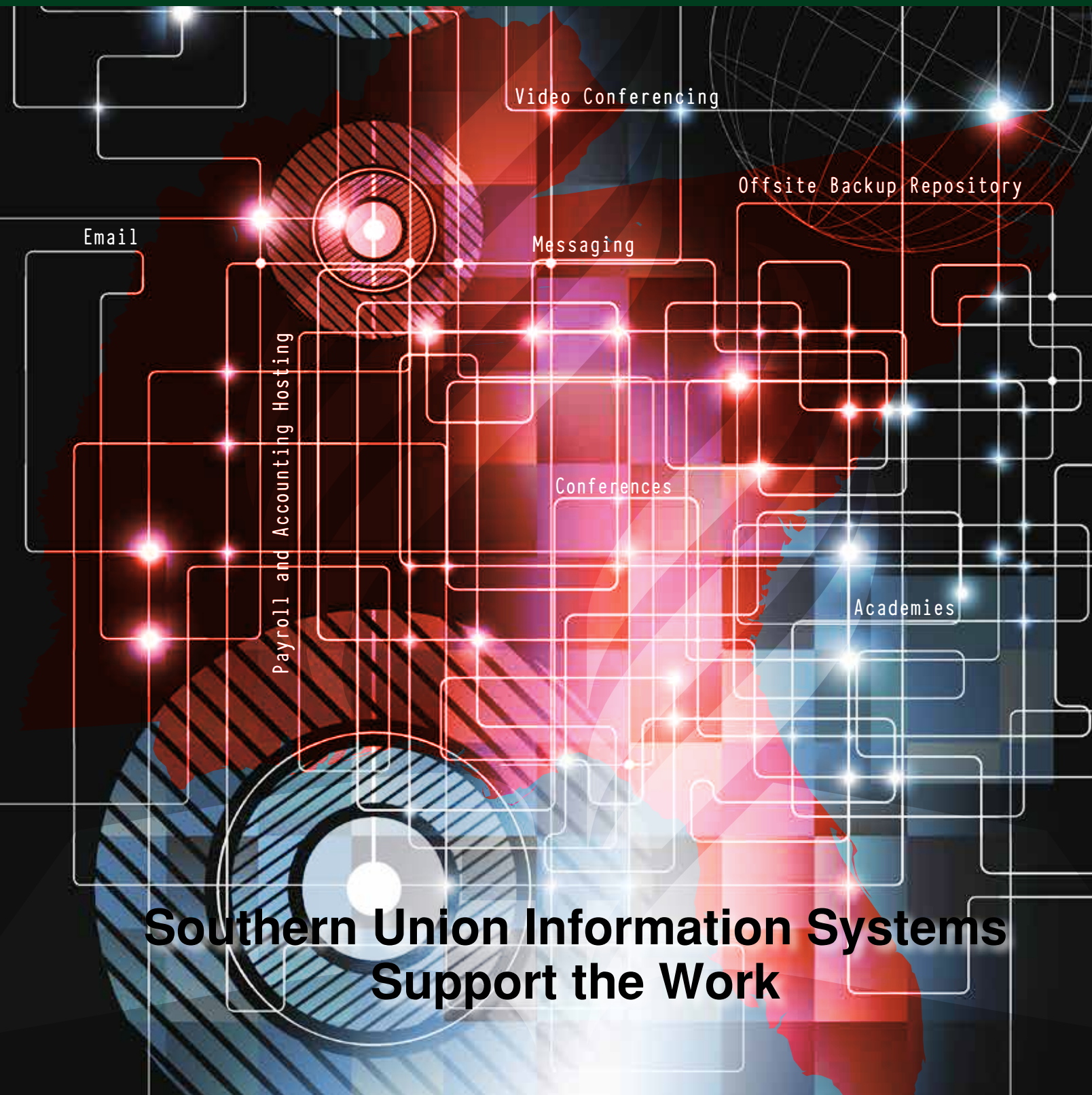


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Fortifying Life Through Youth Power

A life that is not built right in the beginning will not be fortified to its maximum potential. The most effective way of avoiding a meaningless, empty, and wasted lifetime is discovering a spiritual relationship in the formative years. That is Solomon's prescription for a fulfilling and productive life.

Solomon explored all the detours — wealth, power, education, government, partying, eating, sex, and indulgence. He examined every alternative. He tested them all in the laboratory of personal experience. He declares them all to be “vanity and vexation of spirit.” When the chase is finished, the net result is nothing at all.

The world's greatest player says, “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil,” Ecclesiastes 12: 13, 14.

The elements of morals, reputation, manners, and present and future prospects of the youth of our nation are still with us today. They may be discussed, but they cannot be dismissed. There can be no reality without reverence and respect. We are dealing with the same human nature that Solomon reviewed.

Solomon chooses an important word: “remember.” God and His commandments are not a social study. The Ten Commandments are more than traffic safety rules. Remember — “Thou shalt not steal.” Remember — “Honor thy father and thy mother.” Make it a pattern of living.

“Remember thy Creator!” Bring to mind His Word. Fix habits of church attendance and Christian involvement. Treat every muscle, every organ, every faculty of your body as an instrument of righteousness.

I remember that one plus one equals two, and five times five is 25. And because I remember, I cannot be dishonest with figures. The mathematical computations I learned as a youth will not allow me to do so.

The knowledge of God must serve as a comparable foundation. Perhaps the early journey of a human being can begin with elementary school teachers tying the works of nature to God. My parents must associate the rules of the family with Him. The Congress and House of Representatives of my country strengthen my confidence in Him. I must learn that money, popularity, pride, and power are useless without His presence to establish value and relationship.

You cannot ignore it. Just like a boy's voice changes and hair appears on his chin, and girls stop playing with dolls — so the moment of accountability appears to every life. It is during this youth power segment of development that lifelong decisions are intended to be made. The next few words of this text are often pondered: “... while the evil days come not.” It is strange! We can hardly wait to be grown, and away from home, and on our own.

Many a soldier in warfare is remembering. Yesterday, the only problem was how to borrow the car for the weekend date or outing. Today, he or she faces ambush and an enemy that keeps coming. Yesterday, the only ache he knew was a hunger for mama's hot biscuits and baked sweet potato. Now, he knows the wounds and lacerations of war — the pain of break and amputation.

It all comes so suddenly — a world of death, desertion, disappointment, and disease. The perspective is never the same. Opinions are biased. Ideals are warped. Thoughts become cynical. Experiences breed bitterness. Hopes wither. We are introduced to loneliness and separation.

What can hold us? Youth is on your side. It provides a temporary respite, “while the evil days come not.” That is the time to fortify yourself by building yourself.

To say that God has given us more time than is necessary would implicate His wisdom. To say He has given less would impeach His goodness. So, use every moment for good at the earliest possible time. “Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near,” Isaiah 55:6.



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Southern Union Information Systems Support the Work

BY RICHARD STEPHENSON



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Andy Russell (right), SUIS summer intern, talks with Richard Stephenson (center), SUIS director, about a technology matter as David Koliadko (left), SUIS accounting support engineer; Milton Sand, SUIS associate director; and Leonard Fernandez, SUIS support engineer, look on.

Acts chapter 6 gives us an intriguing glimpse into the early church's organizational formation. Scripture tells us that as the early Church grew in numbers, it became increasingly necessary to more efficiently organize the Work. Assignment of responsibilities ensued, freeing the disciples to preach and teach the Word of God, while the internal support needs of the church could be met by a team of deacons. Ellen G. White tells us that this con-

solidation of the Work resulted in a much more efficient operation of the Church, allowing the disciples to focus on reaching the lost, without encumbering them with the ongoing support needs of the Church. It was in this context that we are introduced to Stephen, the so-called first deacon of the Church.

We could say that Stephen was assigned the work of supporting the Work! Much of what Stephen and the other deacons did was 'behind

the scenes' support, perhaps unnoticed by many. But, we are assured that his service and support to the Church was service to Christ. Paul reinforces this idea in 1 Corinthians 12:5, 6: "There are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. There are different kinds of [Church] work, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work." Whether we are the head, the hand, or the foot, Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 12 that all are vital to the Gospel! The work

of supporting the Work is part and parcel of the ministry of Christ! What an example Stephen left of meeting the internal, everyday support needs of the Church.

The Southern Union Information Systems (SUIS) Department strives to follow this example, and exists for just such a reason, to serve the internal needs of the Church, so that pastors, teachers, administrators, and staff can dedicate themselves to preaching, teaching, and governance in His Church. Our ministry is to aid and support the ministry, just as Stephen did in the early Church. We exist to concurrently serve the Southern Union office and its personnel, but also, and more broadly, to serve the eight conferences and their respective senior academies. This latter responsibility increasingly represents the bulk of our work. Five years ago, 70 percent of our work consisted of serving the local Southern Union (SU) office personnel. Today, approximately 70 percent of our work is supporting and partnering with the eight conferences and their senior academies.

During the past five years, our mandate by Southern Union administration has been to consolidate resources and operations that may be needlessly duplicated across the Union. We have taken the opportunity to co-locate at the Southern Union datacenter many operations that were formerly reproduced across the field. We have built a full Southern Union Private Cloud hosting environment for use by our SU conferences and their academies. The SU Private Cloud includes 80-plus virtual servers running on top of highly available hypervisors stretched across three geographic locations. These resources support the various ministries of the Southern Union, as well as the ministries of the conferences. It is unlike the public cloud, where Church data would be stored alongside other unknown



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companies in a shared environment. The Southern Union has resisted outsourcing the conferences and academies employee data in any shared environment. Accordingly, all services that we provide are locally hosted, locally managed, and locally secured. By hosting all of these resources locally, it allows us to maintain ownership and control of Church data, without relinquishing it to third-party companies. We

just a few of the services that SUIS provide to the conferences and their academies.

Payroll and Accounting hosting.

The SUIS Department currently hosts 23 entity instances of payroll and accounting software for various SU conferences and academies. We provide both the software hosting (with all the software running in the Southern Union datacenter) as well as its support for the respective treasury departments. This means that while payroll and accounting is, of course, all still managed by the local conference, the software is actually running from the SU datacenter. We manage and maintain all backups, and we replicate this data to two of the conferences for offsite retention and for disaster recovery purposes. This frees the local entity



The SUIS team includes Andy Russell (left), summer intern; Milton Sand, associate director; Richard Stephenson, director; David Koliadko, accounting support engineer; and Leonard Fernandez, support engineer

believe there are many other opportunities for partnership with the conferences that will provide value and efficiencies to the ministries they provide, and we are eagerly pursuing those. What follows are

from bearing the cost of maintaining accounting software, hardware, licensing, and support. It also saves the conferences and academies from the time and expense of managing and maintaining backups, monitor-

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ing security and access control, and providing redundant system access. By the time this article is published, we will be processing payroll for more than 4,000 individuals, including pastors, teachers, administra-

ture, private video conferencing for its eight conferences and senior academies, as well as to Southern Adventist University. We launched this service last summer, and we have had tremendous response from

services for one of the senior academies using our locally hosted video conferencing solution. We have remotely connected with dozens of teachers across the territory in a pioneering effort led by Jim Ingersoll, Southern Union associate director for secondary education. This past school year Ingersoll and his staff conducted all of their secondary teacher in-services using the Southern Union's conferencing solution. This is a tremendous cost savings in travel for the schools and conferences.



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Milton Sand (left), associate director, and Richard Stephenson, director, upgrade hardware.

tors, and the staff at the churches, schools, education centers, daycares, and administrative offices scattered across the territory. We provide these services at no cost to the Southern Union entities.

Email and Messaging. SUIS provides secure, private email for nearly 600 conference administrators, teachers, pastors, and students. All email is locally hosted in the private Southern Union datacenter, within the SU Private Cloud. We provide full Microsoft Exchange and Outlook hosting for the participating conferences and academies. We are excited that we can offer this service at no cost to the Southern Union entities. Once again, this saves our participating conferences and academies from purchasing and maintaining their own email and messaging systems, and the associated hardware, software, licensing, and support costs.

Video Conferencing. Our department makes available se-

the field. Through this initiative, we help provide distance education

offsite backups of their data, and to even stand up their entire network,



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Leonard Fernandez, support engineer, discusses technology upgrades with Amireb Al-Haddad, Southern Union public affairs and religious liberty director.

if needed, in the event of a catastrophic event at their local conference office or academy. This means that by partnering with us, they can provide continuity of services for their constituents, even in the event of a disaster. We live in uncertain times, and it is the Church's responsibility to have plans in place to ensure the Work continues in spite of local conditions. The datacenter is available to the conferences and academies for this use.

SUIS also runs a strong summer internship for students from Southern Adventist University and Oakwood University. Our goal with the internship is to encourage young people interested in information technology (IT) to work for the Church, to catch the spirit of service to others and the Church. Several interns now work for the Church in a full time capacity. This year we have an exceptional intern, Andy Russell. Russell has attended Oakwood University in the past, and is currently pursuing post-graduate work in Atlanta, Georgia. Russell exemplifies what we are looking for — a love for the Lord, a love for people, and a desire to serve the Church in IT. It is our prayer that this summer internship will continue to cultivate a desire in the young people that participate to serve the Lord

Another great example of the Southern Union IT Internship Program is Jermaine Alexander. Alexander worked as an IT intern for the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference last summer, under Barrett Mikkelsen, Kentucky-Tennessee IT director. Alexander was a terrific asset to Kentucky-Tennessee Conference during his internship, says Mikkelsen. Shortly after completing his internship with Kentucky-Tennessee, Alexander interviewed and then accepted the call to be South Central



Jermaine Alexander is the information technology manager at South Central Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

Conference's first IT manager! He has been in his new role since last fall, and he has been a huge help for South Central. He has a real passion for supporting the Work, and he has hit the ground running. Among his many projects at South Central, he is installing a corporate grade wireless infrastructure, and building a new dedicated server room. Alexander adds, "I highly enjoy serving behind the scenes, helping make it possible for our ministers and teachers to be more efficient and effective in spreading the Gospel." We welcome Alexander to the community of Southern Union IT directors. What a joy it is to work with him in his new role.

The SUIS Department exists to serve the needs of the Church, and to support the various ministries across this field. We are convicted that we can save significant tithe and tuition dollars by partnering with the conferences in the services that they provide. By working more

closely with them, whose help and support is vital to our mission, we can make the Church that we love stronger by building bridges, collaborating, and saving resources while at the same time strengthening this great Work. The work of the conference IT departments are absolutely essential to the Work in each local field, and they are a real asset to the Church. They are the life-line for many Southern Union administrators, pastors, teachers, and staff. They directly support the ministry each day. It is a real joy for us to partner with each of the conference IT directors and their staff in furthering this great Work.

Stephen, in Acts chapters 6 and 7, provides the model for the Union's IT departments. He served both the background needs of the Church, while at the same time publicly participating in ministry. We are told in Acts 7:55, 56 that, as Stephen was giving his life for his Savior, Jesus opened Heaven and showed him a moving glimpse into the very throne room of Heaven. Ellen White tells us that Stephen "saw the glory of the courts of God, and Christ, as if just risen from His throne, standing ready to sustain His servant," *Acts of the Apostles*, pages 100, 101. What a joy to know that Jesus stands for us, for you, and me, as we collaborate with Him. What a wonder to know that our Lord Jesus is standing up for us! It is our fervent prayer that the Southern Union Information Systems Department might be a help and a support for the conferences and academies where the Work of Christ is accomplished daily. Please pray that the Lord grants this department the mercy and grace to meet the needs of His Church. ✨

Richard Stephenson is the director of the Southern Union Conference Information Systems Department.

That's What Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ Means to Me

Three Stories from the Frontlines of Adventist Health Care

BY RAINEY TURLINGTON

What does it mean to extend the healing ministry of Christ? That is a question that every Adventist Health System employee is challenged to consider as they go about their daily duties – whether by a patient's bedside, in a hospital operating room, or at a long-term care facility. The answer often comes in the form of stories that employees share when they have been deeply touched by what we have come to call “mission moments.” These moving experiences, though not always overtly spiritual, always share a common thread: patients blessed by caregivers who not only provide physical comfort and healing, but mend hearts and soothe souls as well. I have the privilege of hearing these types of stories on a regular basis, and what follows are a few of my favorites.

A Special Visit

When 40-year-old Grace* was diagnosed with terminal cancer, depression threatened to overwhelm her. One of her nurses, Joan, saw what was happening and made it her mission to visit Grace daily. During their time together, Joan often read from the Bible and brought scarves to style what hair Grace had left. As the two became good friends, Grace started to open up about her fear of death. Knowing that only Christ could give Grace

the peace she needed, Joan often prayed with her and reassured her of His promises.

One day as Joan entered the room for her regular visit, she saw the bed was empty. Another nurse told her that Grace had passed away the night before. Although her heart ached at the news, Joan couldn't help but smile as the other nurse shared what had happened. When she entered the room near the middle of the night, Grace turned to her and said, “Jesus just visited me and said not to be afraid.” A few moments later, she was gone.

Although Joan was not able to offer Grace a physical cure, through the ministry of her friendship, she gave her so much more: courage to claim God's promises and hope for an eternal future.

A Place of Refuge

As she listened to the weatherman describe the snowstorm that was about to hit her hometown of Calhoun, Ga., Sarah grew more and

more afraid. Just a short while before, a polar vortex had shut down the city of Atlanta, stranding thousands of travelers on icy roads. As an elderly woman who lived alone,



Sarah was not sure how to prepare for the impending storm or where to turn for help. In that moment, the only place that came to mind was Gordon Hospital. Although she had never been a patient there, Sarah had heard about their mission of Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ, and she felt certain that if she could just make it there, she would be kept safe, warm, and well-fed.

After gathering her medications in a plastic bag, Sarah began the eight mile walk to Gordon Hospital. When she arrived, she was cold and scared, but just as she had anticipat-



ed, the employees took her in. For three days, while blankets of snow buried the city, they lovingly cared for her and provided shelter from the storm. Then once the snows began to melt, they drove her home.

Sarah may not understand all the ins and outs of health care reform, but I think there is one thing she does know: Close by there is a group of people inspired by Christ's example who will do their best to care for her, whether that means providing state-of-the art medical care or just a place of refuge.

A Joyful Reunion

On her second day of caring for Thomas, nurse Carol noticed that

her patient seemed especially sad. When she asked what was on his mind, he told her the doctor said he must stay in the hospital for two more days – a discouraging thought since he missed his dogs so much. His wife, who only ever left his side long enough to feed the dogs and let them outside, mentioned that they seemed sad too. The “babies,” as the couple called them, would not eat or play. They just laid by the front door waiting for their daddy to come home.

Out in the hallway, Carol asked Thomas' wife if their babies ever went for car rides.

“They sure do,” was the quick reply.

Carol gave the woman her cell phone number and asked her to go get the dogs and then call when she returned. Back inside the room, Carol helped Thomas into a wheelchair and told him they were going for a ride. She



took him out near the entrance to the patient loading area, where his wife had parked the car. No sooner had she opened the doors than the babies leaped out and up onto their daddy's lap.

“It was the most joyous reunion I think I ever saw,” Carol said. “My patient had a tear in his eye as he squeezed my hand and said, ‘Thank you. This means more to me than you'll ever know.’”

About a half hour later, when Thomas was back in bed, he again squeezed Carol's hand and said, “I think everything will be okay now thanks to you.” When his wife returned, she also gave Carol a hug, reporting that the babies ate, played outside, and generally seemed back to normal.

“I went on and completed my duties for that day,” Carol said, “but my heart felt so proud because I knew I extended the healing ministry of Christ. That experience gave me a reminder of what it is all about.”

So What Does It Mean to Extend the Healing Ministry of Christ?

Friendship, a listening ear, encouraging words, prayer, hope, comfort, joy, shelter from storms – aren't these the things Jesus offered as part of His healing ministry? Perhaps the most miraculous thing about the miracles that He performed was not that He did them, but how He did them. It's that “how” that Christian caregivers seek to emulate; the “how” that takes shape in a thousand different ways. So, feel free to ask any Adventist Health System employee what it means to extend the healing ministry of Christ, but be prepared: no two answers will be the same. ✨

**Some names have been changed in respect for the privacy of patients and employees.*

FROM KENYA WITH LOVE

Glimpses from the 4HIM Mission Trip

BY GEORGE JOHNSON JR.

MTV's reality television show titled *The Real World* begins each of its episodes with the statement: "This is the true story...of seven strangers...picked to live in a house...work together and have their lives taped...to find out what happens...when people stop being polite...and start getting real...*The Real World*." While

Oakwood's 4HIM International Missions program is in no way a comparison to the ills of pop-cultures *The Real World*, this summer's mission excursion to Kenya (specifically Nairobi and Mombasa) from June 10 to July 3 proved to be a "real world" experience for the 2014 delegation. The 21 representatives consisted of students, staff, and a few non-Oakwood volunteers.

The Vision

More than 15 years ago, Ronald Pollard, then youth director for the Southern California Conference, began Heritage Missions, a ministry that exposed Adventist teens and youth to various areas in Zimbabwe — focusing on compassion, commitment in community service, and orphanage support. His vision sought to make the participants aware of the dire needs of the Kenyan people — since more than three-fourths of the population lives under the poverty level. After leading more than 400 participants on these trips, Pollard, now the missions and campus ministries director at Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama, continues to see this as an opportunity to assist young people into a life-changing process. "These are not just mission trips, these are movements," said Pollard. This is the second year an Oakwood delegation has visited Kenya.



Leslie Pollard (back row), Ph.D., D.Min., M.B.A., president of Oakwood University, is pictured with the 2014 4HIM missionary group to Kenya at Huntsville International Airport, Huntsville, Alabama.

Because it is nearly impossible to plan every detail for an international mission trip from the United States, Pollard has relied on the expertise of Millicent Odhiambo, an Adventist and community activist who is also an employee of the Mombasa and Coast Tourist Association. Odhiambo's connection with Pollard, and now Oakwood, is an endearing one. "Working with Oakwood gives me a chance to experience and understand the challenges we have here in Kenya. It's not easy here, but we are alive in Christ," she said.

Odhiambo has seen many mission groups come through, but she sees something special in the Oakwood group. "You easily bend and don't build boundaries. This is what makes the Oakwood mission group different from all other mission groups," she said.

Six 2014 4HIM Projects:

Motherly Care Orphanage

Founded in 2003 with just the ability to service 10 children, Motherly Care is now home to 130 children ranging in ages from two to 17 years old. Not only is the orphanage a home to the residents, it also serves as an educational institution. While at Motherly Care, 4HIM volunteers sang

songs and donated food items, toiletries, and toys. "I would have to have hope that there is life beyond what my eyes can see," said Caleb Miles, Oakwood senior psychology major, as he reflected on his experience at Motherly Care.

Canaan Orphanage and School

With the motto "Every child has a right to good life," Canaan provides childcare and support to approximately 30 orphans. While at the orphanage, 4HIM volunteers painted the outside of the building, prepared lunch, washed clothes, bathed younger children, read stories, and played games with the orphans, as well as donating food items, toiletries, and toys. "If I lived in an orphanage, I would have a dire need for love like none before. Love is so important to have and to feel," said Alyce Hendricks, Oakwood junior nursing major.

Kibera Slums

Kibera is the largest slum in Nairobi, with a population of 1.5 million people. Kibera is divided into villages, including Kianda, Soweto East, Gatwekera, Kisumu Ndogo, Lindi, Laini Saba, Siranga, Makina, and Mashimoni. The conditions in Kibera are extremely



Tori Allen from Atlanta, Georgia, sophomore political science major at Oakwood University, reads to the children at Canaan Orphanage in Mombasa, Kenya.

poor, and most residents lack access to basic necessities such as electricity and running water. While in Kibera, 4HIM volunteers conducted a clothing distribution in Soweto East. “The things that we gave to them represented hope.



O'Neal Thomas from Ocala, Florida, sophomore theology and business administration major at Oakwood University, sits with the children at Canaan Orphanage in Mombasa, Kenya.

That’s why we do what we do,” said Pollard. “Giving clothes is an expression of love in Kenya because you are giving of something that you owned,” said Odhiambo.

Tchuda Slums

Tchuda is a slum located in Mombasa with a population of 50,000 people. While in Tchuda, 4HIM volunteers visited various homes in the community to pray with people, including a woman who had a large abscess on her foot which needed urgent medical attention. Volunteers also conducted a clothing distribution for the community. “These people are living with nothing, while we in America are dying with everything,” said Tunisha Butler, Mount Vernon Academy dean.

Corner Chaani Seventh-day Adventist Clinic

Some of the major causes of morbidity and mortality in Kenya include HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, pneumonia, respiratory tract infections, gastroenteritis, and diabetes. Local community members that lived near the Seventh-day Adventist clinic in Mombasa were able to receive free medical consultation and medication from a licensed doctor. Four 4HIM volunteers assisted the doctor by recording blood pressure and weight information, as well as providing STD and tuberculosis-prevention brochures to the clinic attendees. “Being able to help people make lifestyle changes was simply amazing because of the joy they received from our knowledge,” said Pecolia Dismuke, Oakwood junior nursing major.

Jeremic Adventist Academy

Educating approximately 200 children from Pre-K to eighth grade, Jeremic Adventist Academy is located in the slums of Kibera in Nairobi. Founded in 1994, its vision is “to be an institution that prides in preparing learners within the slums of Kibera for life’s responsibilities, equipping them with a dynamic recipe for current and prospective physical, mental, and social and spiritual challenges.” While there, 4HIM volunteers sang songs with the students and donated school supplies. “When little things like a pack of crayons and a few textbooks bring children to tears, it becomes a life-altering experience in giving back. It may have

been just a pencil to us Americans, but to them it was an object of hope,” said Kimberly Pearson, Oakwood assistant chaplain.

The Churches and Revivals

After the projects were completed each day, the volunteers were divided into various groups for evening revival services at local churches. There, the missionaries participated in preaching (on the theme of “living a transformed life by His grace”), singing, Scripture reading, and praying. Along with Pollard, preachers for the Kenya excursion included Aisha Allsop, LETC director; Bright Baah, Oakwood sophomore theology major; Gerard St. Hilaire, second-year 4HIM missionary; Kimberly Pearson, Oakwood assistant chaplain; and O’Neal Thomas, Oakwood sophomore business management and theology major. “This was not just a trip. It was an experience I needed,” said Baah.

Life Transformations

Members of the 2014 mission excursion all agree that they left Kenya and returned to their homes different people. Many of them thought about their faith and how it would or would not be affected if they lived in those conditions. “I feel my faith would be stronger because I would have to rely on God for everything,” said Thomas. “My faith would be real and raw and not so much commercialized or entertainment-based, because the churches here have so little that they are forced to be authentic,” said Kandace Clark, Oakwood sophomore marketing major.

All the volunteers gave of themselves — whether it was a monetary donation for food and supplies or hugs, tears, and prayers for their fellow-man/woman/child. Janet Barnhill of California has taken this mission trip five consecutive years. She sees the trip as an “investment in the kingdom” and the “dividends are eternal life.” “I enjoy speaking with and praying for the people of Kenya,” she exclaimed.

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George Johnson Jr., Oakwood University director of integrated marketing and public relations, was one of the 21 participants on the Kenya mission trip.

2014 4HIM Missionary Group

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 Kimberly Pearson, Oakwood assistant chaplain
 Ceron Pollard from Madison, Alabama, 2014 high school graduate
 Natalie Recasner from Atlanta, Georgia, 2014 high school graduate
 Celine Sylvester, 11th grade student at Pine Forge Academy in Pine Forge, Pennsylvania
 Marc Sylvester, 9th grade student at Oakwood Adventist Academy in Huntsville, Alabama
 O’Neal Thomas from Ocala, Florida, Oakwood sophomore theology and business administration major



Serenity in Miniature

BY BETTY KOSSICK

DENNIS STARKEY

Nestled in the land behind Calhoun Church in Georgia is a place of peace, The Garden. Started by “Old Dog” and Joyce Maples, The Garden is quickly becoming a place people seek out as a haven of refuge.

Known simply as “The Garden,” the volunteer-built serenity retreat is definitely a north Georgia place to visit.

Seven years ago, DeWitt “Old Dog” Boyd, a self-employed artist, proposed the idea of revamping space behind the church for a flower garden: “Originally, I saw it as a small flower garden.”

In addition to The Garden’s flowers and greenery, which encompass about an acre, there is the captivating folk artistry of more than 50 diminutive buildings that Old Dog and his helpers constructed. “A church member, Beth Adams, helped me first. She’s a master at designing stained glass,” he notes.

The structures are all crafted from tiny stones, pebbles, shells,

pieces of glass, rocks, ceramic tile, cement, wire, and other materials to imitate their larger counterparts. There are wee-sized churches, houses, a castle, and a monastery; cathedrals such as a structure modeled after the Notre Dame cathedral in Paris, with stained-glass windows; and minikin people and animals, some as small as two inches. These porcelain works, the smallest of the garden art, are Old Dog’s particular joy to make. Though some buildings are as tall as nine feet (they are considered miniature in comparison to the originals from which they are made to resemble), they all give the feel of hallowedness.

Artfully crafted for authenticity, garden visitors find little roads resembling cobblestone with Bible

verses etched in stone, a seaport village alongside a creek, a cemetery, bridges, walls, etc. Think “Europe on a small scale” and with great detail, and you might be able to envision these works of art set in this serene environment that is open from dawn to dusk. The Garden, with its miniscule architecture, is there for visitors to come and go at will on self-guided tours — for no fee. And come they do: individuals, cars full, bus loads. Many come in groups from various denominations.

Old Dog is an unusual moniker for The Garden’s architect. He explains, “An old dog is faithful to his Master, and I want to be faithful to my Master Jesus because He saved me.” Developing this garden place that lends to peaceful meditation is

one way that Old Dog feels that he and the others serve God: “We need to use the talents that God gives us. I’m an artist, so I use mine as an artist. I see this as an act of worship.”

Many of the volunteers who help with this ongoing construction are members of the Calhoun church; however, others numbering into the hundreds include community residents and people who live in other areas, even out-of-state local Girl Scouts, the Red Hat Society, a group of church members from the nearby Riverview Baptist Church, and many more.

Old Dog is grateful to the Garden committee formed by the Cal-

houn Church, with Wil Starr as committee chairman, and Dick Miller as the liaison for the church. Various assistants help him, and primarily his apprentice, Joyce Maples. “And, without people like Dottie Star — and all of them — there wouldn’t be The Garden,” Old Dog stresses.

The Garden is a practical way to reach out to the community by providing a place of serenity. “We also have a bulletin board to tell of various events at our Calhoun church, and a literature rack,” Old Dog points out. “And, because the Chamber of Commerce knows the popularity of The Garden, they requested a weather-safe spot in it for

their visitor’s brochures.

A music pavilion for real-size-people liveperformance also found a home, surrounded by the small-scale structures in The Garden last October. A \$2,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Northwest Georgia made that possible. Since that time other events have been held at the gazebo of The Garden.

Ongoing news coverage features The Garden in *Calhoun Magazine*, *Georgia Magazine*, and the Calhoun Chamber of Commerce and Gordon County visitors’ brochure and video. The chamber even has a photo of The Garden on a billboard on I-75 south. ♫

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IT'S A DEAL CHANGER

BY DAVID HALEY

OAKWOOD UNIVERSITY



Hoover Christian School graduates who attend Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama, include C. J. Ricbie (left), Jenine Henley, and Austin Hannab.

Martin Doblmeier of Journey Films has followed up *The Adventists* and *The Adventists 2* with a new film, *The Blueprint*, airing on Public Broadcasting Station (PBS) in 2014. Doblmeier's third journey into Adventism focuses on education. Doblmeier asks and attempts to answer this question: "For faith communities, how do you educate your child in a values-centered program without compromising the academ-

ics they will need to compete for the best jobs in the future?"

As an Adventist educator for more than 20 years — with experience as an assistant professor and for the past 12 years learning with my students as a high school teacher at Hoover Christian School (HCS), formerly Brakeworth Junior Academy in Birmingham, Alabama — the answer is clear: Adventist education is grace before grades and Heaven

before Harvard. The ultimate goal is eternal life with Christ. Teachers either help or hinder students to realize their eternal destiny. There is no middle ground. That's why a Christian education is so important.

HCS has been teaching God's children in Birmingham since the 1930s. Notable alumni include former King's Heralds baritone Jack Veazey, world renowned guitarist Eric Essix, numerous prominent

business persons, doctors, and former television news reporter Beverly Trent who came home to do what she loves, teaching at HCS!

In spring, 2001, it had been many years since eighth grade graduates of HCS had the option of continuing their education at the same school that had partnered with their parents to nurture them to that milestone. Indeed, most of those graduates were not furthering their education at any Adventist school. It was at that time that the Hoover School Board, led by board chairman Bud Cason, prayerfully decided that the time for “talking” was over, and that the time for HCS to provide an in-Birmingham Adventist high school education option had begun. Thus, Hoover High School was born.

Ninth grade was started with four students in the fall of 2001, and 10th grade was added the next year. When the time came, it was not so easy to merely add an 11th grade and then a 12th grade. But, God led the Board to accept the recommendation of then-principal Mark Grice to use modern technology and to combine the synergies of exceptional HCS-based educators with cutting edge distance learning provided by Forest Lake Academy. HCS continues to build on that solid foundation, and now partners with Andrews University’s distance learning high school.

That first group of four students set high marks. They began a tradition of 100 percent of the students who have completed the terminal grade offered by HCS going on to graduate from or be currently enrolled in college. One of those original four earned a B.S. in mathematics and an M.P.H., and is a director of an ambulatory care center. A second student has a B.B.A. in accounting, and recently authored an autobiography about his spiritual journey precipitated by the death of his mother from breast cancer. A third student is a doctor of optometry and a captain in the United States Air Force. The fourth student has her degree in human resources.

Since then, HCS student Harrison Filler graduated in May from Southern Adventist University as a Southern scholar with a double major in international studies and biology, and a minor in chemistry. He begins dental school this fall. Filler credits his English teacher at HCS, Gaylan Herr, for helping him hone his writing and research skills such that the thesis panel at Southern asked permission to use his thesis as an example of good work to aspiring Southern scholars. Filler laughingly stated that he found himself many times in college thinking that what he was being taught in science and math at Southern, he had already learned at HCS!

Filler’s mother showed me a paper that he wrote in college composition. In that paper, he wrote about a moment in time as a student at HCS, when his teacher thought he was capable of performing much better. The teacher bluntly told him that what was standing between him and success was himself, that the question he must honestly answer was whether or not he was willing to do what it takes to be successful and fulfill his place in life.

Filler wrote that he then went out on the playground, just out back of the school, and while his classmates mumbled about “who did that teacher think he was, talking to one of them that way,” the realization swept over him that the teacher was correct. He was willing to do just enough to get by, only get a good grade, but not master the subject. He wasn’t willing to incur the cost that pays compounded returns of real focus, and drink deep of the refreshing water that springs forth from He who offers water such that you thirst no more.

He promised God that from that day forward he would give his all to do whatever it took to excel, to do to the glory of God whatsoever he found to put his hand to do. God honored that commitment.

What was most exciting in a recent conversation we had was when he told me that most valuable asset he secured at HCS was an eternal

relationship with Jesus, as modeled and mentored by the instructors and staff.

Carrie Joiner transferred to HCS in fifth grade and was discouraged that she was behind her peers in math. Her math teachers encouraged her, and she put forth the effort such that she graduated from the affiliated program at Atlanta Adventist Academy with highest honors, and received a full scholarship to attend the University of Montevallo where she is studying applied mathematics. She has been awarded every academic honor from its math/physics department that can be conferred on a student yet to graduate.

You may still be thinking that rigorous academic options are generally available if one looks for them, so what is the deal-changer for Adventist education in particular. Consider this: There are three critical areas where the teachings of public school differ greatly from HCS. First, we teach that each one is a child of God created uniquely in His image. Man did not evolve by chance, but was created perfect with the potential for continued growth and development.

Second, although created perfectly, man misused the free choice given, and sinned. There are absolutes in God’s laws, and to break or disobey these is sin. As a result of sin, all will die.

The third difference: A Savior has been provided for our salvation. This is the gift of a loving God who freely gives all salvation through the gift of His Son. We did not evolve over eons of time; we do live but a few years, and that’s all there is. We were created instantly, and, after what are really but a few short years of life on this Earth — years filled with many challenges—we can look forward to an eternity to come. ✨

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Divine Confluences

BY CHUCK YOUNG

Divine: “Connected with, coming from, or caused by God.”

Confluence: “A flowing together of two or more streams, a point at which streams combine.”

When God’s Spirit, a person who needs God’s truth, and one of God’s people converge at the same time and place, a “Divine Confluence” occurs. My life has been blessed with Divine confluences. With God’s help, we can stay in “be ready” mode so we can take advantage of those Divine confluences when they occur.

A new coworker and I were talking at the water fountain when he asked if I had a big weekend planned. I told him I was taking a hike after church at a local park and asked him to join me. While we hiked, I shared my quest for truth with him, and explained how the Lord led me to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. My new friend came to church a few times and began to like the idea of keeping the Sabbath. He and his girlfriend decided to attend an upcoming evangelistic series. When the series was over, they were baptized.

On my daily visit to the gym, I took a few NET evangelistic series brochures. The meetings were starting that night. I had just shaved my head the night before to join my

nephew who had lost his hair during chemo treatments. A stranger at the gym noticed my shaved head and asked about it. He seemed touched with compassion as I told him the reason I had shaved my head. That discussion opened a door to invite him to the NET series. He came the first night and every

“Divine confluences can only be taken advantage of if we are willing to go out on a limb for the Lord.”

night after that except one. When the meetings were over, he was baptized.

I took The Final Events DVD by Doug Batchelor and a map to church into the restaurant when my wife and I went out to eat. I thought I might be able to share them with someone. Our waitress told us she and her husband were new in town so I asked if they had found a church to attend. She said they hadn’t, but they were looking. I gave her the DVD and map to church and found out they were looking for a “Saturday keeping” church because they had been studying the Sabbath and they

believed Saturday was the Sabbath! A few weeks later, they were at church. Though they have not joined yet, they have visited many times.

I made my way across the gym one day when a lady on a stair-climber whom I had never met asked me about my diet. I actually

thought it was a little odd, but she explained that she had just had a baby and she was asking around to get some dietary advice because it was tough for

her to get over the plateau she had hit. We spoke for moment about diet, and during that time it became evident that she and her husband had not lived in the area very long. As I moved on to my next exercise, I suddenly felt urged by the Lord to go back and pursue the conversation more. I went back and asked her if they had found a church since they moved to town. She told me she had put that on the back burner lately, but she knew that she needed to get back to church. When I invited her to our church a sheepish look came over her face. Then she said, “I was raised a Seventh-day Adventist. In fact, I graduated

from Andrews University. The Lord has been moving me to come back to church. Maybe that is why I stopped you. I even felt that there was more to me stopping you than merely asking you about your diet.” Of course, there was more to it than that... it was a Divine confluence! Thank God I went back to talk to her the second time! I asked her if she would like to get added to my weekly email, and she did. I haven’t seen her at church yet, but now she gets a regular email about what goes on at church each week.

Divine confluences can only be taken advantage of if we are willing to go out on a limb for the Lord. So how do we do that? First, be ready to mention the Lord. Then be willing to ask someone to church, ask them to take a Sabbath hike, come to a Bible study, or just come to potluck. In fact, have a map to church,



Chuck Young shaved his head in support of a nephew undergoing chemotherapy.

an address, a business card, or email address to give them. You will be surprised how many will contact you. Also, have something of Eternal worth to give them. A *Steps to Christ*, The Final Events DVD (my favorite), a tract on the state of the dead or Christ’s second coming are all excellent. Next, everyone who knows the Lord has a personal testimony...have yours ready to share. I suggest writing it down so it will flow out smoothly when a Divine confluence occurs. Finally, ask the Lord daily to put you in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing for Him.

“For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him...” 2 Chronicles 16:9.

Please Lord, let that be us! ✨

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Advanced ICU Care's team will complement the care provided by hospital

physicians by continuously monitoring patients' vital signs, medications, labs, and clinical statuses. Proactive data management tools will identify issues and prompt immediate intervention when necessary. In-room video will be used during periods of evaluation or when called on by the nurse. This two-



way video enables face-to-face consultations between the bedside staff and the Advanced ICU Care team,

ensuring that help is available when needed.

Independent studies dem-

onstrate that this 24/7 intensivist monitoring significantly improves ICU patients' outcomes and safety. In a study published in the

Journal of the American Medical Association, implementation of a tele-ICU program was associated with reduced adjusted odds of mortality and reduced hospital length of stay, as well as with improvements in best practice adherence and lower rates of preventable complications. Another study published by the New England Healthcare Institute recommends that community hospitals with 10 or more ICU beds adopt tele-ICU care.

—BY MELANIE LAWHORN

HCF Awards \$25,000 Grant for Innovative Ideas to Improve Access to Healthy Food

Eatonville, Maitland, and Winter Park, Fla., residents will soon be able to offer up a section of their yard to local "fleet farmers," thanks to a grant from



Healthy Central Florida (HCF), a joint initiative between Florida Hospital and the Winter Park Health Foundation. Fleet Farming is one of 13 projects from local organizations that will receive HCF grants ranging in size from \$650 to \$5,000

to implement their ideas, totaling \$25,000.

One of the most unique grant submissions is this program to utilize private yards and businesses for small urban farms, tended to by a "swarm" of fleet farmers who bicycle from farm to farm. Harvested crops will then be made available to the homeowners as well as to the community at a reduced cost.

"All of the judges loved this project and gave it high marks for innovation," said Jill Hamilton Buss, executive director of HCF. "The Fleet Farming Project will end up being a gardening partner for many other grant projects in the communities."

To motivate public participation and attract partners to improve health, HCF offered the grants for grassroots ideas that promote healthy food access, connect consumers to healthy food, or encourage availability and consumption of fresh and healthy food.

Before applying for the grants, organizations and individuals had to attend a Health Innovations grant workshop sponsored by HCF to learn about best practices. National food expert Jessica Donze Black, of the Pew Charitable Trust, was the key presenter, along with other local food experts and entrepreneurs currently working on innovative food projects. In

the end, 13 projects were awarded funding, including the following:

- A greenhouse repair project to start producing healthy foods in Eatonville.
- A mobile market in Winter Park targeting low income seniors and families.
- Healthy cooking classes for kids at the Maitland Public Library.
- A pilot program using crockpots to encourage healthy eating/more vegetable consumption at Winter Park Day Nursery.

For more information on HCF or to view the complete list of grant projects, visit www.HealthyCentralFlorida.org.

—BY LAURA POE

New Building Opens with State-of-the-art Technology

Graduate students at Adventist University of Health Sciences (ADU) in Orlando, Fla., kicked off

on active learning.

The master of occupational therapy program is excited about the expansion



the summer trimester in a new building. The new Graduate Building is the home of the master of occupational therapy, master of healthcare administration, master of nurse anesthesia, and developing physician assistant and doctorate of physical therapy. The building contains classrooms, conference rooms, office space, and state-of-the-art labs for all the graduate programs. Located on the first floor is the Office of the Registrar and multipurpose meeting rooms.

The doctorate of physical therapy program started accepting applications on July 1, 2014. Students will have access to 4,900 square feet of combined lab, research, and classroom space that focuses heavily

on their lab space from one lab to three labs. Tia Hughes, the occupational therapy program director, explained, "The large open lab has athletic flooring, a pediatric swing, and drop-down mats. There is also a full kitchen, laundry, bathroom, and bedroom for training." The program has even more storage that enables them to have a wheelchair garage to allow more therapeutic tools for training.

The nurse anesthesia program has a new simulation lab that is a near duplicate of one of the newest operating rooms that you would find at Florida Hospital Orlando. Manuel Tolosa is an assistant professor in the program who is excited about the new training equipment.

"We have a virtual simulator called HPS (Human Patient Simulator) that has human-like physiology with exceptional lung mechanics, gas exchange, pharmacological response abilities, and the ability to interface with patient monitors," he explained. There are adult and pediatric simulators that both have a compatible physiology to a human. The students can administer medications and the "patients" respond the same physiologically that they would if they were human. The professor can also create complications and errors, and improve or worsen a scenario. The only thing that the patient simulators cannot do is get up and walk away!

The physician assis-

to the simulation lab and the Human Patient Simulators. Students will learn to perform physical exams and a variety of clinical procedures.

In addition to the new advanced program equipment and commodious lab space, the Graduate Building has three general-purpose classrooms and seven office suites. In the ongoing initiative to reduce ADU's impact on the environment, water bottle fill stations are located on each floor (with an automatic sensor that fills your water bottle with filtered water). In addition, "The building has been optimized to provide a large amount of natural light, and it has been equipped with light occupancy sensors to di-



tant program is also a new program that will start May 2015. The program has a lab in the new building that consists of 11 exam bays, each with an examination table and wall-mounted diagnostic equipment. Students will also have access

to the simulation lab and the Human Patient Simulators. Students will learn to perform physical exams and a variety of clinical procedures. In addition, "The building has been optimized to provide a large amount of natural light, and it has been equipped with light occupancy sensors to di-

—BY DALLAS SACHSE

Carolina Radio Stations Share the Message

Carolina Conference radio stations are avenues into homes to share the Adventist message with those who have never heard of Adventism before.

WFHC 97.3 FM — Watching For His Coming — radio is reaching out to the Fletcher and Hendersonville, N.C., area with programming designed to address the listeners' daily problems and needs through talk, information, music, and inspiration. Charles Ferguson, pastor of Hendersonville Church, said having a radio ministry allows the church to have a 24-hour presence in their community.

"We are told to go to all the world, to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, and this enables us to do just that," Ferguson said. "People driving in their cars, washing their dishes, working around their house, or just tuning in will eventually come across Adventist radio stations."

Those who do come across Carolina Conference radio stations are provided with wholesome programming. John Wood, senior vice president of First Citizens Bank & Trust in South Carolina, listens to Your Story Hour with his son on their daily commute to work and school. Wood and his son look forward

to hearing Uncle Dan and Aunt Sue tell stories of Bible heroes and villains.

Programs explaining doctrinal truths are piped straight into the cars and

when he started listening to WBAJ 890 AM — We Broadcast About Jesus

— radio, based in Lexington, S.C. Bliss had a long commute, and was hunting for some good Christian programming when he came across Bible Answers Live with Doug Bachelor on WBAJ. On the program, Bachelor answers questions live on-air from callers all around the world. Studying the Bible at his Methodist church left Bliss with unanswered questions, but through hearing Bible truths and Adventist doctrine on the radio, those confusing topics now made sense.

Hearing the truth on the radio led Bliss to find an Adventist church and take Bible studies. He was baptized in August of 2006 into the Monroe, N.C., Church, and has been a member there ever since.

Through Carolina Conference radio ministries, Bliss and many others have heard about Jesus and come into a saving relationship with Him, and have been drawn to the Adventist church.

—BY ANNA BARTLETT



John Earnhardt, pastor of Arden Church, and Charles Ferguson, pastor of Hendersonville Church, regularly participate in broadcasting at WFHC 97.3 FM.



Clive Possinger is in charge of programming for WFHC 97.9 FM, a ministry of Hendersonville Church.

"I've been known to sit in my car and drive around a few blocks before I go to work just to hear the end of the story," Wood said. "I really like the fact that we can listen to it together and really just get some genuine stories of how God used his people, and know that I don't have to censor what my child is listening to."

homes of listeners, and draw them closer to God and to the Church.

"People do not come to church often. We've got to go into the homes in order for them to come to our churches," said John Earnhardt, pastor of Upward, N.C., Church.

Herb Bliss was a Methodist who did not know anything about Adventists

Student Answers God's Call to Go



Karyn Davis loved working with her class of third graders.

Karyn Davis, a member of Kernersville, N.C., Church, was pursuing her graphic design degree at Southern Adventist University when in January 2013, she felt the call to serve God as a student missionary.

"I wanted to experience Christ in a whole new way," Davis remembers. "I was restless for meaning

parents, Davis went to Southern's student missions office and interviewed with Julie Norton, student missions coordinator. Together they decided that Pohnpei, Micronesia, was the place for her to serve. In August 2013, she found herself zooming across the Pacific Ocean to the tiny island where 26 third graders

sweltering heat and the thrilling adventure of the unknown.

Teaching six subjects and figuring out classroom management would have been enough to keep her busy, but she encountered additional unexpected challenges as

she is thankful to have access to hot showers, air conditioning, and abundant fruits and vegetables — all luxuries by missionary standards. When Davis returns to Southern's campus this fall, she is looking forward to joining the campus ministries team, where she hopes to inspire others who visit the student missions office, and make the choice to serve and support them in their adventures.

"If I hadn't abandoned the comforts of home, I would never have experienced the challenges that enabled me to discover

well. Strep throat, kidney stones, and a dog bite ravaged her health. At the same time, daily opportunities to share her faith, and one close encounter with demon possession, opened her eyes to the intensity of the spiritual warfare going on around her. Davis recorded her adventures on her blog, www.overseasunderskies.tumblr.com.

"Every trial brings a humbling awareness of how powerful God is, and how hard He rages on my behalf, but He has yet to lose a battle," Davis said.

Ten months later, she is home again and continues to serve young people as the pool director at Nosoca Pines Ranch, where



amazing things about God, His Word, and who I am in Him," Davis says.

"In the time that I've been at Southern, I've been able to truly see God working in my life. I'm so glad He called me, and that I listened when He said, 'Go.'"

—BY ANGELA BAERG



and purpose."

After praying and seeking the advice of her

eagerly awaited her.

Stepping off the plane, she was welcomed by the

Fort Pierce Church Sponsors Free Health Clinic



RAAMA BADALO

Health Clinic ribbon-cutting ceremony participants, from left: Madetric Wood, nurse practitioner; Steven Krajewski, Region 7 volunteer services coordinator for Florida Department of Health; George Whitsett, Fort Pierce Church pastor; Mike Cauley, Florida Conference president; George Bryant, Good Samaritan Free Health Clinic executive director; Dwight Dawkins, Good Samaritan Free Health Clinic medical director; and Robert Hayes, Palm Coast Church pastor.

Fort Pierce Church sponsors the Good Samaritan Free Health Clinic every Wednesday afternoon at the church from 2 to 7 p.m. by appointment. Devoted to adult-only primary care,

the clinic offers non-emergency medical service for individuals between ages 18 and 64.

“OUR MISSION is to provide outstanding patient care through commitment

and compassion to low income individuals who do not qualify for health coverage.”

“OUR VISION is to encourage people to understand the concept of complete wellness, and to establish a healthier lifestyle (physical, spiritual, and mental) for themselves and their families.”

Fort Pierce members George and Eva Bryant are managers of the clinic, and Colin Myles is chairman of the health clinic board. Dwight Dawkins, M.D., a member of Southeastern Conference’s Macedonia Church, is medical director.

In setting up the clinic, Isaiah 58 became the members’ guide, pointing to “no more church-as-usual.” The

compassionate and caring volunteers provide free-of-charge services. They are licensed physicians, nurses, teachers, certified nurs-



RAAMA BADALO

Registered nurse Eva Bryant checks a patient’s blood pressure.

ing assistants, and fitness instructors. Local business owners also participate, committed to sharing their expertise with those in need.

—BY GLADYS NEIGEL

Rogers and Mary Henderson Celebrate 70 Years of Marriage



RICHARD HOWARD

Mary and Rogers Henderson

Rogers and Mary Henderson celebrated their 70th anniversary on May 24, 2014. Rogers’ preparation for ministry

at Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University) in Collegedale, Tenn., included meeting his future wife, Mary, before he graduated in 1947.

His first pastorate was in Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, where he served for 13 years, followed by 10 years in Rocky Mountain Conference and 10 years in Florida Conference. Through the years, Mary often substituted as a teacher in the church’s school.

Henderson tells of a man he met during prison ministry in Canon City, Colo., who admitted he was guilty of his crime. This man was about to be paroled, but needed a job. Henderson contacted an Adventist business which agreed to hire him, and he became their chief foreman. His church membership led to leadership positions in his church. When the Hendersons visited the church later on, this neatly dressed man came up to them and

threw his arms around them in greeting.

The Hendersons retired in 1980 on the western slopes in Colorado. During the 16 years they lived there, they were often called to serve in small churches in the area. In 1996, they moved to Florida and became active members of Avon Park Church.

They have one son, Michel Rogers Henderson, who is married to Jill.

—BY NAOMI ZALABAK

Prayers and Squares Ministry Celebrates 10th Anniversary



DON YAKUSH

Volunteers of Forest Lake Church Prayers and Squares celebrate the ministry's 10th anniversary.

Ten years ago, nine women brought their scraps of fabric to the lower youth center building at Forest Lake Church, Apopka, Fla. Those women

began a quilting ministry that would eventually have a global effect, with approximately 2,700 quilts sent to 43 states and 33 countries.

From the beginning, this organization was to be a teaching ministry as well as a giving ministry. The first project was a baby quilt. Since then, every baby dedicated to Jesus at Forest Lake Church receives a quilt signifying the church family is praying for them.

After research, the members decided to model the ministry according to the Prayers and Squares quilting program begun in California. Thus began a program of the prayer quilts. Each quilt is 50 x 60 inches, beautifully pieced and quilted. Sixty ties are then placed on the quilt,

representing 60 prayers said for the recipient.

This quilting ministry was designed to reach members of both the church and community who are experiencing crisis in their lives or in the lives of people they know. The ministry's mission is to present Jesus as one Who cares when His children go through hard times. Participants' prayer journals are full of names gathered through the 10-year history.

—BY JO ANN ROTH

Small Groups Lead to 10 Baptisms



GEORGE NINA

Gerardo Bautista (front row, left), evangelist from the Dominican Republic; Jose Nina and Braulio Gonzalez (fifth and sixth from left), Bible workers; Oscar Tavera (seventh from left), pastor; and Danny Reid (second row, left), church missions director, stand with the 10 baptismal candidates.

Orlando Spanish Church welcomed 10 new members by baptism following a powerful evangelism week in April. Gerardo Bautista, guest evangelist from the Dominican Republic, presented a series, The Great Opportunity.

Night after night, guests returned to hear Bautista deliver a dynamic message of hope that God is inviting them to cast their

burdens upon Him.

During the past year, the Orlando Spanish Church pastor, Oscar Tavera, and his team leaders have helped shape the local blueprint for soul winning in East Orlando. When asked about the success of the series, Tavera did not hesitate to recognize the effort of more than 18 active small groups which are the key component of the ongoing evangelistic engine of the church.

—BY GEORGE NINA

Don Keele Accepts Associate Youth Director Position

Georgia-Cumberland Conference recently created the position of associate youth director for young adults. They hired Don Keele Jr., to fill that role beginning September 1, 2014. This decision was in response to research on young adults and their relationship to the Adventist Church.

According to the May issue of *Ministry Magazine*, in an article written by Clint Jenkins, Ph.D., vice president of research for Barna Group, and A. Allan Martin, Ph.D., teaching pastor of Younger Generation Church in Arlington, Texas, Adventist young people seek positive relationships. This finding comes from the North American Division commissioning a study from the Barna Group, a Christian research firm based in Ventura, California, on how churches can better engage millennials. The consistent thread in the article is that a positive relationship between the generations is vitally important to millennials staying engaged with church.

Ed Wright, Georgia-Cumberland Conference president, said, "For some time, our Conference Executive Committee has wrestled with the increasing disengagement of our youth and young adults. Eventually, we became convicted that our greatest need was not for more



BRIAN YOUNG

Don Keele Jr. joins the Georgia-Cumberland Conference as the associate youth director. The new position was created to help train pastors and leaders on how to work with young adults.

programming, social opportunities, or Conference-level ministry for that age group, as important as any of that might be. Instead, we are seeking more effective ways of helping local churches to value, know by name, engage, retain, and disciple their own youth and young adults. This new position is thus intended to support and resource your church leadership team in this critically important ministry."

Keele has been the pastor of the Georgia-Cumberland Academy (GCA) Church in Calhoun, Ga., for 15 years. GCA Church is a place where students lead. Students serve on the church board. Students lead praise music. Students offer church prayer and read Scripture. Students preach. The GCA Church is

the students' church.

Several years ago while Keele was taking a Conference-sponsored leadership course with Nick Howard, Keele was asked what would be his perfect or ideal job. He prayed about the challenge and felt impressed

with young adult ministry. Who meets their needs? He even created a job description and outline that looks amazingly like the job he just accepted.

"Adults have to make room for kids," says Keele. "We wrongly assume we stop our work if they take on the role, but really our roles just readjust or reassign. We become their mentors and train. Most youth don't feel needed or that they don't matter."

Keele plans to change that. His role will include working closely with churches that seek change, churches who want young adults to lead. He will also work this summer while on sabbatical, creating resources to help people connect. "We don't want any kids to fall through the cracks," adds Keele who will work

with all three academies and local church youth directors.

According to Keele, there are three ages when youth leave the church, "When they are 16 and can drive, when they are 18 and leave academy, and when they are 23 and graduate college." Barna says that 59 percent of young adults leave the church.

He plans to communicate using social media to develop a young adult conference, and work with LifeGroups. He will also work with Adventist Christian Fellowship that creates Adventist groups on college and university campuses. His goal is to revive, refresh, and recapture that lost demographic of young adults.

"Nationwide, we are losing two thirds of our 18- to 28-year olds from the Church. This is simply not acceptable, and the Conference has prayerfully decided to do something about it," said Rob Lang, Conference youth ministries director. "We believe that with a Conference-wide team effort, we can retain two thirds. It is great having an experienced pastor like Keele leading the charge."

—BY TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER

Edna Chesnutt Celebrates Her 100th Birthday

The community of Apison, Tenn., including the Methodist, Baptist, and Adventist churches, gathered at the Hullender Farm in honor of one of the oldest citizens, a resident since



SUBMITTED BY NANCY PATTON

Edna Chesnutt (center) celebrated her 100th birthday this past March. What a blessing she is giving to others. She is surrounded by family in this photo.

1934, Edna Chesnutt, to celebrate her 100th birthday on March 2, 2014. She is a member of the Apison Church.

Born in Canada to the late Charles Beatty and Ebba Ekeblad (an immigrant from Sweden), who met in Iowa, married, and moved to Canada, Chesnutt had one sister and one

brother. Her mother died when she was five years old.

The family later moved to Yakima, Wash. Chesnutt became an early-morning person when quite young, as it was necessary to rise at 5 a.m. to walk two miles to

school which began at 7:30 a.m. Her sister left home for nursing school when Chesnutt was 11 years old, leaving her to care for the

home duties.

After graduating from Yakima Valley Academy, she visited her brother in California, and then visited friends at Southern Junior College in Collegedale, Tenn.

In 1938, she married W. H. "Shed" Chesnutt. They settled in Apison, where she has resided ever since. They had two children, Eddie (deceased) and Wanda, who has moved in to care for her mother for the past three years.

Chesnutt has been blessed of God with many talents. She made all her daughter's clothing, including her wedding gown. In addition to gardening, canning, quilting, tating, crocheting, and altering clothes for the neighbors, she worked as a secretary at the Apison Elementary

School for 12 years. She made prom gowns for all her granddaughters, and christening gowns for all her great-grandchildren.

And, she still took time to be church clerk at Apison Church for 11 years, in addition to playing the piano and organ. She was also recruited by the Methodist Church to play for the choir and the morning services, and she played there until she was 94 years old.

She made many baby clothes for other people, and then later, for some of the same people, made wedding garments, and still later played music at their funerals.

Her sweetness and willingness to help others is unequalled.

—BY NANCY PATTON

Elliotts Celebrate 50 Years of Marriage

Marvin and Candy Elliott first met at Forest Lake Academy, started dating at Southern Missionary College, and married in Yucaipa, Calif., in 1964. Candy graduated from La Sierra University with a degree in elementary education, and Marvin graduated from Loma Linda University School of Dentistry in 1966. Shortly thereafter, Marvin took over a dental practice in Asheville, N.C. Candy, also a pianist and organist, taught 5th and 6th grade at Asheville Pisgah



Elementary School. The couple continues to reside in Candler, N.C., where they have lived for more than 40 years. They plan to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in Greenville, Tenn., with their daughter, Michelle (Nelson) Fontaine, son, Lee (Kirstin) Elliott, and grandchildren, Lauren and Kaeleigh Elliott.

Auburn-Opelika Metro Youth Conduct Children's Ministries Sabbath

Eleven youth at Auburn-Opelika, Ala., Church gathered March 29, 2014, for the presentation of the Children's Ministries Sabbath service. Special music was given by all the youth — "Have You Ever Talked to God."

Each child had a special part in the program with a memory verse and a short explanation of their verse beginning with "What happened in the Beginning." Before God and Jesus created this world and His people, they made a "Just-in-Case" plan. They planned they would rescue people if they choose to follow Satan and become sinners.

What did God do to rescue us? Maliah McGhee shared that God sent His Son — Matthew 1:21: "For He shall save His people from their sins." Alexandria Jones shared the impor-



Auburn-Opelika Metro Pathfinders, Adventurers, Eager Beavers, and Little Lambs conduct the Children's Ministries Sabbath program on March 29, 2014.

tance of obeying — John 14:15: "Obedience brings happiness." "God would have sent every angel in heaven to aid us, rather than allow us to be overcome by the devil," Testimonies, vol. 7, page 17.

Emily Ray shared how God stepped in with His plan in John 3:16. Being a Christian is like being on a long journey, and even though we are following Jesus, there are many times

we aren't sure what to think and may ask, "Why isn't God helping us." God is always there, just don't forget to ask. Randy Mangandi shared that Jesus forgives sins — 1 John 1:9. Noah Ray shared that God answers prayers — 1 John 5:14. Kayla Ingles explained 1 Samuel 2:30 — "Them that honor Me, I will honor." Nathaniel Churches explained the giants in people's lives and

how Jesus gives the victory — 1 Corinthians 15:57.

Ross Churches explained that God sees His children's hearts — 1 Samuel 16:17. He knows everyone's thoughts and hearts. Malick McGhee quoted Joshua 24:15, sharing that when someone chooses Jesus, they choose life.

Kate and Autumn reminded the entire mission that God commissioned everyone in Matthew 28: 19, 20 to: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." What is our mission? "Reach out and bring them in!"

The summer program was launched with Vacation Bible School, July 7-12, to go on a jungle safari to find the treasure where the children could explore the nature of God, and how it can be used in their lives.

—BY SAUNDRA KROMMINGA

Eric Bates Receives His Doctorate of Ministry Degree in Biblical Counseling



Ann Marie and Eric Bates, D.Min.

Eric Bates, D.Min., graduated from Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pa., on May 29, 2014, with a doctorate of ministry in biblical counseling. His dissertation, "Restoring the Counseling Ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church," included

research of pastoral counseling approaches by Ellen G. White, an assessment of current counseling trends in and out of the Church, and a seminar for pastors providing a foundational biblical approach to helping people experience lasting heart change.

The seminar includes a counseling model based on the daily Sanctuary

service of Scripture. Bates, his wife, Ann Marie, and children, Michael, Evan, Eran, and Austin, have ministered in the Dothan, Troy, and Andalusia, Ala., district since 2004. Prior to serving in the Dothan district, the Bates ministered in the Brookhaven, Summit, Natchez, and Vicksburg, Miss., district.

Literature Evangelist Sells MagaBook to Greenwood Mayor

The students working in the MagaBook program were canvassing in downtown Greenwood, Miss., when Brody Woodard's leader told him to work to the "T" on the street, cross over, and work back to meet his partner. Since Woodard used to be in politics, both state and federal levels, he naturally enjoyed canvassing city halls. Greenwood City Hall is located on one of the side streets Woodard was canvassing. He called his canvassing leader and asked if he could canvass the mayor. His leader agreed. Woodard walked into Greenwood City Hall and asked to be photographed with the mayor. The secretary told him to wait a few minutes as she was in a meeting. After about five to 10 minutes, Woodard was able to meet the mayor.

The mayor asked the individual she was speaking to if they would take a picture of Woodard and her. Woodard explained to the mayor that he was part of a group of Christian missionaries working their way through school

as missionary students. The mayor was very interested and had already bought

ended up only canvassing the mayor while in City Hall. He canvassed some

ard was able to return to the building before meeting another canvasser, and



Literature evangelist Brody Woodard stands with Carolyn McAdams, mayor of Greenwood, Miss.

Bible Answers from another canvasser the night before. Woodard left with a donation from the mayor, but not before giving her *Happiness Digest*. Woodard

other businesses, but his conscience bothered him that he should have canvassed more while he was in City Hall.

Later that day, Wood-

God worked even more miracles! The aid that was with the mayor the first time Woodard was in City Hall is a youth pastor at a Lutheran church. He purchased *Bible Answers* and *The Great Controversy*. Also, a woman from the local Fire Department purchased *Peace Above the Storm (Steps to Christ)*. All of this would not have happened if God had not placed Woodard where he needed to be.

Many people say it is too hard to sell books. But, in the last days Ellen White says many will come into the Church through reading Seventh-day Adventist publications. The literature evangelists' prayer is that each time the MagaBook student program is placed in an area, that they will be able to reap many souls for Christ.

Within two weeks, 14 students sold more than 7,445 books to individuals in the small community of Greenwood, Miss.

—BY DAVID SIGAMANI

Highland Academy Share Updates, News



Donated band instruments

Highland Academy (HA) will open its doors this month with several new classes added to the current curriculum, and the HA family rejoices over the many recent miracles seen on campus.

HA will offer honors classes in English, history, and math. Furthermore, HA will add two more physical education classes that focus on personal fitness and individual sports; a family and consumer science class which covers elements of

home economics; and a journalism and photography class.

In the spring, HA's music director, Ivan Flores, shared an immense concern with the principal. He needed 17 more instruments for next year's beginner band. No one knew where the money

would come from to fund the needed instruments. Exactly one week later, Elise Musselman, a retired band director and music teacher, called Flores,

whom she did not know. She said, "I felt inspired to call Highland Academy and donate 40 instruments, and some music and method books." Flores continued,



Jessica Barnett (left), Darrick Horton, Asbley Morrow, Cassie Keller, and Hayley Jeffries, with Chaplain Williams

"This was a divine call. The Lord knew we needed the instruments and He provided. We are so thankful. The beginner band is so important, and it helps

to strengthen the advanced band. The music program will continue to grow."

On Friday, May 9, 2014, the heavens and the Highland Academy family rejoiced as five students were baptized in a lake at the year-end Friendship Vespers. During first semester, two other students were also baptized, making it a total of seven students baptized this past school year. Chadd Watkins, HA principal, said, "We work hard to provide opportunities for students to have encounters with the Lord here at Highland. There is no greater joy than to watch young people make a decision to serve Him."

—BY AMY CIRIGLIANO

Portland Southern Student Survives Capsized Boat

Soon after Roy Drusky, a member of Highland, Tenn., Church, arrived at Southern Adventist University, he wanted to serve as a student missionary. In the fall of 2013, he went to teach upper-level math

classes on the Pacific island of Pohnpei in Micronesia.

One of his duties overseas was to be a senior class sponsor, which meant he would chaperone the senior class retreat to Ant Atoll. The trip was a huge

success. On the way back to Pohnpei, Drusky boarded a boat with two co-workers and the students' luggage. The boat was dilapidated, overloaded, and had a

very weak engine, but no problems arose until they hit the open sea.

"It was really windy, and there were huge waves," Drusky recalls. "At times, the boat was completely airborne. That's when I realized, if there was a storm, there was going to be big trouble."

When the rain began, the waves swelled higher and sloshed into the boat from all directions, and the boat began to sink and suddenly capsized. Drusky inhaled some gasoline from the boat and became violently ill.

"We were about seven miles away from Ant and

out in the middle of nowhere," he recalls. "No one was going to find us there. We prayed and decided to swim for it."

After swimming for seven-and-a-half hours, they miraculously crawled back onto Ant's shores and were ministered to by the local people.

"During my time overseas, I saw God work in so many ways. Even as we were struggling out there, I really believed He would deliver us," Drusky says. "That night showed me more than ever that He is in control."

—BY ANGELA BAERG



The capsized crew

Decherd Church Launches Restoration of Historic Sanctuary

The Decherd Church has launched a major restoration that will bring much-needed updates to the sanctuary building, while retaining the quaint look of the historic church.

The first phase started with a new roof system. The vinyl siding was removed to reveal wood lap siding which will be painted and restored. The historic gothic-style window frames are also being refurbished, and the plastic panes replaced by glass.

Interior modifications include an updated foyer and two new bathrooms. A previous addition will be removed to make a connecting wing between the sanctuary and the fellowship hall.

As construction got underway, there were several surprises. Removal of the outdated carpeting revealed restorable hardwood floors,

and old 12" ceiling tiles covered a beautiful stained hardwood ceiling.

The site of Decherd Church dates to June 28, 1856, when John W. Syler gifted a half acre of property "to be used as a place of public worship." The deed specified that four congregations would use what is believed to be the first church building in the city of Decherd. Through the years, this arrangement made several changes, and in March 1982, Decherd Seventh-day Adventist Church purchased the building.



Antique metal shingles covered by layers of asphalt shingles were replaced with a new standing-seam metal roof.



Part of the termite-damaged west wall was five inches off the foundation before being re-framed back into plumb.

"There had been talk of tearing down the old building and just starting over," explains Jay E. Prall, business administrator. "After having a variety of construction professionals evaluate the building, all concurred that it was a sound structure."

"This project isn't about having a fancy facility for ourselves or how much turf we own," cautions Prall. "Our primary objective is to continue asking God to show us ways to effectively serve our community and create Kingdom results."

—BY JAY E. PRALL

Gibsons Celebrate 60 Years of Marriage



Dan and Faye Gibson celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 29, 2014, in

Goodlettsville, Tenn.

The couple grew up attending the same schools from time to time during their childhood, and on June 29, 1954, they were married.

They lived in Lauderdale County, Miss., and Choctaw County, Ala., until 1977 when they moved to McGehee, Ark. In 1982 they moved to

Hattiesburg, Miss., but in 1984 Dan lost his job over Sabbath accommodation.

During that time Dan began working paper mill construction, and they moved every 18-24 months. This gave them the opportunity to meet many people and serve in numerous churches across the Southern Union. They loved their travels and the special people they met at

every location.

The Gibsons are now serving as rental property managers at Madison Campus Church in Madison, Tenn. They have two children, Denise (Richard) Pope and Dannie Gibson Jr.; and three grandchildren, Deanna (Zach) Smith, Bradley Smith, and Dana Mathews.

—BY DENISE POPE

First Church Holds Disabilities Awareness Day



NETTIE HENDERSON

Gail Smith, Disabilities Awareness Day guest speaker, stands with her service dog at First Church, Adamsville, Ala.

He was big, loyal, quiet, well-disciplined, and handsome. Children reached out to affectionately touch him. He did not adversely affect the service or cause any disturbances. He did his job decently and in order, as he had been trained to provide services of importance. He is the service-dog of Gail Smith, who depends on him for guidance and protection. Smith has been blind for 40 years. She was one of the guest speakers during Disabilities Awareness Day at First Church in Adamsville, Ala., on Sabbath, May 10, 2014.

The day was filled with references to disabilities ministries, beginning with Sabbath School and remarks by Leo Nabors, elder and superintendent. A short video was shown during personal ministries, which highlighted the spiritual benefits of disabilities awareness. Nettie Henderson, M.S.W., South Central disabilities director, encouraged each church

member to become a friend of people with disabilities, and to sign up with their disabilities coordinator who will call on them to assist people with disabilities when there is a need; many signed up during this appeal. The morning worship was the spiritual high of the day, with Clifton J. McMillan Sr., pastor, preaching the Gospel and teaching members about the millions of people with disabilities who are not attending a church. He encouraged righteous interaction with them, as well as outreach evangelism to include them in salvation. Music for the day was rendered by the youth choir. It expressed God's love, His people's hope, and praise.

A disabilities awareness forum was held immediately following lunch. It was coordinated by John Bobo, First Church disabilities ministries coordinator. Presenters were Gail Smith, vice president of the National Federation of Blind, Northwest Chapter, and state secretary of the National Federation of the Blind; Carmen Moore, qualified developmental disabilities professional of Community Options; Clarice Davis, M.P.H., educator and caregivers specialist of Clarice Davis Consulting; and Nettie Henderson, M.S.W., South Central Conference director of disabilities ministries. The

forum provided disability information with emphasis on resource solutions, in conjunction with an opportunity to make comments and ask questions. An AARP planning guide for families titled "Prepare to Care" was given to participants. Testimonies were shared by Gwen Reese and Eddie Starks, elder, faithful members of First Church who both have disabilities. Shaniah Evans, 11, opened the forum with a solo and prayer. "God loves to see young people and older adults working together in His service," said Henderson.

South Central provided emergency and disaster starter kits to everyone with a disability. Contents of the starter kits included brochures by FEMA, "Preparing Makes Sense for People with Disabilities, Others with Access and Functional Needs" and "The Whole Community," as well as instructions for completing the disaster kit.

Many different types of resource materials were provided for attendees. Resource information was available from the mayor's office, American Disabilities Act Compliance's Office, Disabilities Resource Center, National Federation of the Blind, Emergency Management Agency, Able Data, and South Central Conference. Firemen from the Adamsville Fire Depart-

ment came and gave every family present a smoke and fire alarm for their homes.

"The aim for this day is to provide disabilities information and solutions that work for you," said Henderson. She had individuals with a mobility disability complete the Jefferson County, Ala., Disability Alert Systems Form. The information will be entered into the database of the Emergency Management Agency (EMA). It is confidential and will be used only for emergency notifications. EMA will "advise public safety



Some of the participants during the Disabilities Awareness Day service at First Church

officials that an individual residing at that address has a disability that may require an alert notice in the event of certain emergencies, additional assistance for evacuation required by an emergency, or the delivery of medicine required in the event of a large-scale public health crisis that affects the Jefferson County area."

Questions continued after closing prayer and extended to the parking lot. South Central is planning a disabilities conference for Jefferson County in 2015.

—BY NETTIE HENDERSON

Mt. Calvary Helps Disabled Members Have Fun

Disabled members at Mt. Calvary Church in

Huntsville. It was predicted that the temperature would



Attendees enjoy the retreat



Participants at the retreat

Huntsville, Ala., ventured out on Sunday, May 25, 2014, to have fun at Ditto Landing, a resort area in

be 90 degrees, but they went by faith and ask the Lord to turn down the heat for them — and this He

did. Sixteen individuals, some in the church van and others in their own vehicles, met at the church and left together for the trip. They were accompanied by Nettie Henderson, South Central disabilities ministries director.

The Singing Brothers, Al Gardner and Joel Johnson, went ahead to secure an appropriate spot, knowing that the place may be crowded, especially on a holiday weekend.

Upon arriving and giving thanks in prayer, the main reason for the retreat was apparent. Jacqueline Richards, Mt. Calvary disabilities ministries coordinator, led a discussion citing her top priority for the ministry at Mt. Calvary Church. “I want to know how we can enhance disability ministries and move it to another level, implementing ways in which we can meet people with disabilities in the community,” said Richards. “Disability is not confined

to church, it’s everywhere and a part of society. So, as a church, we have to reach others and let them know we are concerned about them. We want them to know that being disabled does not mean God has cast us away or we can’t do anything.”

Everyone had an opportunity to voice their input, and it was concluded that the group would step out in faith and take disability ministries a step higher. A delicious meal was prepared for everyone to enjoy. Some adults and children enjoyed a walk on the bank of the river.

After a wonderful fellowship of sharing and setting goals for disability ministries, everyone prepared to leave to attend other activities at Mt. Calvary. A prayer circle was formed to pray before heading back.

—BY JACQUELINE RICHARDS

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Oakwood University

Notice of Special Meeting of Members

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the constituency of Oakwood University, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the state of Alabama, will be convened in the auditorium of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, Maryland, on Wednesday October 15, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. (EDT) for the transaction of business that may come before the Corporation. The purpose of the meeting is to approve amendments to the Articles and Bylaws of the corporation and to transact other matters related thereto.

Dan Jackson, Chairman
Leslie N. Pollard, Secretary

Five Teachers Receive Commissioned Ministry of Teaching Credential

Five Southeastern Conference teachers received the North American Division Commissioned Ministry of Teaching Credential during the Teacher Commissioning Service on June 21, 2014, the first weekend of Southeastern's Camp Meeting, which is held annually at Camp Hawthorne in Hawthorne, Fla.

The credential is bestowed upon teachers who have displayed a commitment to Seventh-day

Adventist Education, possess Seventh-day Adventist teaching certification, and have taught for a minimum of six years. Jim Davis, executive secretary of the Southern Union, served as the keynote speaker for the service. During his sermon he encouraged the teachers to teach with the love of Jesus Christ.

"Teacher commissioning is the highest honor that a teacher in the Adventist church can receive," said Carol Byrd, superintendent of education for Southeastern.

The teachers that were commissioned were Magaly J. Arthus, Tamara Bowden, Patrick Dodard, Charlotte Rolle, and Mwon Taylor. Magaly Arthus teaches grades five and six at Beth-

el Junior Academy in West Palm Beach, Fla. A product of Adventist education,



Hubert Morel (right), president of Southeastern Conference, offers the prayer of consecration during Southeastern's Teacher Commissioning Service. Recipients include Mwon Taylor (left), Charlotte Rolle, Patrick Dodard, Tamara Bowden, and Magaly Arthus.

she graduated from Forest Lake Academy through the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists Distance Education Program. She received a B.A. in liberal studies and an M.A. in educational leadership from Pacific Union College (PUC). While attending PUC she answered God's call to become one of His educators. Arthus is married to Charles Arthus, and they are parents of two daughters, Brielle and Janelle Arthus.

Tamara Bowden serves as principal at Mt. Olivet Junior Academy in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Bowden received a B.S. in biochemistry from Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala. She began her professional career working for Oak-

wood's Chemistry Department as the lab manager, and later as an analytical

chemist for a biotechnology company in San Diego, Ca-



Jim Davis, executive secretary of the Southern Union, delivers the keynote address during Southeastern's Teacher Commissioning Service.

lif. Called further to explore her own God-given abilities, Bowden entered the education profession where she served as a high school

science teacher for the Orange County Public School System in central Florida.

Two years later, she accepted a call to serve as the resource teacher for Southeastern. After six years in that position, Bowden accepted a call to serve as vice principal at Mt. Olivet Junior Academy. Bowden is married to Remelus Bowden, and they have two children, Samara and Remelus II.

An educator for more than 30 years, Patrick Dodard teaches social studies

and math in grades five through eight at Broward Junior Academy in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Dodard received a B.S. in economics and a law degree from the Faculte de Droit et des Sciences in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. He obtained an M.S. in criminal justice from Kaplan University in Ft. Lauderdale. As an attorney in Haiti, Dodard ascended to the position of judge in the Court House of Gonaives in Haiti, a position he as-

sumed when he was only 27 years old. After serving as a widely respected and influential Seventh-day Adventist judge, he was called

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to serve God as a Church school teacher. Dodard became a teacher because he wanted to make in a difference in the lives of young people, something that he felt he was not able to do as a judge. Dodard is married to Yovena Dodard, and they have three children.

Charlotte Rolle teaches grades three and four at Mt. Olivet Junior Academy. Rolle received a B.S.N. from Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Fla., and an M.A. in read-

ing from Barry University in Miami, Fla. She has a professional teaching certificate from the Southern Union Conference. Prior to teaching at Mt. Olivet, she worked as a nurse with Vitas Hospice for more than 17 years. In 2006, she decided to take a sabbatical from nursing. During that time she served as a substitute teacher at Mt. Olivet. Seven years later she remains as a teacher at Mt. Olivet. Rolle is married to James Rolle, and they

have three children and six grandchildren.

Mwon Taylor teaches the sixth grade at Miami Union Academy in North Miami, Fla. Taylor is the second of three children of Willie L. and Jeanette “Vickie” Taylor. A pastor’s kid, he and his family moved several times throughout his life. At the age of three, his family moved to Ft. Lauderdale, where most of his younger years were spent. After his sixth grade year at

Miami Union Academy, his family moved again, this time to Orlando, Fla., where he attended Orlando Junior Academy and graduated from Forest Lake Academy. He received a B.A. in English with a minor in psychology from Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala.

—BY ROBERT HENLEY

Kircio Mota Ordained to Gospel Ministry



ROBERT HENLEY JR.

Patrick Vincent, D.Min., pastor of the Mt. Calvary Church in Tampa, Fla., offers the ordination prayer as pastors surround and lay hands on Kircio and Melissa Mota during the Southeastern Conference Ordination Service on June 28, 2014.

Kircio Mota was ordained as a minister of the Gospel in an ordination ceremony on June 28, 2014, during the final weekend of Southeastern Conference’s Camp Meeting in Hawthorne, Fla. A native of New York City, N.Y., Mota is the eldest of three children born to Kircio and Loida Mota.

Like many that have

been called to the ministry, Mota did not have any desire to yield to God’s call and follow in his pastor father’s footsteps. After graduating from Miami Union Academy in North Miami, Fla., he enrolled into the nursing program at Ad-

ventist University of Health Sciences in Orlando, Fla.

However, in 2002, he could no longer ignore God’s call, and enrolled in the theology program at Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala. He later transferred to Antillean Adventist University in Puerto Rico, where he received a B.A. in theology.

The Southeastern Con-

ference offered him a call in 2007, and placed him in a three-church district in south Georgia. Two years later, the Conference sent him to the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich., where he obtained an M.A. in divinity with an emphasis in ethics. He is currently the assistant pastor at the Ephe-sus Church in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Mota has been happily married to Melissa Ramos Mota for seven years, whom he married the day after graduating from Antillean Adventist University. They have two girls, Amélie Nicole, 4, and Hannah Sophia, 2.

“Ordination confirms to me that God’s calling is on my life,” said Mota.

According to the Adventist Church, ordination is an act of commission

that acknowledges God’s call, and sets the individual apart. In short, ordination



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Dana Edmond, president of the South Central Conference, delivers the ordination message on June 28, 2014, during the final weekend of Southeastern’s Camp Meeting.

invests ministers with full ecclesiastical authority to act on behalf of the Church anywhere in the world field where they may be employed.

—BY ROBERT HENLEY

Graduate Students Use Technology to Map Infrastructure Data in Tanzania



A graduate student from Southern (left) collects information from Tanzanians.

Tanzania is a land recognized for Serengeti National Park, snow-covered peaks on Mount Kilimanjaro, the Maasai tribe, and the gleaming beaches of Zanzibar. But for 16 graduate students in Southern Adventist University's Global Community Development program, it will be best remembered as a life-changing classroom where they learned the art

of transformation development through participatory planning, mobilization, and evaluation.

The seeds of these life-changing moments were planted in 2013 when Southern began offering a master of science in global community development. Designed by Sharon Pittman, professor, the hands-on degree emphasizes both one-on-one interactions and cutting-edge technology such as geographic information systems (GIS), the most powerful and advanced mapping technology on the market.

"GIS lets us visualize, question, analyze, interpret, and understand data to reveal relationships, patterns, and trends," said Mike

Ruth, a consultant for ESRI Professional Services.

Some of Southern's students in Tanzania had the opportunity to work with World Vision staff members, collecting basic human infrastructure data using GIS while visiting more than a dozen villages. In less than three days, they helped map elementary schools, health centers, roads, and water sources. Community leaders and non-government organizations will now be able to use this information to better plan how to improve services for villagers.

The goal of this training was to replicate the process in nearly 70 other sites within the country. Jeremy Weaver, one of

Southern's graduate students, used GIS technology to head a research project that mapped the impact of improved access to dairy cattle on rural Tanzanian families.

"We collected information quicker and so much more effectively," Weaver said. "We were also able to capture pictures of the research with the tablets, and map areas that have never been mapped before. It was my favorite part of the bush learning experience."

For more information about the Global Community Development program, visit southern.edu/graduatestudies.

—BY JEREMY WEAVER

Orchestra Performs Concerts in Argentina

Student musicians under the direction of Laurie Redmer Minner, orchestra conductor and associate professor for Southern's School of Music, went to Argentina this past May to offer 13 concerts in multiple locations over the span of two weeks. For many in the audience, it was the first time they had occasion to experience a live symphony concert.

The orchestra traveled to locations such as the Universidad Adventista del Plata in Entre Rios, and various surrounding cities such as Paraná and Rosario. They performed at Adventist schools and

churches, as well as venues ranging from a city civic center to a gymnasium.

While the campus community in Collegedale, Tenn., embraces classical music and these student performers, the group was not fully prepared for the enthusiastic response their music generated in Argentina. For example, Tyler Rand, senior music theory major, was the soloist for Haydn's Concerto for Oboe during a performance in the gymnasium at the Universidad Adventista del Plata, and was greeted with rapturous applause when finished.

"I've never had an



Southern senior Tyler Rand (standing, left) soloed in Haydn's Concerto for Oboe during a concert before 1,500 people in the gymnasium of Universidad Adventista del Plata in Entre Rios, Argentina.

audience cheer so enthusiastically before," Rand said. "I've performed with an orchestra multiple times, but the response in South America was unlike anything I've heard in the

United States. Many times applause merely sounds polite, but the Argentines meant it. I really felt appreciated!"

Student musicians at Southern enjoy, on a rotating basis for each group, one international tour per year. Traveling to Argentina with 70 musicians is an expensive endeavor, but with support from generous donors, Minner was able to raise \$60,000 toward offsetting student expenses. These gifts, in addition to financial support provided by the University, allowed for a savings of \$800 per student.

—BY RACHAEL HANKINS

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CAROLINA CONFERENCE ACADEMY

Mt. Pisgah Academy, Candler, NC

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Adventist Christian Academy, Charlotte, NC
Adventist Christian Academy, Raleigh, NC
Asheville-Pisgah School, Candler, NC
Brookhaven SDA School, Winterville, NC
Camden Adventist School, Camden, SC
Charleston SDA School, Charleston, SC
Columbia Adventist Academy, Lexington, SC
Eddlemon Adventist School, Spartanburg, SC
Elizabeth City SDA School, Elizabeth City, NC
Five Oaks Adventist Christian School, Durham, NC
William Johnston Elementary, Hickory, NC
Mills River SDA School, Mills River, NC
Myrtle Beach SDA Christian School, Myrtle Beach, SC
Poplar Springs SDA School, Westminster, SC
Silver Creek Adventist School, Morganton, NC
Tri-City Christian Academy, High Point, NC
Tryon SDA School, Lynn, NC
Upstate Christian Academy, Greenville, SC
Wilmington SDA School, Wilmington, NC

FLORIDA CONFERENCE ACADEMIES

Forest Lake Academy, Apopka, FL
Greater Miami Adventist Academy, Miami, FL

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Beryl Wisdom Adventist School, Orlando, FL
Brevard Adventist Christian Academy, Cocoa, FL
Deltona Adventist School, Deltona, FL
East Pasco Adventist Academy, Dade City, FL
Forest City Adventist School, Altamonte Springs, FL
Forest Lake Education Center, Longwood, FL
Gateway Christian School, Mt. Dora, FL
Gulfcoast SDA Elementary, St. Petersburg, FL
Indigo Christian Junior Academy, Daytona Beach, FL
Jacksonville Adventist Academy, Jacksonville, FL
James E. Sampson Memorial School, Ft. Pierce, FL
Living Springs Academy, High Springs, FL
Miami Springs Adventist School, Miami Springs, FL
Naples Adventist Christian School, Naples, FL
New Port Richey Adv. Christian Academy, New Port Richey, FL
Okeechobee Adventist Christian School, Okeechobee, FL
Orlando Junior Academy, Orlando, FL
Osceola Adventist Christian School, Kissimmee, FL
Port Charlotte Adventist School, Port Charlotte, FL
Sawgrass Adventist School, Plantation, FL
Tampa Adventist Academy, Tampa, FL
Walker Memorial Junior Academy, Avon Park, FL
West Coast Christian Academy, Bradenton, FL
West Palm Beach Junior Academy, West Palm Beach, FL
William A. Kirlow Junior Academy, Miami Gardens, FL
Winter Haven Adventist Academy, Winter Haven, FL
Z. L. Lung SDA Church School, Gainesville, FL

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE

ACADEMIES

Atlanta Adventist Academy, Atlanta, GA
Collegedale Academy, Collegedale, TN
Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, GA

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Algood Christian Elementary School, Cookeville, TN
A.W. Spalding SDA School, Collegedale, TN
Adventist Christian School of Maryville, Maryville, TN
Carman Adventist School, Marietta, GA
Lester Coon Adventist School, Apison, TN

Atlanta North SDA School, Atlanta, GA
Augusta SDA School, Augusta, GA
Bowman Hills SDA School, Cleveland, TN
John L. Coble Elementary School, Calhoun, GA
Collegedale Adventist Middle School, Collegedale, TN
Columbus SDA School, Columbus, GA
Cumberland Heights SDA School, Coalmont, TN
Douglasville SDA School, Douglasville, GA
Duluth Adventist Christian School, Duluth, GA
Dunlap Adventist School, Dunlap, TN
Faulkner Springs Christian School, McMinnville, TN
Greenville Adventist Academy, Greenville, TN
Inez Wrenn SDA School, Crossville, TN
Jasper Christian School, Jasper, GA
Jasper Adventist Christian School, Jasper, TN
Jellico SDA School, Jellico, TN
Josephine Edwards Christian School, Ellijay, GA
Knoxville Adventist School, Knoxville, TN
Lakeland Adventist School, Lakeland, GA
Learning Tree Elementary School, Dalton, GA
Meister Memorial SDA School, Deer Lodge, TN
Misty Meadows SDA School, Ringgold, GA
Morristown SDA School, Morristown, TN
Murphy Adventist Christian School, Murphy, NC
Oglethorpe SDA School, Oglethorpe, TN
Ooltewah Adventist School, Ooltewah, TN
Pikeville SDA School, Pikeville, TN
Savannah Adventist Christian School, Pooler, GA
Shoal Creek Adventist School, Sharpsburg, GA
Standifer Gap SDA School, Chattanooga, TN
Tri-City SDA School, Gray, TN
Valdosta Christian Academy, Valdosta, GA
Wimbish Adventist School, Macon, GA

GULF STATES CONFERENCE ACADEMY

Bass Memorial Academy, Lumberton, MS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Adventist Christian Academy, Panama City, FL
Bass Christian Elementary, Lumberton, MS
Big Cove Christian Academy, Owens Cross Roads, AL
College Drive SDA School, Pearl, MS
Community Christian School, Meridian, MS
Corinth SDA School, Corinth, MS
Emerald Coast Christian School, Fort Walton Beach, FL
Faith Adventist Christian School, Summit, MS
Floral Crest Junior Academy, Bryant, AL
Hoover Christian School, Hoover, AL
Mobile Junior Academy, Mobile, AL
Montgomery SDA School, Montgomery, AL
Pensacola Junior Academy, Pensacola, FL

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE CONFERENCE

ACADEMIES

Highland Academy, Portland, TN
Madison Academy, Madison, TN

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Appalachian Christian Academy, Manchester, KY
Bill Egly Elementary School, Lawrenceburg, TN
Dickson Adventist Elementary, Dickson, TN
Highland Elementary School, Portland, TN
Lexington Junior Academy, Lexington, KY
Louisville Adventist Academy, Louisville, KY
Madison Campus Elementary, Madison, TN
Martin Memorial Elementary School, Centerville, TN
Memphis Junior Academy, Memphis, TN
Pewee Valley Junior Academy, Pewee Valley, KY
Ridgetop Adventist Elementary, Ridgetop, TN
Taylor Mill SDA Church School, Latonia, KY
Tullahoma SDA Elementary, Tullahoma, TN
Woodbury SDA Elementary, Woodbury, TN

SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE ACADEMY

Greater Atlanta Adventist Academy, Atlanta, GA

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Abney Chapel Christian School, Fayetteville, NC
Atlanta Adventist International School, Tucker, GA
Berea Junior Academy, Sumpter, SC
Berean Christian Junior Academy, Atlanta, GA
Berean Junior Academy, Charlotte, NC
Bethany Junior Academy, Macon, GA
Carolina Adventist Academy, Whiteville, NC
Decatur Adventist Junior Academy, Stone Mountain, GA
Ebenezer SDA School, Augusta, GA
Emanuel SDA Junior Academy, Albany, GA
Ephesus Junior Academy, Winston-Salem, NC
Gethsemane SDA School, Raleigh, NC
Jack J. Hanna SDA School, Florence, SC
Lithonia Adventist Academy, Lithonia, GA
Vanard J. Mendinghall Junior Academy, Orangeburg, SC
Napoleon B. Smith SDA Academy, Greensboro, NC
New Bethel Christian Academy, Columbus, GA
Ramah Junior Academy, Savannah, GA
Norma D. Richards Adventist Christian School, Page-land, SC

SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE ACADEMY

Oakwood Adventist Academy, Huntsville, AL

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Alcy Junior Academy, Memphis, TN
Avondale SDA School, Chattanooga, TN
Bethany SDA Academy, Montgomery, AL
E. E. Rogers SDA School, Jackson, MS
Emma L. Minnis School, Louisville, KY
Emmanuel SDA School, Mobile, AL
Ephesus Junior Academy, Birmingham, AL
F. H. Jenkins Elementary School, Nashville, TN
Oakwood Elementary School, Huntsville, AL
University Elementary School, Knoxville, TN
SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE ACADEMY
Miami Union Academy, N. Miami, FL
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
Bethel Elementary SDA School, Florida City, FL
Bethel Junior Academy, Riviera Beach, FL
Broward Junior Academy, Plantation, FL
Daughter of Zion Junior Academy, Delray Beach, FL
Elim Junior Academy, St. Petersburg, FL
Ephesus Junior Academy, Jacksonville, FL
Ephesus Junior Academy, West Palm Beach, FL
Mt. Calvary SDA School, Tampa, FL
Mt. Olivet SDA School, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Mt. Sinai Junior Academy, Orlando, FL
New Hope SDA School, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Palm Bay SDA School, Palm Bay, FL
Perrine SDA School, Miami, FL
Shiloh SDA School, Ocala, FL

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Adventist University of Health Sciences, Orlando, FL
Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL
Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, TN

Obituaries

FARNSWORTH, Pastor Glen D., 86, born March 7, 1927 near Noble, OK, to Velmer and Odessa Winkler Farnsworth, died July 16, 2013 following a major stroke in the early morning of July 1.



His education at Southwestern Junior College in Keene, TX, was interrupted while he served his country in the Army, stationed in South Korea. He went on to complete his education at Union College in Lincoln, NE, and married E. Charlene Ewing of Bonnerdale, AR, who passed to her rest in 2004, after 49 years of marriage. His Adventist roots run deep — his great-grandfather was William Farnsworth of New Hampshire during Ellen G. White's time.

He pastored across the nation for a total of 50 years. He first served as school teacher/singing evangelist (with Buddy Brass), and then as pastor in the Oklahoma, Texico, Rocky Mountain, Kansas, Potomac, Georgia-Cumberland, and Arkansas/Louisiana conferences.

After taking an "early retirement" at age 72, he was called back into action two years later (2001), at the urgent request of the ARKLA Conference, to stipend-pastor Chapel Valley Church in the woods of southwest Arkansas until he finally "retired" at age 82 in early 2009.

After being widowed in 2004, he "discovered" Blanche Orser, a widow since 2001, online. Glen and Blanche were married Aug. 7, 2005 at Chapel Valley. He was an active member of the Cookeville, TN, Church, serving as elder, Sabbath School teacher, and greeting visitors with a friendly handshake, wonderful smile, and often a fun or interesting story!

He was remembered in a memorial celebration of his life on July 27, 2013 at Cookeville Church, followed by interment at Bonnerdale Church Cemetery in Bonnerdale, AR, on Aug. 24, 2013. He is survived by his wife of eight years, Blanche Farnsworth of Sparta, TN; children: G. Randall (Shelly) Farnsworth of Collegedale, TN, and Cynthia C. (Ed) Higgins of Savannah, GA; and grandchildren: Joshua and Maci Farnsworth of Collegedale, TN.

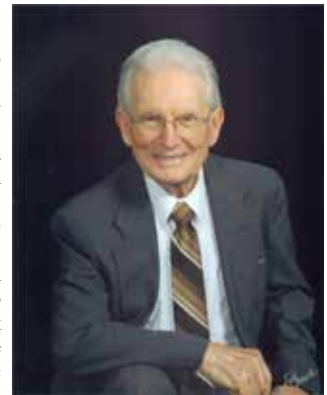
HUGHES, Ross Eugene, 90, went to sleep in Jesus Feb. 11, 2014 in Hendersonville, NC, after a brief illness. He was born in Ardmore, OK, and at only nine months old, he went with his missionary parents to pioneer work in China. There he lived, loved, and learned the culture of the people he admired for his first 15 years.

When he was only 12 years old, his parents put him on a train to cross the country alone to attend Far Eastern Academy. He, his parents, and sister fled the country of China when the Japanese began coming in. They moved to Collegedale, TN, where he completed academy and then college at Southern Junior College (now Southern Adventist University).

He was riding his bicycle across campus, wearing a sweater with the letters FEA (Far Eastern Academy) when some visitors stopped to ask directions. Betty Howard was in that car with her parents and sister, having just left FEA. Immediately a friendship began. Ross and Betty were married after college in 1945 while Ross was attending Emory University in Atlanta, GA, from which he graduated with dentistry. The dental school in Atlanta was the precursor for the Adventist students to Loma Linda University.

Ross and Betty were married for 68 years. To their loving union came four children: Sharryn Rose (Barry) Mahorney of Morganton, NC; Lynda Varlene (Dave) Seidel of Waynesville, OH; Glen Eugene (Lynn) of Candler, NC; and Juanita Jeanne (Bo Carwile) of Midlothian, VA, who lost her battle with cancer in 2011; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. His joy was their frequent family camping reunions to see all the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He would not miss these for anything. Another passion he had in earlier days was hiking, specifically backpacking, with family on the Appalachian Trail. He also dearly loved traveling with his dear wife in their RV.

Christian education was very dear to his heart, sacrificing for all four children to go from first grade through college in Adventist schools. In fact, there were multiple years when he would drive five miles each morning out into the country including over very treacherous wintry roads to get several children from their farm, and then drop back by his home to get his children and on to the destination of their small church school. As a professional, he chose to move out-of-state when the church school closed, so that his children could continue in an Adventist school. He retired from dentistry with the Veterans' Administration in Johnson City, Tenn. in 1986. He very actively served his Lord faithfully in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, as elder, Sabbath School teacher, Religious Liberty leader, and even helping to raise up two new congregations — Kingsport, TN, and Sevierville, TN. He was gracious, humble, loving, and dedicated to all he believed in. He definitely will be missed by all who knew him. But he died in the hope of that great resurrection morning when Jesus soon comes!



NELSON, Roger T., M.D., 93, born Oct. 7, 1920 in Lucknow, IN, died April 2, 2014 in Dunlap, TN. He was a member of Dunlap Church. Dr. Nelson was a cardiothoracic surgeon at Bangkok Adventist Hospital in Bangkok, Thailand; New England Memorial Hospital in Stoneham, MA; and Wildwood Sanitarium and Hospital in Wildwood, GA.



He is survived by his wife, Ethel R. Nelson, M.D.; one daughter, Laurel Damsteegt of Berrien Springs, MI; two sons: Orlyn Nelson of Sterling, MA, and Theodore Nelson, D.D.S., of Lancaster, MA; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held at Dunlap Church on June 7.

VOGT, William (Bill), 92, of Davy, WV, died Dec. 14, 2013. He graduated from Mt. Vernon Academy in 1940. He attended Washington Missionary College, and worked at the College Press.

In 1944 he went to work for the Review and Herald, and for the first 20 years he worked in the composing room. He spent the next 20 years in the production office where he served as assistant superintendent and associate superintendent.

He, and his wife, June, moved to Hendersonville where they attended Fletcher, NC, Church. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, June Vogt of Hendersonville, NC; two sisters: Pauline Templeman of Hendersonville, and Shirley (Dick) Schmachtenberg of Leonardtown, MD; a host of nieces; and nephews. He was preceded in death by three brothers: John Floyd, Carl, and Robert.



Obituaries

ACUFF, Chloe Emeline Graham, 82, of Ashland, AL, born Aug. 21, 1930, died Oct. 12, 2012 in Morganton, NC. She was a member of Table Rock, NC, Church where she served as church clerk and bulletin secretary. She also served as home and school leader, Sabbath School superintendent, and a number of other offices. She worked as a teacher's aide and was a technician at Broughton Hospital. She is survived by her children: Faye (Howard) Acuff Bumgarner of Morganton, Lynda Bivens (Chris) Metts of Holden Beach, NC, and Terry (Angie) Acuff of Morganton; four grandsons: Josh Rhodes, Graham Rhodes, Weston Acuff, and Eric Powell; and several great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents: Elzie and Amanda Graham; and her siblings: Charran Graham, Thelma Ellyson, Irving Graham, Alvan Graham, and James Graham.

ACUFF, Fred Albert, 84, of San Bernadino, CA, born Nov. 18, 1929, died Feb. 10, 2014 in Morganton, NC. Fred was a member of Table Rock, NC, Church where he served as treasurer and religious liberty leader for many years. He is survived by his wife Margaret; his daughter Faye (Howard) Acuff Bumgarner of Morganton, NC, Lynda Bivens (Chris) Metts of Holden Beach, NC, Terry (Angie) Acuff of Morganton; four grandsons: Josh Rhodes, Graham Rhodes, Weston Acuff, and Eric Powell; and several great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents: Fred Theron and Marie Acuff; his first wife, Chloe Emeline Graham Acuff; three brothers: Ernest Morgan, Foster Morgan, and Jim Acuff; and one sister, Vivian Breen.

ALCOCK, William, 96, born Dec. 26, 1917 in Jamaica, West Indies, died March 31, 2014 in Ocala, FL. He was a member of the Silver Springs Shores Church in Ocala for 27 years. He is survived by three sons: Joseph, Dovett, and Andrew; and one daughter. The service was conducted by Pastor Matthew Christo at the Good Shepherd Chapel in Ocala. Interment was at the Good Shepherd Memorial Gardens in Ocala.

ANDERSON, Flonnie Beal, 89, of Cincinnati, OH, born Dec. 22, 1923, died Feb. 18, 2014 in Morganton, NC. She was a member of Table Rock, NC, Church, and was the Sabbath School secretary for many years. She is survived by her brother, Ray Arthur Beal of Ohio; two nephews: Delmar Beal and Billy Beal; and one niece, Sherry (John) Sons of Ohio. She was preceded in death by her parents: James Elmer Beal and Stella Meadors Beal; one sister, Vera Powell; and her husband, James Scott Anderson.

BARZAY, James S., 91, born Oct. 28, 1922 in Monserrat, West Indies, died March 10, 2014 in Ocala, FL. He was a member of Silver Springs Shores Church in Ocala for 28 years where he served as a Sabbath School teacher, Pathfinder director, elder, and sanctuary choir member. He also was involved with prison ministries and community services. He is survived by his wife, Elma; two sons: Stafford of New York, and Joshua of Florida; one daughter, Jeanette (Moses) Brown of Tampa, FL; and three sisters: Priscilla, Dorothy, and Eliza. The service was conducted by Pastors Matthew Christo, R. Smith, and M. Williams at Silver Springs Church. The interment service was conducted by Pastors Vincent and Ross at the Good Shepherd Memorial Gardens in Ocala.

BEDDINGFIELD, Frances Bernice, 79, of Henderson County, NC, born Oct. 28, 1934, died Feb. 11, 2014 in Hendersonville, NC. She was a member of Fletcher, NC, Church, and worked in the cafeteria of Fletcher Elementary School. She is survived by two sons: Phillip Beddingfield of Fletcher and Robert Beddingfield of Dana, NC; three daughters: Billie Sue Surret, Donna Cooper, and Lisa Metcalf of Fletcher; one brother, James "Bill" of Fletcher; four sisters: Betty Davis, Judy Norwood, Nancy Ringer, and Laura Ringer; nine grandchildren: Jodi Mann, Nathaniel Surret, Joshua Surret, Tara Johnson, Heather Beddingfield, Jennifer Durham, Jamie Cooper, Tonya Adams, and Christina Adams; and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents: Eugene and Myrtle Hutchinson of Fletcher; her husband, Billy Marvin Beddingfield; one sister, Linda Fletcher; and one grandson, Christopher Mann.

BROCK, Opal Lee, 91, born Oct. 22, 1922 in Kentucky died May 6, 2014 in Portland, TN. She was a member of Highland Church in Portland. She is survived by three sons: Richard, Robert, and Charles; four daughters: Linda Preston, Judy Hall, Barbara Busch, and Patricia Higginbotham; 15 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

BRZOSKO, Joseph G., 92, born Aug. 9, 1921 in Hamtramck, MI, died April 23, 2014 in Altamonte Springs, FL. He was a member of Forest Lake Church in Altamonte Springs for seven years. He was employed at the Battle Creek Sanitarium in Battle Creek, MI, from 1968 to 1975 in the engineering department. He is survived by two daughters: Martha (Don) Lloyd of Climax, MI, and Ruth (Neal) Smith of Altamonte Springs; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. A graveside service was conducted with full military honors at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Battle Creek.

CARROLL, Myrtle Tucker, 89, born March 27, 1925 in Moreland, KY, died June 27, 2014 in Portland, TN. She was a member of Highland Church in Portland. She is survived by one daughter, Betsy (Mike) White; two grandchildren: Jason Dyer and Shana Dyer Ringer; nieces and nephews: Hatty Gill, Jane Fleshman, Hinton Clabaugh Jr., James Rucker Jr., and Rosa Lee DeAngelo.

CHERRY, John Elmer Sr., 88, born in 1926 in Vassar, MI, died April 13, 2014 in Flat Rock, NC. He taught for five years at Fletcher Academy, and was a member of Fletcher, NC, Church. He is survived by his sister, Lillian Rauch of Altamonte Springs, FL; sister-in-law, Barbara Wazdatskey of California; four children: John Cherry Jr. of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Jeanne Lynn (Edward) Watts of Watkinsville, GA, Jimmy (Cheri) Cherry of Loma Linda, CA, and Kay (Chris) Gordon of Saluda; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; many nieces; and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents: Theodore and Alexandrene Vasselkovsky Wazdatskey; and siblings: Mary Wazdatskey, Paul Wazdatskey, Joe Wazdatskey, Anna Brown, Sophie Oles, Phillip Wazdatskey, Pete Wazdatskey, Lillian Rauch, and Leo Branson.

COOPER, W. H., 73, born June 12, 1940 in St. Augustine, FL, died April 13, 2014 in St. Augustine. He was a member of St. Augustine Church for

60 years. He is survived by his wife, Clarinda; two sons: William Jr. and Kale both of St. Augustine; one sister, Frances Augustine of St. Augustine; two grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor Barry Seals at St. Augustine Church.

CROWDER, Amos Enoch, 94, born April 11, 1919 in Lost Hills, CA, died Aug. 17, 2013 at his home in Fletcher, NC, after a short struggle with pneumonia. He grew up on Merritt Island, FL, where his parents owned the Tropic Nursing Home. He attended schools in Florida and Collegedale, TN, as well as Fletcher Academy. He also received certifications in plumbing, heating/air conditioning, and electrical wiring. In 1941, he was drafted into the U.S. Army, where he served as medic and mess sergeant during WWII under General George Patton, from whom he received five Battle Stars. After the war, he worked in Hendersonville, NC, and then moved to Broadview Academy in Chicago, IL, where he began his maintenance career. He soon became director of plant services for Florida Hospital in Orlando, FL, where he worked for 15 years. After that, he became an insurance inspector for the GC Insurance Company in Washington, D.C., which required extensive travel around the country. In later years, he was maintenance engineer for Kettering Medical Center in Ohio, Madison Hospital in Tennessee, and Shawnee Mission Medical Center in Kansas; and clerk of the works for hospitals in Greenville, TN, and Brighton and Boulder, CO. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers: Henderson, Marvin, and Pastor Ivan Crowder; his first wife, Kate (Hutchinson); and one great-grandson, Trenton Roberts. He is survived by his second wife, Joan of Ringgold, GA; his only child, Rita Kay Roberts of Fletcher, NC; one step-son, Charles Bishop of McDonald, TN; one grandson, Dallas Roberts of Sandpoint, ID; one granddaughter, Dr. Katy Roberts of Loma Linda, CA; three great-grandchildren; nieces; and nephews.

DALE, Lois K. Wiik, 82, born May 14, 1931 in Duluth, MN, died May 7, 2014 in Morganton, NC. She was very active in all areas of church life, and especially loved serving as a cradle roll teacher. She loved flowers, crafts, sewing, reading, and caring for children. She is survived by her husband, John "Sug" Dale; one brother, Alfred Wiik of Fletcher, NC; one sister, Harriet Wiik Merrell of Morganton; three children: Diatra Washburn and Vonda Killen of Morganton, and Craig Killen of Glen Alpine, NC; four grandchildren: Michael Washburn, Kristofer Killen, Tiffany Taylor, and Curtis Killen; and one great-grandson, Caleb Aidyn Washburn. She was preceded in death by her brothers: Albin and Roy Wiik; and one sister, Geraldine Henson.

FERNSEL, Mildred Sizemore, 88, born June 24, 1925, died June 7, 2014 at her home in Harlan, KY. She was a member of Harlan, KY, Church, where she served as director of ACS and treasurer. She was a retired LPN. She is survived by two sons: Lyndon (Bianca) Ringstaff and Mykal (Melissa) Ringstaff; one daughter, Marilyn Ringstaff; two brothers: Kenneth and David Sizemore; three sisters: Evelyn Stender, Anna Lee Resado, and Hazel Cristaldi; 14 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 31 years, Willis Fernel; one son, Stephen D. Ringstaff; and several siblings.

Obituaries

FULLER, Lucille, 76, born in 1937, died March 30, 2014 in Lake City, FL. She was a founding member of Columbia City Church in Lake City. This pioneer had a capacity for hard work and used every moment of her time spreading the Good News of the soon return of Christ. She is survived by her husband, Percival; five children; and nine grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor George Worrell.

GALLNER, Elizabeth Auguste, 92, born December 13, 1921 in East Prussia, Germany, died April 20, 2014 at Manhattan Nursing and Rehab Center in Jackson, MS. She moved to the United States in 1951 and settled in Mississippi from Florida. She was a member of College Drive Church in Pearl, MS. She is survived by her daughters, Elizabeth Barbara (Howard) Adams of Florence, MS, and Heidi Marta (Timothy) Uptegrove of Red Bluff, CA; two brothers: Rudolph Denda of Stadhagen, Germany, and George H. Denda of Berrien Springs, MI; one grandchild, Kelli Denise Simmons; and one great-granddaughter, Emily Renae Simmons. Her husband, Walter Gallner, preceded her in death.

GOEDE, David, 76, born Aug. 5, 1937 in Wausau, WI, died April 2, 2014 in Madison, TN. He was a member of Madison Campus Church in Madison, TN. A celebration of his life was held at Madison Campus Church with Pastor Bryan Corbett officiating. He is survived by his wife, Wanda Goede; three daughters: Lisa Koskey, Corrine Schmidt, and Joli Goede; one son, Danny Goede; his mother, Ethel Schmidt Goede; four sisters: Jeanette Bigsby, Kathy Goede, Darlene Elierhardy, and Marlene Siekierajnski; two grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren.

HANSEN, Adria Joyce, 91, of Chattanooga, TN, died July 21, 2013 in a local healthcare facility. She was a loving mother and grandmother, and a contributing musician to her local Adventist church. She was a member of Fort Myers Church since 1956. At one time she collected dolls, Bibles, snakes, and horses. She maintained accounting for Gerald's Plastering Company and the family farm; also a seamstress and a true musician. She was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Gerald Hansen, and her parents, Fred and Adria Bird. She is survived by her son, Jerry Hansen; daughters, Bevi Henriquez, Torla McCord, and LeRisa Hansen; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; several nieces; and nephews.

HESS, Jerry Gene, 85, born Nov. 14, 1929 in Battle Creek, MI, died Feb. 15, 2014 in Wilmington, NC. He served as a literature evangelist for 25 years. He never knew a stranger and never spoke unkindly of others. He had an infectious sense of humor that often caused him to reach for his beloved hanky; he deeply treasured his family and friends, and had an eternal desire to bring others to Jesus. He is survived by his wife, Suzy; three loving, caring daughters: Shirlee Crowson of Danbury, NC, Shireen Henson of Pearisburg, VA, and Debbie Throop of Tampa, FL; and one stepson, David.

JONES, Violet S., 90, born June 9, 1923 in Bridgeton, NJ, died Jan. 31, 2014 in Sebring, FL. She was a member of Avon Park, FL, Church for more than

20 years. She helped establish Kettering Memorial Hospital in Kettering, OH (now Kettering Medical Center), where as the head nurse she admitted the first hospital patient. She later obtained a master's degree in public health at Loma Linda University while working as a public health nurse and teaching nursing in New Jersey. She conducted cooking schools, and helped more than 1,000 people quit smoking through Stop Smoking Clinics. She also served as a church elder. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Elmer. The service was conducted by Pastor George Brown at Stevenson-Nelson Funeral Home in Avon Park. Interment was at Ewing, NJ, Church Cemetery.

JUSTUS, Edna Silvia, 86, born Dec. 25, 1928 in Henderson County, NC, died April 17, 2014 in Fletcher, NC. She worked for 30 years as a registered nurse at Mountain Sanitarium and Hospital in Fletcher, assisting with the delivery and care of hundreds of newborn babies throughout Henderson County. After retiring, she served Fletcher Church and community with kindness and meaningful ministry. She is survived by four nephews: Tommy Smith of Charlotte, NC, Albert Erwin of Lyman, SC, Edgar S. Justus II of Virginia Beach, VA, and Mike Justus of Richmond, VA; two nieces: Barbara Wensus of Columbia, MD, and Mary Ellen Knott of Naples, NC; several great-nieces; nephews; great-great nieces; and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents: Edgar Sevier Justus and Cora Ward Justus; her twin brother, Edgar Sevier Justus II; and four sisters: Blanche Justus, Florence Erwin, Ethel Smith, and Charlotte Terry.

LOPANIK, Mabel, 88, of Plymouth, PA, born Nov. 8, 1925, died Jan. 1, 2014 in Hendersonville, NC. She was a homemaker and served as a deaconess, and was involved in the hospitality ministry at Fletcher, NC, Church. She is survived by five children: Robert (Linda) Lopanik of Charleston, SC, Bruce (Darlene) Lopanik of Mendham, NJ, Jon Scott Lopanik of Hendersonville, Mary Lopanik of Sparta, NJ, and Robyn (Tom) Luliano of Greenville, TN; seven grandchildren: Donald Ingram, Nicole (Martial) Tailefert, Lindsey (Brad) Literati, Christopher Lopanik, Andrew Lopanik, Bethany Luliano, Timothy Luliano; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, John.

MANCIL, Evalena, 92, born Jan. 9, 1922 in Desark, AK, died Jan. 28, 2014 in Sebring, FL. She was a member of Avon Park, FL, Church. She is survived by her husband, Hollis; one son, Stanley Willard of Manning, SC; one daughter, Sandy Lowenstein of Lake Wales, FL; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor Guston Pierre at Avon Park Church. Interment was in Sarasota, FL.

MOSHER, Carlton R., 79, born April 5, 1934 in Fremont, MI, died July 21, 2013 at Tucker House in Kannapolis, NC. He was a master builder for more than 50 years. He was a member of Concord, NC, Church, and served as a deacon and elder. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Shirley Lichte Mosher; two sons: Michael Mosher of Michigan, and Mark Mosher of Salisbury, NC.; one daughter, Kimberly Ingram of Salisbury, NC; six grandchildren: Jason Mosher, Leah Baker, Christie A.,

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MYERS, Richard (Dick) E., 78, born Nov. 13, 1935 in Cass County, MI, died peacefully at home on April 19, 2014 after a long, courageous battle with Parkinson's. He was from Collegedale, TN, and a member of Collegedale Church. He was the youngest of seven children born to the late Alfred and Rosie Myers. In 1954, he graduated from Cedar Lake Academy, where he met his future wife, Donna (Tremble) Myers. They were married on Nov. 6, 1955, and were devoted to each other for 58 years. He started his career at the VA Hospital in Battle Creek, MI, as a nursing assistant. His life career was in industrial and educational construction. For 14 years, he was involved in many building projects on the campus of Andrews University in Berrien Spring, MI. In 1971, he moved his family to Collegedale, where he continued building projects for the campus of Southern Adventist University. After 31 years of service, he retired as the assistant director of Plant Services. He was an avid sports fan. He loved his "Cubbies," and played softball for the city leagues until he was 50 years old. He was also an avid hunter and fisherman. He is survived by his sons: Mark Myers of Ooltewah, TN, and Mike (Deanne) Myers of Cleveland, TN; his brother, Clifford (Rachel) Myers of Collegedale; and his sister, Dorothy Banks of Battle Creek, MI; four grandchildren: Jaime Myers, Jackie (Eric) Bates, Megan Myers, and Zach Myers; many nieces; nephews; and friends. He was preceded in death by his brother, Miner; his sister, Evelyn; his brother, Carroll; and his sister, Ernestine. Funeral services were held April 25, 2014, at Collegedale Church with Pastors David and Cherie Smith officiating. Interment followed in Collegedale Memorial Park.

MYRE, Terry, 61, died April 10, 2014 at his home. He was a member of the Paducah, KY, Church. He is survived by two brothers: Jerry and David Myre; two sisters: JoAnn Downs and June Richardson; several nieces; and nephews.

PARRISH, Robin Bernard, 63, born July 4, 1951 in Madison, TN, died June 2, 2014 in Portland, TN. He was a member of Highland Church in Portland. He is survived by his wife, Susan; two sons: Joshua and Levi Parrish; one daughter, Amanda Nicks; his mother, Merle Parrish; one brother, Todd Parrish; one sister, Tanya Crum; one aunt, Leila Busch; and one cousin, Clinton Parrish.

PHILLIPS, Teresa, 44, born May 28, 1969, died March 15, 2014. She was a member of Lawrenceburg, KY, Church. She is survived by three sons: Andrew Bently, Jason Taylor, and Mason Cantrell; three daughters: Deanna Brackett, Jessica Randall, and Ashley Ann Pajanka; and her mother, Shelby Jean Farmer Phillips.

READ, Marilyn, 80, born Aug. 5, 1933 in Lima, OH, died at her home in Collegedale, TN, Aug. 31, 2013. She was an accomplished violinist who played for the Chattanooga Symphony Orchestra,

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Napa Valley Orchestra, and later in several senior orchestras. She worked at the Collegedale Credit Union until she retired. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She was a longtime member of Collegedale Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, Gordon and Erma Neil. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Charles Read; one son, C. Brent (Lana) Read; three daughters: Brenda (Richard) Thornton, Lisa (Gordon) Cavin, and Tricia (Tim) Burgess; seven grandchildren: Tiffany De Oliveira, Aaron Gimber, Brandon Read, Tyler Thornton, Justin Read, Andrew Burgess, and Gracelyn Burgess; one great-grandchild, Emalyn Galacia; two sisters: Lenore (Jim) Mercer and Colleen (Lamar) Young; many nieces; and nephews.

ROBERTS, George F., 91, a resident of Pensacola, FL, born 1922, died Feb. 15, 2014. He was a native of Maine, and an active member of University Parkway Church in Pensacola. Before retiring, he served his country in the military as well as serving as the head of the Physical Therapy Departments of Baptist Hospital and later Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola. He is survived by two sons: Earl (Fay) Roberts and Eldon (Linda) Roberts; six grandchildren: Sherrie K. Morehead, Lori Ann Contreras, Tina Marie Roberts, Damien S. Roberts, Charisse Linee deLima, and Jonathan Michael Roberts; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by the love of his life, his wife, Ruth Mabel Andrews Roberts; and one daughter, Ruth Edith Roberts. A celebration of his life was held at University Parkway Church with Pastor Jeffery Crain officiating on Feb. 22.

ROBERTS, Trenton Luke, 14, born May 24, 1999 in Fletcher, NC, died June 9, 2013 at his home in Sandpoint, ID, after a short battle with Leukemia. He grew up going to Arden and Mills River churches until his family moved to Idaho in 2006. Despite his young age, he had a wide range of interests. Even as a small child, he loved music and played in the bell choir at Mills River Church.

Later, he began learning the trumpet and played in the band in his church in Idaho. He was skilled in physics and electronics, and enjoyed conducting experiments in both. By the age of 10, he was picking up technology skills, and soon became the go-to person in his family for any computer problems. He enjoyed designing websites and writing computer programs, and became adept at 3-D modeling. He also loved wildlife photography, and was looking forward to a family trip to Alaska to photograph whales. He is survived by multiple family members who miss him very much: his parents, Dallas and Susanna (Nicholaides) Roberts; two sisters: Rachel and Diana; and one brother, Daniel, all of Sandpoint; his grandparents: Mitchell and Evelyn Nicholaides and Rita C. Roberts of Fletcher, and Curt Roberts of Grandbury, TX; one great-grandfather, Amos Crowder of Fletcher; one uncle, Jonathan (Veronica) Nicholaides; two aunts: Katy Roberts and Rebekah (Jonathan) Bonjour; and several cousins.

SIRCAR, Bidyut Lata, 90, born Sept 4, 1923, died April 3, 2014 in Madison, TN. She was a member of Madison Campus Church in Madison, TN. A celebration of life service was held April 6, 2014 at Madison Campus Church.

STIRK, Marjorie Elaine Gauli, 89, born Sept. 17, 1925 in Belleville, NJ, died June 6, 2014 at her residence. She was a very active member of Lawrenceburg, KY, Church. She used her talents working for the Lord. Her singing will especially be missed. She is survived by one daughter, Rebecca (Keith) Aufderhar; one granddaughter, Julie Lorraine Aufderhar; many adopted children; and adopted grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers: Lawrence Peter Gauli II and Robert Hutchison Gauli.

WALKER, Helen Ruth, 91, born May 5, 1922 in Fairfax, AL, died Nov. 8, 2013. She was the daughter of the late J.D. and Mamie Baker. She

was a member of Collegedale, TN, Church. She is survived by one sister, Hazel Capps of Alabama; three daughters: Sandra Benton of Apison, TN; Carole Weeks of Loma Linda, CA; and Sharon (Ed) Landers of Apopka, FL; six grandchildren: Brian and Stephen Benton, Sunshine and Adam Weeks, Lisa Dubose, and Jonathan Landers; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy B. Walker.

WARD, A. Marie, 90, born July 9, 1923 in Battle Creek, MI, died Aug. 8, 2013 in Sebring, FL. She was a member of Avon Park, FL, Church. She is survived by her husband, G. Earl Ward; three sons: David of Reynolds Station, KY, William of Greenwood, IN, and Dan of Battle Creek, MI; two daughters: Penny Pederson of Ellenland, GA, and Kathryn Park of Coos Bay, OR. The service was conducted by Pastor Timothy Madding in Greenwood. Interment was in Battle Creek.

WOLFF, Sarah, 86 born Jan. 28, 1928 in Nashville, TN, died May 21, 2014 in Dunedin, FL. She was a member of Highland Church in Portland, TN. She is survived by two daughters: Cherie Desmond and Melody VanDoren.

YOUNG, Eric, 37, died Feb. 7, 2014 in Calvert City. He was a member of Paducah, KY, Church. He is survived by his wife, Kristi Darnell Young; his mother, Betsie Young; his father, Marty Young; step-mother, Theresa Young; three sons: Dekota Bowling, Cole Young, and Kalob Young; his mother-in-law, Tammy Darnell; father-in-law, Donald Willings; one brother, Jessie Young; one step-brother, Brandon Snow; one sister, Ashleigh Farmer; one step-sister, April Snow; his grandmother, Nell Mathis; several nieces; and nephews.

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Events Calendar

Carolina

Pathfinder/Adventurer Leadership Convention – Aug. 22-24. NPR.

Carolina Retirees' Retreat – Sept. 1-4. NPR.

GLOW Tract Training – Sept. 5-8. Kernersville Church. Details: Contact Lance Morrison, publishing director, for additional information.

Crisis Care Classes Sept. 6, 7. Asheville North Church.
Sept. 13-14. Spartanburg Church.

Hispanic Camp Meeting – Sept. 12-14. NPR.

Prayer Summit – Sept. 19-20. Raleigh Church.

Lay Leader Appreciation and **Training Meeting** – Sept. 21. NPR.

Hispanic Women's Retreat – Sept. 26-28. NPR.

Women's Retreat – Oct. 10-12. NPR

Community Service Retreat – Oct. 17-19. NPR

Elders' Certification – Oct. 24, 25. Charleston Church. This session focuses on 'Visitation.' This is part two of a four part series in the Elders' Certification Training Program. Elder Ralph Ringer, director of church growth and evangelistic training for the Southern Union, and Elder Haskell Williams, ministerial director for the Carolina Conference, will be presenting.

ECCM Camp Meeting – Oct. 25. Greenville, S.C., Church. Please visit the website at carolinasda.org for more details on this one-day event.

Florida

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

Florida Pathfinder events – <http://www.floridaconference.com/lym/pathfinders/events/> or call 407-644-5000 x127.

Singles' Ministries events and mailing list information. Spiritual study groups, fellowship dinners, outings, and more. <http://www.floridaconference.com/lym/childrenandfamily/events/>, esalzmann@cfl.rr.com, 407-521-4751, or 407-721-3036.

Andy McDonald Celebration of Tenure – Sept. 13. Florida Hospital Church. Lunch and special anniversary program at

1 p.m. following the 10:00 and 11:30 a.m. worship services with speaker Mike Fulbright. Details: <http://www.hospitalchurch.org/Andy30>

Let's Get Moving Kids – Oct. 5. Crane's Roost Park, Uptown Altamonte Springs. 8-11 a.m. Health Fair for chil-dren featuring a run/walk (5K, 3K, and 1/8 mile) to promote active and healthy lifestyles. Participants will be award-ed race bibs, finisher medallions, goodie bags, and healthy snacks. Health fair includes raffles, face painting, bounce house, music, and more. Sponsored by Forest City Spanish Church. Cost: \$10. (\$12 after Sept. 5.) Details: <http://www.letsgetmovingkids.org/>, info@iglesiafc.com, or 407-592-4808.

Georgia-Cumberland

First Day of School – Aug. 14.

God in Shoes Outreach – Aug. 17. Cedar Ridge Church, Georgetown, TN.

Hispanic Camp Meeting – Aug. 22-24. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.

Stewardship Sabbath – Aug. 23. Rossville, GA, Church. Enditnow/Abuse Prevention Day – Aug. 23. Atlanta, GA.

LEAD Evangelism Training – Aug. 23. College Hill Church, Knoxville, TN.

Will Clinics Aug. 23, 24. Standifer Gap Church, Chattanooga, TN.

Aug. 24. 4-6 p.m. Ellijay, GA, Church.

Aug. 25. 4-6 p.m. Jasper, GA, Church.

Aug. 27. 4-6 p.m. Cohutta, GA, Church.

Aug. 29. 4-6 p.m. Andrews, NC, Church.

Aug. 30. 8:15-10:00 p.m. Murphy, NC, Church.

Aug. 30, 31. Crossville, TN, Church.

Sept. 13, 14. Cumberland Heights Church, Coalmont, TN.

Stewardship Sabbath – Aug. 30. Atlanta First Hispanic Church, Tucker, GA.

Adventurer Ministries Convention – Sept. 5-7. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.

LEAD Evangelism Training – Sept. 6. 4-6 p.m. Knoxville Convention Center, Knoxville, TN. "Recent Advances in Lifestyle Medicine for the Treatment of Heart Disease, Diabetes, and Cancer" with Jeff Gates, professor in Southern School

of Nursing – Sept. 6. 3-5 p.m. Stone Mountain Church, Stone Mountain, GA.

Hispanic Women's Retreat – Sept. 12-14. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.

Personal Ministries Rally – Sept. 13. Cookeville, TN, Algood Church.

Pathfinder Leadership Convention – Sept. 19-21. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.

Prayer Ministries Day – Sept. 20. Dalton, GA, Church.

Let's Move Day – Sept. 21.

Evangelistic Series – Sept. 20-27. 6-9 p.m. "We All Have (Problems) Hope" with speaker Roger Hernandez. Knoxville Convention Center, Knoxville, TN.

Kentucky-Tennessee

Hispanic Youth Retreat – July 31-Aug. 3. Indian Creek Camp.

50+ Camp – Aug. 5-10. Indian Creek Camp.

Teachers' In-service – Aug. 10-13. Conference Office.

Highland Academy Board – Sept. 4. Highland Academy.

Hispanic Women's Retreat – Sept. 5-7. Indian Creek Camp.

Young Women's Retreat – Sept. 12-14. Indian Creek Camp.

Pathfinder Council Campout – Sept. 12-14. Indian Creek Camp.

Conference Executive Committee – Sept. 16. Conference Office.

Women's Retreat I – Sept. 19-21. Indian Creek Camp.

Women's Retreat II – Sept. 26-28. Indian Creek Camp.

Elders' Training – Sept. 17-19. Indian Creek Camp.

Men's Conference – Sept. 24-26. Indian Creek Camp.

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International Pathfinder Camporee – Aug. 11-16. Oshkosh, WI.

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SOCIETY OF ADVENTIST COMMUNICATORS 2014 ANNUAL CONVENTION – Oct. 16-18. SAVE THE DATE – Celebrating 25 Years of Communication Excellence! Theme: "A Call to Serve." Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront in Jacksonville, FL. Details: www.adventistcommunicator.org.

Sunset

	July 25	August 1	August 8	August 15	August 22	August 29
Atlanta, GA	8:44	8:39	8:33	8:25	8:17	8:08
Charleston, SC	8:24	8:19	8:13	8:06	7:58	7:50
Charlotte, NC	8:33	8:27	8:21	8:13	8:05	7:56
Collegedale, TN	8:50	8:44	8:37	8:30	8:21	8:12
Huntsville, AL	7:55	7:50	7:43	7:36	7:27	7:18
Jackson, MS	8:04	7:59	7:53	7:46	7:39	7:30
Louisville, KY	9:00	8:54	8:46	8:38	8:29	8:19
Memphis, TN	8:09	8:04	7:57	7:50	7:41	7:32
Miami, FL	8:11	8:07	8:03	7:57	7:51	7:44
Montgomery, AL	7:48	7:44	7:38	7:31	7:23	7:14
Nashville, TN	7:59	7:53	7:46	7:39	7:30	7:20
Orlando, FL	8:21	8:17	8:12	8:05	7:59	7:51
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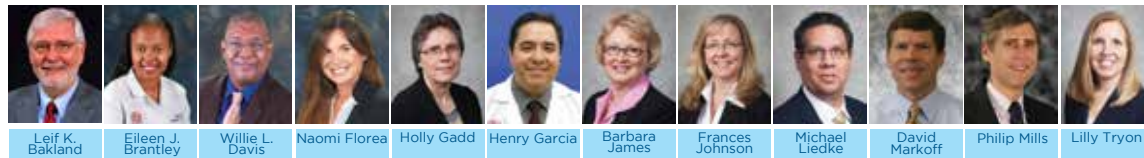
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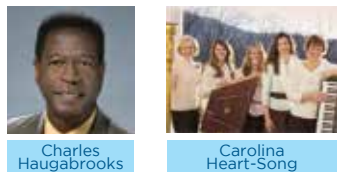
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SPEAKERS



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MUSICAL ARTISTS



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GOLF TOURNAMENT

A Golf Tournament will be held at Gatlinburg Golf Course on Friday, October 10, at 11:30 a.m. Advanced registration is required by September 30, 2014.

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