército de obreros como el que nuestros jóvenes bien preparados pueden proveer...”

El sábado 15 de diciembre, 400 jóvenes representantes de 12 congregaciones del área suroeste de Florida se reunieron en el “Recreation & Sports Center” de la ciudad de Immokalee, en su cita anual de “Explosión Juvenil”, un evento

diseñado para promover el potencial del ejército de jóvenes. El objetivo fue presentar una estrategia para impactar en la comunidad local. Se contó con la valiosa presencia de los pastores Pedro Pérez y Freddy Rodríguez, entre otros líderes de jóvenes de la asociación.

A través

de los mensajes, dramas, testimonios, música selecta y frecuentes momentos de oración intercesora, se buscó estimular los valores espirituales y morales de la juventud presente. El momento en que recordó el ministerio de David Piloto, pastor laico local quien falleciera semanas antes, fue solemne y emotivo.

En la tarde, los Conquistadores, escoltados

por “Adventist Motorcycle Ministry”, llevaron a cabo una parada por las calles de Immokalee invitando a la comunidad a llegarse hasta el estacionamiento de la iglesia local, donde se interactuó regalando juguetes, ropa y comida. La agrupación “Common Cause” alegró el encuentro con su música, y los jóvenes con un trato amable y una notable actitud de servicio.

“Explosión Juvenil” ha dado un mensaje claro de bienvenida a una Iglesia que ya tiene sus puertas abiertas. Es incuestionable el impacto que la juventud puede lograr en la comunidad cuando se entrega en la manos de Dios para servir a otros en su nombre



Cumbre de Oración

Más de 500 personas, miembros de diferentes iglesias de la asociación se dieron cita en la Cumbre de Oración que se llevó a cabo en la iglesia de Avon Park, FL, el 13 de enero. El orador invitado fue el pastor Joseph Kidder, profesor de la universidad

Andrews.

Este día fue dedicado a poner en oración los planes de evangelismo para el año 2013, las necesidades de la iglesia y de sus líderes, y pedidos personales que se presentaron en el momento. El motivo de oración más recurrente

a lo largo del día, fue el derramamiento del Espíritu Santo.

Se instruyó a los líderes en la tarea de hacer de cada iglesia una casa de oración. Los asistentes salieron con la firme decisión de tener una vida de oración intensa, que

haga su relación con el Señor más estrecha y les dé poder para cumplir con la misión que cada uno tiene en la vida.

—IRMA GÓMEZ, ASISTENTE DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO

Tornado Azota Hattiesburg

Como resultado del tornado que se desató el 10 de febrero en Hattiesburg, MS, uno de los miembros de la iglesia local sufrió graves daños en su casa móvil, quedando desprovisto de un lugar donde vivir. La iglesia de Hattiesburg abrió sus

puertas para albergarlo, y junto a él, 120 personas



cuyas viviendas también sufrieron daños. La



asociación y los miembros de iglesia donaron ropa y alimentos, y estas personas pudieron sentir el amor de Dios en medio de esta tragedia.

—MARIEL LOMBARDI,
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Trabajo en Nashville y Smyrna

Adaptándose al Contexto

Con el fin de alcanzar un mayor número de personas con el evangelio de salvación, se decidió usar un nuevo método de atracción para la campaña que se organizó en las iglesias de Nashville y Smyrna. Dicho método se probó con éxito en Guanajato, Méjico.

Debido a la tradición religiosa de la mayoría del público al que se dirigirían las invitaciones, el título que se eligió para la campaña fue “Los Siete Mensajes de la Virgen María”. En la dinámica se presentó a María declarando a Jesús como su Salvador, exhortando a la gente a “hacer lo que Jesús les diga” y guardando el sábado de acuerdo al cuarto mandamiento.

En la primera reunión se contó con 26 visitas, y el número fue aumentando en las siguientes noches, terminando con una asistencia de 92 visitas.

Aunque no se hicieron llamados, 8 personas fueron bautizadas, y se organizaron 10 hogares de oración y estudio de la Biblia. Luego se lanzó una campana de quince días, a la que asistieron 122 visitas, y se bautizaron 15 personas.

Los hermanos están entusiasmados luego de esta experiencia. Se los insta a que en sus visitas misioneras, siempre que lo vean necesario, lleven una Biblia de versión católica a fin de que los interesados



que practican este credo se sientan cómodos. También se sugiere que presenten “Los Siete Mensajes de la Virgen María”, seguidos de la serie “La Fe de Jesús”. La idea es alcanzar a las personas en donde se encuentran. Dicho en las palabras de Pablo, “Me he hecho a los judíos, como judío para ganar a los judíos; a los que están sujetos a la ley (aunque yo no estoy sujeto a la ley) como sujeto a la ley para ganar a los que están sujetos a la ley...me he hecho débil a los débiles para ganar a los débiles; a todos me he hecho de todo para que de todos modos salve a algunos. Y esto hago por causa del evangelio.... 1 Cor 9:20, 22, 23

Investidura en Nashville

Como cierre de las actividades del 2012, las iglesias de Nashville y Smyrna se unieron en la



ceremonia de investidura de sus clubes de Conquistadores. Al evento se hicieron presentes el coordinador de los clubes del área, y el director de jóvenes de la asociación, pastor Ken Wetmore. Recibieron la investidura 47 Conquistadores, 35 Aventureros, 13 Corderitos y 14 Castorcitos. La corona de la ceremonia fue el bautismo en el que 8 niños entregaron sus vidas a Jesús.

Cabe destacar el esmerado trabajo realizado por los líderes de los clubes, quienes están seriamente comprometidos en la tarea de llevar a esos niños a los pies de Jesús.

—CARLOS PINTO, PASTOR
DEL DISTRITO

Entrenamiento para Líderes



Efraín Poloche, Kathy Hernández, Roger Hernández



Desfile de las iglesias

El 18 y 19 de enero se realizó el primer entrenamiento para líderes al que asistieron los 200 dirigentes de todas la iglesias del estado de Georgia, y laicos de la iglesia de Gastonia, NC. El orador fue el pastor Roger Hernández, director del departamento ministerial de la Unión del Sur (Southern Union

Conference).

Bajo la sigla LEAD (Liderazgo, Evangelismo, A cuentas, Diversidad) Hernández entregó un material de apoyo a cada participante y los desafió a usarlo en cada iglesia. Kathy, su esposa y directora asociada del departamento que Hernández lidera, se encargó de la inscripción

y la entrega de materiales para cada asistente. El compromiso con que los asistentes regresaron a sus hogares fue de abrir dos congregaciones durante el 2013.

El pastor Efraín Poloche fue el organizador del evento. El almuerzo estuvo a cargo de Xiomara Poloche, Olga Quintiana y la la hermana Yepez, y

la música fue presentada por un cantante de Puerto Rico y la esposa del pastor Henríquez.

—EFRAÍN POLOCHE,
DIRECTOR DEL
DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO

Campamento de Invierno

Antonio Pereira dirigió el campamento de invierno para Conquistadores que se llevó a cabo del 15 al 17 de febrero. Los asistentes recibieron honores y participaron de actividades planeadas para la ocasión. A pesar de las bajas temperaturas, estuvieron presentes varios clubes de Georgia y las Carolinas.

—EFRAÍN POLOCHE,
DIRECTOR DEL
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El Jardín de Dios

La iglesia Éfeso en Miami, disfrutó de un evento de reavivamiento en el que la semilla de la verdad

y el gozo llenaron las vidas espirituales de los asistentes. El pastor de la iglesia, Arnaldo Cruz, quien es también evangelista a nivel internacional, fue quien presentó los temas que se basaron en la parábola del buen sembrador.

Cada noche se analizó uno de los terrenos en los que cae la semilla



del evangelio, como los presenta la parábola, adaptados a la realidad en la que se vive. La iglesia fue decorada como un hermoso jardín donde cada noche el sembrador salía a compartir mensajes de esperanza. “Esta ambientación y el poder escuchar la Palabra de Dios, hizo que

las enseñanzas queden grabadas en nuestras mentes” dijo Florian Dixon, anciano de la iglesia. Jóvenes, adultos y niños se gozaron junto al pastor Cruz en esta semana de reavivamiento. “Quedó demostrado que la iglesia esta deseosa de que se abra la Palabra de Dios con gozo, creatividad,

respeto, convicción y poder” expresó la Sra. Maritza López, tesorera de la iglesia.

Se animó a las congregaciones que asistieron a convertir sus lugares de adoración en centros de sanidad, donde los corazones puedan ser atraídos a la Palabra de Dios, que bajo la influencia del Espíritu Santo, causará una transformación en la vida del creyente que hará que su terreno produzca “a 30, 60 y a ciento por uno.”

—ARNALDO CRUZ,
PASTOR DE LA IGLESIA



Southern Union Noticias

Festival de Laicos, Lanzamiento de “Impacto 2013”

El centro de conferencias Lake Yale en Leesburg, FL, fue el escenario del festival de laicos de la unión que se llevó a cabo del 8-10 de febrero. Desde los 8 estados que comprende la unión, más de 1,500 personas delegados de más de 300 congregaciones del territorio, llegaron para ampliar su capacitación en métodos que los hagan más eficientes en la ganancia de conocidos para Cristo. Los oradores fueron los pastores Alejandro Bullón, evangelista internacional, y Pedro Ledezma, de Arkansas.

El día jueves, los pastores tuvieron una reunión con Alejandro Bullón, y recibieron instrucciones sobre el plan evangélico que se presentaría a los delegados laicos desde el viernes hasta el domingo. El plan fue denominado “Impacto 2013,” y fue confeccionado por los pastores Alejandro Bullón, Jorge Mayer, y los coordinadores de las 8 asociaciones que comprende la Unión. Está inspirado en los procesos de la naturaleza, y consta de tres partes: siembra, cultivo y cosecha. Responde a la necesidad de llenar

ciertos vacíos en los planes de ganancia de almas. Hasta el momento, las iglesias habían concentrado sus esfuerzos en las etapas de siembra y cosecha, pero no se había hecho hincapié en la etapa del cultivo, que es esencial para que la cosecha se lleve a cabo con éxito. Aparte de los numerosos seminarios, se ofrecieron materiales que los participantes pudieron llevar consigo a sus congregaciones.

El cronograma de “Impacto 2013” fue presentado a los asistentes de la siguiente forma: SIEMBRA. Esta etapa

comenzó con un día de ayuno y oración en las iglesias. Se formaron parejas de oración. La idea es que los integrantes de las parejas oren el uno por el otro, y oren por las personas por las que están trabajando. Este apoyo se refuerza con llamados telefónicos entre los miembros de las parejas, en los que se comparten testimonios del avance de las experiencias misioneras. La etapa de siembra culminó el 23 de febrero, o 3 de marzo fecha en la que comienza el período de CULTIVO. Este período se lanzó con un programa especial, que se inauguró

con el paso de una antorcha como emblema de la propuesta “Impacto 2013.”

Durante el programa se mostró un video en el que Alejandro Bullón y el director hispano de la asociación local explicaron los objetivos del plan a cada congregación. Se compartieron testimonios de lo que Dios está haciendo por las personas por la que se trabajó en la etapa de siembra, y un mensaje centrado en el círculo de amor con el que Dios desea rodear a sus hijos, y la importancia de que cada iglesia conduzca a las personas dentro de ese círculo. El mundo se encuentra en el círculo del “des-amor.” Allí es donde existen el odio, los asesinatos, la soledad, la desesperación, las drogas, el alcoholismo, la infidelidad, la prostitución, el homosexualismo. Las personas que viven en ese círculo no son felices, y ese no es el plan de Dios para sus hijos. Los actos de bondad atraen a esas personas al círculo de amor.

Durante esta etapa, las iglesias tendrán un altar de intercesión que se encenderá en cada reunión en el momento en que se ore por los nombres traídos por las parejas de oración.

Los cultos de mitad de semana son de oración y testimonio. Se ora por los interesados y se comparten experiencias y milagros que suceden en la vida de las personas por las que se está orando. Como instrucción práctica, se llevarán a cabo seminarios virtuales en los que se darán respuestas a preguntas de los asistentes al festival de laicos. Estos tendrán lugar los domingos 21 de abril, 9 de junio, 18 de agosto, y 15 de septiembre, a partir de las 10am hora del este, y tendrán una duración de no más de 2 horas.

Quienes tengan acceso a Facebook (impacto 2013; Facebook/impacto13) pueden hacer un clic en “like” y recibirán información periódica y actualizada. De esta forma también se habilitará la oportunidad de subir fotos y noticias del progreso

de Impacto 2013 en cada iglesia.

Como refuerzo a este plan de amor, se sugiere se invite a los amigos interesados para los “Pot-lucks” o cualquier oportunidad social de la iglesia. Es importante que estas ocasiones se utilicen para entablar amistad con ellos, en lugar de relacionarse únicamente con aquellos a quienes ya se conoce y con los que se tiene afinidad. El trato amoroso será una forma de hacer que las personas deseen asistir a las reuniones.

Cada iglesia tiene una comisión de recepción, que está formada por jóvenes amables, genuinamente interesados en dar una impresión positiva a los asistentes, especialmente a los amigos interesados. Se sugirió a la comisión que de ser posible se reciba a las visitas saludándolas por sus nombres. Se organizarán clases bautismales, a las que los interesados vendrán con el miembro de iglesia que esté trabajando por ellos, con el objetivo de que

se sientan cómodos y en confianza.

La etapa de COSECHA se llevará a cabo del 5-12 de octubre, y constará de una campaña final que tendrá lugar en cada congregación, cuyos predicadores serán en su mayoría laicos que asistieron al festival.

El programa impacto fue muy bien recibido por quienes participaron en el festival de laicos.

Fueron inspiradores algunos de los testimonios recogidos, como el de María Anglero:

“Llevo 2 años en la Fe. Dios es Maravilloso, este Festival de Laicos ha sido mi primera experiencia y me voy con regocijo, llena del amor de Dios. Esta ha sido una oportunidad para renovar mis votos con él.” Joel Hernandez dijo: “Fue una bendición el haber convivido con cientos de hermanos en Cristo. Que Dios bendiga el proyecto impacto 2013, dando sabiduría a cada uno de los laicos que participen. ¡VAMOS ADELANTE, CRISTO VIENE PRONTO!”

Cabe destacar la excelente labor de Ivette Figueroa, asistente del departamento hispano de la Unión. Su buena disposición y organización fueron importantes componentes del éxito de este evento.

Agradecemos la presencia de Dios durante este hermoso fin de semana espiritual.

—MARIEL LOMBARDI,
EDITORA



Fin de Semana de Orígenes. Southern Resalta la Creación Bíblica

El científico creacionista Doctor Robert Carter fue el orador principal de la Serie E.O. Grundset, el 24 de enero, la cual dio inicio al fin de semana de Orígenes, un evento anual que resalta la importancia de los orígenes de la humanidad en relación con la fe.

Carter es un científico que trabaja para Creation Ministries International (CMI), un grupo de ministerios no asociados con ninguna denominación en particular, cuya labor es proclamar y defender la autoridad de la Biblia en referencia a la creación. “Como científico mi objetivo es demostrar que el libro de Génesis es una historia real. Con esto no quiero decir que adapto mis conclusiones a una noción preconcebida. Por el contrario, pruebo los datos para ver si apuntan en una dirección diferente a la de mis creencias.” dijo Carter. “Al tener un punto de partida diferente, a menudo entretengo preguntas que un evolucionista estricto no consideraría.”

Este fin de semana especial también incluyó un seminario sobre orígenes con los departamentos de biología y religión, y una reunión de la Sociedad Teológica Adventista con la presentación “Evolución y la Apostasía Omega,” por Lucinda Hall, profesora del departamento de biología.

Además de eventos como este, Southern comparte las evidencias



P La Universidad Adventista de Southern transformó los pasillos del Departamento de Biología a una Exposición de Orígenes, con secciones interactivas dedicadas a la complejidad de la célula, las columnas geológicas, y el diseño inteligente.

de la creación más allá del campus a través de proyectos y actividades externas. Recientemente, ocho profesores contribuyeron en una serie de textos de ciencia llamados By Design. Los mismos serán publicados por la División Norteamericana, para el uso de las escuelas adventistas, desde 1- 8 grados. Escuelas cristianas de otras denominaciones también han expresado interés. Estos libros de texto se dividen en cuatro secciones: La Vida, Ciencia Física, La Tierra/El Espacio, y El Cuerpo.

Varios profesores de Southern han participado en este proyecto escribiendo para la edición del maestro, conectando los conocimientos de ciencia del capítulo con los principios de la creación bíblica. Rick Norskov, profesor del

departamento de biología, escribió una introducción que compara la creación de proteínas de una célula con la creación de burritos de un restaurante, y muestra cómo algo tan complejo es el resultado de un diseño. “Tengo un interés evidente en la enseñanza y me gusta usar ilustraciones conectadas con la vida común para explicar un punto,” dijo Norskov. Carol Raney, coordinadora del currículo de orígenes para el departamento de biología, dijo, “me siento privilegiada por ser parte de este proyecto. Es importante ayudar a los niños a comprender que hay evidencia científica que indica la existencia de un Creador.”

Con la inauguración de la exhibición de Orígenes en el departamento de

biología el año pasado, las discusiones del grupo interdisciplinario de Fe y Ciencia en el campus, y el estudio de las teorías de orígenes en el salón de clases, Southern muestra claramente su compromiso y el de la iglesia adventista con el creacionismo.

“El mundo que nos rodea es en gran parte pro-evolución, y no estamos expuestos a interpretaciones alternativas de estudios científicos,” dijo Tim Trott, profesor del departamento de biología. “Existen científicos reconocidos que no se aferran a la teoría de evolución. Los estudiantes deben saber que hay dos caras, y queremos mostrarles el otro punto de vista.”

—INGRID HERNÁNDEZ,
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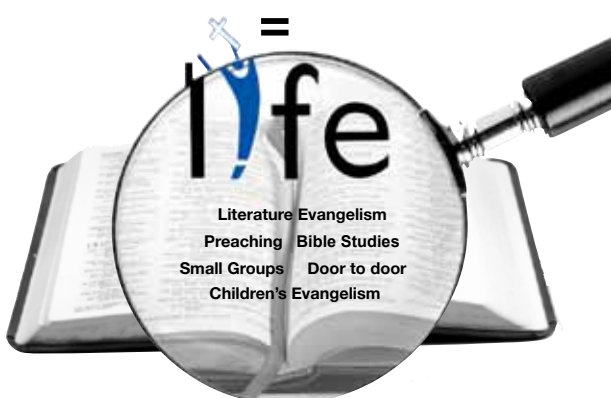
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Carolina

Church Planting Rally – April 6. University City Church.

Community Service Training – April 6. Lincoln Church.

Adventure Fun Day – April 7. NPR.

Women's Retreat – April 19-21. Lambuth Inn, Lake Junaluska.

Children's Sabbath School Workshop (Spanish) – April 21. Charlotte Spanish Church. Details: 704-596-3200.

Pathfinder Mountain Region Campout – May 3-5. Briar Bottom Campground.

Pathfinder Piedmont Area Campout – May 3-5. Details: 704-596-3200.

MPA Graduation – May 18-19.

ACBC Closed for Camp Meeting set up – May 19-25.

Pathfinder/Adventurer Award Ceremony – June 1. Lake Junaluska-Stewart Auditorium.

ACBC Closed (for inventory) – June 2-4.

ShareHim Campaign – July 12-27. El Salvador.

Adult Sabbath School Teacher Training – July 26-28. NPR.

Master Guide Campout – July 26-28. NPR.

Florida

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May 11. Umatilla.
June 8. Buenaventura Lakes Spanish.
June 15. Bradmore Spanish.
July 20. Fort Myers Spanish.
July 27. Naples Spanish.
Aug. 17. Cooper City in Hollywood.
Aug. 24. Margate.
Sept. 21. West Palm Beach Spanish.
Sept. 28. Fort Lauderdale.
Oct. 26. Northwest Miami Spanish.

Spanish-language Singles Retreat – May 23-26. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Cost, depending on accommodation choice: \$114-\$130 for two nights, five meals, or \$142-\$170 for three nights, seven meals. Registration: <http://www.campkulaqua.com/>. Details: rebeca.delosrios@floridaconference.com, 321-439-1321, or 407-6440-5000 x138.

Edible Schoolyard Academy – June 12-13. Orlando Junior Academy. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Two days of discussions and activities to help you build your own garden and cooking curriculum customized to your resources, needs, and ability, integrating principles of health and nutrition. Presented by Chef Sarah Cahill, Chef Kevin Fonzo, and Garden Coordinator Brad Jones. Cost: \$300, includes breakfast and lunch. Details: sarah@sarahcahill.net or 407-898-1251.

Georgia-Cumberland

Sweetwater Church Community Guest Day – April 13. All are welcomed to join the Sabbath celebration. Keynote speaker: Lonnie Melashenko, former Voice of Prophecy speaker/director. Services begin at 9:30 a.m. Lunch is for everyone. Details: Call Tessa at 770-906-6058. Address: 3630 Humphries Hill Road, Austell, GA. 30106.

Family Ministries Training – April 13, 14. Conference Office, Calhoun, GA.

Pathfinder Camporee – April 19-21. Cohutta Springs Youth Camp. Crandall, GA.

Online registration for events available: www.registration.gccsda.com.

Health Rallies

April 20. Standifer Gap Church. Chattanooga, TN.

April 27. Bristol Church. Bristol, TN.

May 18. Bowman Hills Church. Cleveland, TN.

Cohutta Springs Foundation Retreat – April 26-27. Crandall, GA.

Prayer Ministries Day – May 4. Conyers Church. Conyers, GA.

Personal Ministries Rally – May 11. Knoxville, TN.

Hispanic Marriage Retreat – May 17-19. Location to be determined.

Academy Graduations
May 18. AAA & GCA.
May 19. Collegedale.

Gulf States

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Outdoor School – April 8-11. Camp Alamisco.

Executive Committee-Budget Analysis and Statistics – April 9.

Spring Motorcycle Ride – April 13, 14.

Pathfinders Take a City – April 18-21.

Adventurers Family Weekend – April 26-28.

Bass Memorial Academy Days – April 26-28.

ShareHim – May 3, 4. Camp Alamisco.

Kentucky-Tennessee

Highland Academy Days – April 12, 13.

Discipleship Conference – April 12-14.

Pastors/Elders' Retreat – April 19-21.

Board of Education – May 2.

Conference Executive Committee – May 7.

Highland/Madison Academy Boards – May 9.

Academy Graduations
May 18. Madison.
May 19. Highland.

Southern Union

ASI Southern Union Spring Conference – April 11-13. Northwest GA Trade & Convention Center. Dalton, GA. Details: www.asisouthernunion.com. Call to register or exhibit: 404-299-1832, x449.

Announcements

Washington Adventist University Alumni Weekend – April 12-14. www.wau.edu/ alumni or call 301-891-4133 for details.

Southern Singles Ministries Welcome Spring Party – April 13. Don Howe's Farm, 6 p.m. Details: avocadofiddler@gmail.com or 423-243-4001.

Oklahoma Academy Days – April 19-21. Details: 405-454-6211 or www.oklahoamaacademy.org.

La Sierra University Homecoming – April 19-21. Details: Julie Narducci, alumni@lasierra.edu, 951-785-2578.

La Sierra Academy Alumni Weekend – April 26-28. 951-351-1445, x244, jnelson@lsak12.com.

Broadview Academy Alumni Weekend – April 26, 27. N. Aurora, IL SDA Church. Details: Ed Gutierrez, edjulie1@att.net or 630-232-9034.

Sunset

	Apr. 5	Apr. 12	Apr. 19	Apr. 26	May 3	May 10
Atlanta, GA	7:59	8:05	8:10	8:15	8:21	8:26
Charleston, SC	7:41	7:46	7:51	7:56	8:01	8:06
Charlotte, NC	7:46	7:52	7:57	8:03	8:09	8:14
Collegedale, TN	8:03	8:08	8:14	8:20	8:25	8:31
Huntsville, AL	7:09	7:14	7:20	7:25	7:30	7:36
Jackson, MS	7:22	7:27	7:31	7:36	7:41	7:46
Louisville, KY	8:07	8:14	8:21	8:27	8:34	8:40
Memphis, TN	7:22	7:28	7:34	7:39	7:45	7:51
Miami, FL	7:38	7:42	7:45	7:48	7:52	7:55
Montgomery, AL	7:06	7:11	7:16	7:21	7:26	7:31
Nashville, TN	7:10	7:16	7:22	7:28	7:34	7:40
Orlando, FL	7:44	7:48	7:52	7:56	8:00	8:05
Wilmington, NC	7:34	7:39	7:44	7:50	7:55	8:01

Camp Meetings 2013 Schedule

CAROLINA

Portions of Camp Meeting will be viewable at www.carolinasda.org
Hispanic.....May 10-12.....Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, SC
English.....May 26-June 1.....**Theme: United and Ignited**.....Lake Junaluska, NC
Speakers: Ron Smith, Ted Wilson, John Bradshaw, Yves Monnier, Tom Evans, Donna & Rod Willey, and Agatha Thrash
Musical Guest: In Spirit-Men's Chorus
Eastern Carolina.....Sept. 29.....**Theme: United and Ignited**.....Greenville, NC, Church
Speaker: TBD
Low Country Camp Meeting.....Oct. 5.....**Theme: United and Ignited**.....Summerville, SC, Church
Speaker: Roger Hernandez

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Korean.....May 17-19.....Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA
Collegedale.....May 22-25. **Theme: Good News**.....Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, TN
Wednesday/Thursday Speaker: Brad Thorp
Friday night/ Sabbath morning Speaker: Dana Edmonds
Olde Time.....June 6-9.....**Theme: Forgiveness**.....Deer Lodge, TN
Speaker: Chet Damron
Hispanic.....June 7-9.....Georgia Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, GA
Southern Deaf Fellowship.....July 31-Aug. 4.....**Theme: Growing in Christ During the Last Days**.....
 Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA
Speaker: Church McGehee
Northeast Tennessee.....Oct. 4, 5.....The Oaks, Greenville, TN
Speaker: Ron Halvorsen Jr.

GULF STATES

May 26-June 2.....**Theme: Jesus, the Good Shepherd**.....Bass Memorial Academy, Lumberton, MS
Speaker 1st Sabbath: John Bradshaw
Sabbath afternoon concert: Larry Ford
Evenings/ Monday-Friday: Mic Thurber
Speaker 2nd Sabbath: Richard Halvorsen

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

English.....May 24-June 1.....**Theme: Go Light Your World**.....Highland Academy, Portland, TN
Speakers/Seminar Presenters: Shawn Boonstra, Kieth Noll, Ed Reid, Bill Richardson, Philip Samaan, River Jordan, Gail McKenzie, and Don Morgan
Hispanic.....June 7, 8.....Highland Academy, Portland, TN
Speaker: Stephen Bohr

SOUTH ATLANTIC

June 6-15.....**Theme: Grace Through Every Generation: Remembering, Rejoicing, Rededication**.....River
 Oaks Campground, Orangeburg, SC
Speakers: MyRon Edmonds and Jose Rojas

SOUTH CENTRAL

Latino.....May 23-26.....Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL
Korean & Haitian.....May 31-June 2.....Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL
English.....May 31-June 8.....Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL

SOUTHEASTERN

English.....June 20-29.....**Theme: TBD**.....Hawthorne, FL
Youth Pavilion.....June 20-29.....**Theme: TBD**.....Hawthorne, FL
Haitian.....July 3-6.....**Theme: TBD**.....Hawthorne, FL
Hispanic Convocation.....TBD.....**Theme: TBD**.....South Florida

Summer Camps 2013 Schedule

CAROLINA

Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, SC
 [Register online at www.nosoca.org]
Traditional Camps
 Adventure.....June 9-16
 Junior Camp.....June 16-23
 Teen.....June 23-30
Specialty Camps
 SIT Camp.....June 2-14
 Horsemanship I.....June 9-16
 Water Sports.....June 9-16
 Cowboy.....July 16-23
 Horseback Mountain Trip.....July 21-28
 Family Camp.....July 1-5

FLORIDA

Camp Kulaqua, High Springs, FL
 [Details: <http://summercamp.campkulaqua.com/>]
 Horsemanship Week (ages 10-14).....June 2-9
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9).....June 2-9
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9).....June 9-16
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9).....June 16-23
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12).....June 2-9
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12).....June 9-16
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12).....June 16-23
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16).....June 2-9
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16).....June 9-16
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16).....June 16-23
 Staff in Training (ages 16-18).....(2-week track).....June 9-23
 Family Camp.....Aug. 30-Sept. 2

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Cohutta Springs Adventist Center, Crandall, GA
 [Details: www.cs-yc.com]
 Camp Staff Training.....May 23-June 1
 Junior I (ages 10-12).....June 2-9
 Golf Camp I (ages 13-17).....June 2-9
 Paintball Camp I (ages 13-17).....June 2-9
 Rock Climbing Camp (ages 13-17).....June 2-9
 Fit for Life I (ages 10-13).....June 2-21
 Junior II (ages 10-12).....June 9-16
 Mountain Bike Trip (ages 13-17).....June 9-16
 Paintball Camp II (ages 13-17).....June 9-16
 Skateboard Camp (ages 13-17).....June 9-16
 S.I.T. Camp (ages 15+).....June 9-16
 Adventure Camp (ages 7-9).....June 16-21
 Paintball Camp III (ages 13-17).....June 16-23
 RAD Horse Trip (ages 13-17).....June 16-23
 Wakeboard Camp I (ages 13-17).....June 16-23
 C.I.T. Camp (ages 15+).....June 16-23
 Tween / Pathfinder Honors (ages 12-13).....June 23-30
 Ultimate RAD Camp (ages 13-17).....June 23-30
 Fit for Life II (ages 13-17).....June 23-July 14
 Teen I (ages 13-17).....June 30-July 7
 Rock Solid I (ages 16-18).....June 30-July 7
 Basketball Camp (ages 13-17).....June 30-July 7
 Rock Solid Basketball Camp (ages 16-18).....June 30-July 7
 Whitewater/Kayak Camp (ages 13-17).....June 30-July 7
 Gym-Masters Camp (ages 13-17).....June 30-July 7
 Gym-Masters Day Camp (ages 7-17).....July 1-5
 Teen II (ages 13-17).....July 7-14
 Rock Solid II (ages 16-18).....July 7-14
 Golf Camp II (ages 13-17).....July 7-14
 Soccer Camp (ages 13-17).....July 7-14
 Wakeboard Camp II (ages 13-17).....July 7-14
 Surf Camp (ages 13-17).....July 14-21
 Family Camp (all ages).....July 16-21
 W.I.T. Camp (ages 15+).....Every week, June 2-July 14

GULF STATES

Camp Alamisco, Dadeville, AL
 [Details: www.Alamisco.org]
 Camp Alamisco Staff Week.....May 26-June 1
 Adventure Camp (ages 7-10).....June 2-9
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12).....June 9-16
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16).....June 16-23
 Native American Camp.....June 24-28
 Family Camp (all ages).....July 1-7

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Indian Creek Camp, Liberty, TN
 Blind Camp/SIT (mixed ages).....June 9-16
 Tween Camp (ages 12-14).....June 16-23
 Teen Camp (ages 14-17).....June 23-30
 Family Camp I (all ages).....July 2-7
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9).....July 7-14
 Extreme Camp (ages 13-17).....July 7-14
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12).....July 14-21
 Family Camp II (all ages).....July 21-28

SOUTH ATLANTIC

River Oaks Campground, Orangeburg, SC
 Junior Bible/Summer Camp (ages 8-17).....June 23-30

SOUTH CENTRAL

Camp Thunderbird, Chattanooga, TN
 Camp Orientation.....June 3-5
 Camp "Kids Rock" (ages 6-12).....June 16-22
 Ultimate Sports Camp (ages 8-17).....June 23-29
 Extreme Team Camp (ages 13-17).....June 23-29
 Conference Camporee.....July 18-21

SOUTHEASTERN

Southeastern Conference Campground, Hawthorne, FL
 Junior/Summer Camp.....TBD

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