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ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY BY ALEJANDRO BULLÓN, BASED ON A TRUE STORY

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IT'S NOT ABOUT US

In an enhanced technological era of Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, when the human race takes pride in being progressive, computer literate, and able to get things done quickly and efficiently, it is difficult for many of us to realize that God, whose knowledge exceeds all the world's megabytes and terabytes of data, is never in a hurry. His goal is for each believer to mature into Christlikeness, but He knows that none of us will succeed completely this side of Heaven.

He wants us to be holy and to follow in Christ's steps, but He knows nobody will ever do that totally. He wants us to put on His full armor so that we can stand against the devil's schemes, but He realizes we cannot fight life's battles alone. He wants us to present our bodies to Him as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, but He knows that this presentation will not be consistent or completely unselfish.

He wants us to stop sinning and to flee from youthful lusts, but He realizes that we are fooling ourselves if we say we have no sin. So He tells us to confess our sins and to expect forgiveness when we do fall. He sets a high standard for our behavior because He is just and holy, but, since He is loving and merciful, He has provided a Savior to pay for our sins. He has adopted us as His children and requires us to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly. But, He is compassionate, gracious, and abounding in love because He knows that we are nothing but dust as long as we remain in this world.

God clearly has high standards. To expect anything less than perfection for His human creatures would be to lower those standards and to make Him less than God. Yet in addition to His holiness, perfection, and greatness, He also emanates the divine attributes of love, mercy, and compassion. God is realistic. He knows that we are weak, so He has not left us to stand helplessly alone. Because of His great love, He sent His Son to pay for our sins, and His Holy Spirit to live within, where He guides, strengthens, and teaches us. We may think that God is far away at times, but He is always nearby, sticking with us through thick and thin.

The goal of the Christian life is to be Christ-like in worship, character, and service. The earthly sanctuary system of worship given by God in the Old Testament showcased the offering of sacrifices to atone for sin. Now that Christ has died for our sins, "once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous," in a supreme and loving self-sacrifice intended to bring us to God, we are to offer our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God. This continual commitment of self to God, along with verbal praise and faithful obedience, is how we worship.

Throughout the centuries, innumerable volumes have been written to address the struggles of believers, spiritual maturity, and Christian growth. The need for spiritual guidance and help with religious struggles is nothing new. Before the time of Christ, and since, believers have grappled with periods of stagnation, being spiritually dead, and the need for help in growing as Christians. It could be argued that the entire Bible is written for such people, teaching us about God, His attributes, and His power to mold believers into instruments who are useful to Him as the Master.

Just in case we feel we don't have the wherewithal to accomplish all that Christ expects us to do, it's important for us to note that Christ within us is the hope of glory. My prayer for the constituents of the Southern Union is for us to be poised to effectively do God's bidding. Never forget that His biddings are our enablers. I am honored to declare it's not about us.



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Marked for Death

BY OLSON PERRY SR. AND JORGE MAYER

Perhaps the most challenging phase of evangelism and soul winning is the visitor's commitment and baptism. The visitor may commit and accept the new teachings, ideas, and doctrines; however, a candidate may be faced with perceived insurmountable obstacles, entrenched guilt over former relationships, decisions, and practices. Other factors which may interfere include self intimidation through mind games, authoritative influences, personal obstacles, and family traditions.

Marked for Death, a movie which will be released by the Southern Union Conference Hispanic Ministries Department, November 2015, attempts to address the challenges faced by these people before they make a decision for baptism.

Since the fall of Adam and Eve, all human beings are born marked for death. In baptism they are reborn to a new life. In *Marked for Death* is a reference to the fact that all are born in sin. Therefore,

“Since the fall of Adam and Eve, all human beings are born marked for death.”

all are marked for death. However, through baptism they are saved from the grip of death. In this film there are three stories of families that one day find the Gospel and strive to make the decision for baptism. They are real-life dramas that describe the inner conflicts of people to surrender to Jesus. The film breaks the argument of those

who do not baptize. The conflicts include alcoholism, drugs, agnosticism, marriage conflict, single motherhood, and a fatherless son looking for his father.

The film is true to reality in

that all soul winning experiences may not end in baptism, indicating the struggle continues between good and evil. However, the purpose is to encourage the decision for baptism.

The movie may be viewed together and discussed one-on-one, in small

group settings, or in a large congregation. A call can then be made for baptism. It serves as a bridge between the studies which have been taking place, and the baptism decision.

Executive producer Jorge Mayer and Alejandro Bullón, former evangelist and script writer, are an-

icipating this film will be viewed by candidates and their sponsors as the final stage of the Bible study experience, right before they are asked for a decision. It removes excuses people use for why not to be baptized through stories.

Premier Experience in Brasilia

The film has been shown in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Brasilia, Brazil. At the Brasilia movie premier, all three administrators and departmental directors from the South American Division (SAD) were present, along with staff from the local union and conference. Erton Keller, SAD president, said a few words before the movie. After the film and almost before the final credits, Luis Goncalves, SAD evangelist, took the microphone and began an appeal. "The response was more than impressive, much better than expected," reported Bullón. "People rose almost spontaneously, accompanied by the brothers of the church who had invited them. From a human perspective, these people would never respond to a spiritual call, including the man married to an Adventist for decades but who never decided to join the Church; however, the Holy Spirit worked on them and they responded," he said. For many people, it was an impressive picture, people of high social class responded, according to Bullón.

Production of *Marked for Death* has had its own witnessing results. Several of the professional actors in the film have been touched by the content of the script. The non-Adventist production staff's reaction to Sabbath observance during the filming sparked conversations about faith, love, and mercy. One staff member said, "I don't know your faith, but I am touched and impressed by the Holy Spirit."

This is the third movie produced by Southern Union Hispanic Ministries. *La Ventana (The Window)*, released

in 2010, explored the windows of opportunity to sharing the message. It is oriented toward Church members. It is the story of an Adventist couple who wanted to bring their neighbor to Christ. It shares the simplicity of using Christ's methods to attract people by connecting with their needs and suffering.

El Regreso (The Return), released in 2012, shared the importance of addressing the message to former Adventists. It is the story of a young man who becomes an Adventist as a result of the witnessing of a friend from work who invites him to church and shows him the Plan of Salvation. Shortly after, his friend dies in a car accident. The young man started a gradual decline from the Church. When he hit bottom he wanted to return to the path his friend had shown him. This movie also appeals to members in their attitude toward those who leave the Church.

Marked for Death is available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and French through the Hispanic Ministries Department at most conferences in the North American Division, or through the Southern Union Hispanic Ministries Department. The price is determined by each conference. ❖



The Post Ellen G. White Influence: 100th anniversary of her death to honor key followers in the South

BY ALBERT DITTES



During the spring of 1915, as Ellen White lay dying in her home at Elmshaven, California, a prominent New Jersey woman visited there, took pictures, and kept a diary of what she saw.

“My heart aches for all of you, for it means so much to you in many ways, but it means much to us all, and I feel a sense of desolation akin to the feeling that the disciples must have had when the tangible evidence of the Lord’s presence left them,” she

wrote to W.C. (Willie) White upon hearing of Ellen White dying on July 16, 1915. “As for my part, I mean, by God’s help, to erect in my life, by showing my appreciation of the counsel given to us, a monument that she would most appreciate, a life lived in harmony with the Heavensent principles.”

Lida Funk

Scott, heiress to the Funk & Wagnalls fortune, became an Adventist at Battle Creek, Michigan, in 1898 through the influ-

ence of John Harvey Kellogg, M.D.

In a letter to Ellen White, Kellogg described Scott’s father, Dr. Funk, as being “one of the leading publishers of New York (and) for many years, one of the most prominent clergymen of the city.” Kellogg added that he “has become a staunch vegetarian. His daughter, a cultivated woman, wife of a Presbyterian clergyman and a very devoted woman, came here for an operation a few weeks ago. Last week, to my surprise, she stopped

me in the hall, telling me that by her own investigation, she had become a Sabbath-keeper. She expects to be baptized next Sabbath.”

Lida Scott eventually devoted her share in a million-dollar estate to incorporate the Layman Foundation in January 1924, “for the purpose of furnishing financial assistance to rural schools and sanitariums operated by Seventh-day Adventists.” The foundation is still active with headquarters in Collegedale, Tennessee, holding title to and supporting rural schools in Tennessee, Arkansas, North Carolina, and West Virginia. Highland and Georgia-Cumberland academies have passed from Layman Foundation to Conference ownership.

Scott’s work complimented that of James Edson White, a pioneer Adventist missionary to black people along the lower Mississippi River, operating under difficult circumstances but with the encouragement of his mother. He later founded what became Southern Publishing Association in Nashville, Tennessee, and helped select a school location for Madison College along the Cumberland River by transporting the founders in his boat, *The Morning Star*. Edson White’s work led to starting Oakwood College (now Oakwood University) in Huntsville, Alabama, a school Ellen White took a serious interest in as well as that of her son. During the 1904 trip she took to help find the Madison



LEILA ASHTON

Lida Funk Scott's portrait was painted by Leila Ashton in oil on linen, 30" x 24". It was finished just recently.

school site, she also visited a successful Adventist school in Graysville, Tennessee, which later developed into Southern Adventist University.

On Sabbath afternoon, July 18, 2015, two days following the 100th anniversary of the death of Ellen White, a Sabbath afternoon symposium and displays in the Collegedale, Tennessee, Church will honor these four entities and show how their role in following Ellen White's counsel led to the rise of the Southern Union Conference.

Lida Scott started her Adventist life with a daughter and husband she described as "a man of position and great pride," but "bitterly opposed to the truth held

by Seventh-day Adventists," in a letter written to Ellen White in 1905.

Tragedy stamped her life with the death of her daughter in July 1914, something she described as "a great loss and was seeking for something of absorbing interest to soften and sweeten the sorrow." She chose to recover by visiting some friends operating Chestnut Hill School near Portland, Tennessee. Their work so impressed her that she went on to a first rural school convention at Madison.

These Ellen White followers inspired her to invest in their cause. "Yes, here the work of the hand is on equal footing with the work of the brain. That lion and lamb, capital and labor, are dwelling together in peace. Fellowship in labor plus Christianity, equals beauty of character. It is here that I found the formula that nations seek."

She devoted the resources of the Layman Foundation to developing Madison and its units, meaning "one that operates a sanitarium, and school of industries, a farm, cafeteria and treatment rooms in the city, with medical extension work or the work of the visiting nurse or doctor, all for the purpose of representing every phase of the message," according to a 1928 annual report.

That meant helping develop the struggling College of Medical Evangelists in southern California, due to their need of physicians.

The ending of a poem by Grace Noll entitled *Red Earth* she shared perhaps summed up the devotion of all the Adventist pioneers in the South.

"Always from the North a call,
Through the sweet blue distance—
Always from my father's land
A definite insistence.
But my roots have struck so deep—
Deep beyond believing
In this red soil of the South,
I shall not be leaving." ❄️



LIDA FUNK SCOTT

Lida Scott took this photo of Ellen White's home during the spring of 1915 in Elmhaven, California.

The Elmhaven letters and diaries will be shown on Thursday, July 16, the actual 100th anniversary of Ellen G. White's death, in the Heritage House on the Madison Academy Campus, 100 Academy Road, Madison, TN, from 3 to 7 p.m.

The Layman Foundation will commemorate this anniversary with a symposium on July 18, at 3 p.m.

SAVED IN PRISON

BY REBECCA KNECHT

I'm a third-generation Adventist. I attended 12 grades and some college in Adventist schools. I sang solos and was a choir member. My children were Pathfinders, and I was on the staff. You may say, "So what? A lot of people have done that. There's nothing special here."

Life changed the day I found myself standing in front of a judge, hearing the word "Guilty." What just

happened? I told the truth. My daughter and son told the truth. How did a jury not believe us?

I was sentenced to 8½ years in prison, plus five years probation, for something I didn't do. I couldn't even comprehend the length of my sentence and had no idea how I would get through, but God knew.

Arriving at Lowell Correctional Institution in Ocala, Florida, I was terrified! After settling in, I found a chapel list on the bulletin board and learned that a local Adventist church came on Friday evenings. I was so excited to attend their service before I was transferred to Gadsden Correctional Facility near Tallahassee, Florida — five hours from family and friends. After getting situated, I found, to my disappointment, that no Adventist church held services there.

However, one day I saw a Florida Conference Prison Ministries newsletter, and I was elated. I opened the pages and saw where I could write to ask for prayer and a pen pal. I mailed off my requests.

I started receiving the monthly newsletter, and it wasn't long until I met Iralee Medder through the Prison Ministries pen pal section. Her letters were inspirational and uplifting, and she often sent stamps. Sometimes, she sent copies of songs from the church hymnal. She also made sure I had the *Adult Sabbath School Quarterly* with Ellen G. White Helps. She faithfully wrote to me the remainder of time I was in prison.



LEE BENNETT

Rebecca Knecht (left) reconnects with pen pal Iralee Medder, who encouraged Rebecca while she was in prison.

After I had served my required 12-plus months in Gadsden, I requested a move to Hernando Correctional Institution to be closer to family and friends. I wrote to Iralee and asked her to visit. Pen pals didn't usually visit the inmates, but the authorities made an exception and gave her permission to see me.

After Iralee's visitation was approved, she came to see me the next Sabbath. It was wonderful to finally meet my pen pal! We enjoyed visiting while a family member patiently waited for her.

When I was released in 2008, I returned to my home town to start probation. After completing less than nine months of a five-year probation, I requested a termination of my probation, and it was granted. My probation officer said he had never seen anything like that in all his time as a deputy and a probation officer. I looked at him and said, "It's a God thing." In 2009, I rededicated my life to God, and Iralee attended my rebaptism.

It was a "God thing," all right. God was with me before I went to prison, He saved me in prison and when I was on probation, and He has been with me every day since. That's why I pray, "Thank you, heavenly Father, for your Son, Jesus; for Iralee; and for Florida Conference Prison Ministries for helping me through a difficult time." ❖



LEE BENNETT

Florida Conference Prison Ministries newsletters were a "God thing" that helped Rebecca through a difficult time in her life. As a Christian singer, Rebecca regularly visits churches to perform and share her testimony. She can be reached at knechtrebecca@yahoo.com.

How to Discover a New Member

BY LINDA DICKINSON



Diana Rippee was baptized on April 18, 2015, by Nelson Mercado, pastor.



Illeana Dickinson (left), Discover Bible School coordinator; Diana Rippee; and Linda Dickinson, Discover Bible School assistant

God is actively working through the Murfreesboro, Tennes-



see, Church Discover Bible School. When Illeana and Linda Dickinson were asked to lead the Discover Bible School, they had no idea how exciting it would be. After receiving instructions from Ed and Rosie Cox in March of 2014, they studied the instructions and gathered and organized the materials. It was decided to get “Take One” boxes and ask members to set them out around town. About 20 boxes were distributed. One of those boxes was left in the podiatrist office where Diana Rippee works.

Diana Rippee had been praying for God’s leading in her life, so when she saw the Discover invitations, she picked one up and studied it. She put it back, thought a moment, and then picked it up again. She filled it out and sent it in, and in July 2014, she began her studies.

Illeana and Linda were so excited when Diana’s first lesson arrived! In October’s lesson, Diana sent her telephone number, and Linda called her and they had a wonderful Spirit-led, two-hour phone visit. Linda and

Illeana continued contact with Diana and developed friendships with her. From time to time, Linda shared Diana’s journey with the Murfreesboro members, and the first time she came to church everyone felt they already knew her.

Next, Diana began listening to Doug Batchelor and then attended evangelistic meetings presented by Kieth Noll, Conference evangelist, at the Murfreesboro Church. On April 18, 2015, Diana was baptized. Praise the Lord, she is on fire for Him!

Now Diana is sharing with others how the Discover Bible lessons changed her life. She joyfully leaves Discover invitations everywhere she goes, and is quick to share her faith in her loving heavenly Father and His precious plan of salvation.

There are several other active students returning lessons to the Murfreesboro Discover Bible School. The members are praying for each one to see the wonderful plan of salvation, and the truth of the Bible that gives the peace that passes all understanding. The Discover Bible School is still winning souls for Jesus! ✨

33 College Students Accepted into AHS's Leadership Development Program



They're young, they're smart, and they're the next generation of leaders in health care. Thirty-three college students and recent graduates from Andrews University, Oakwood University, Pacific Union College, Southern Adventist University, Southwestern Adventist University, Union College, Walla Walla University, and Washington Adventist University were accepted into the 2015 Leadership Development program at Adventist Health System (AHS). The group attended orientation on May 18, 2015, and will soon begin serving and learning across the organization's 44 hospital campuses.

"Our main focus for having a leadership development program is to introduce top talent to the organization," said Norman Miles, AHS's director of leadership development. "We are in the business of developing and preparing servant leaders who will model our mission, vision, and values."

More than 100 applications were reviewed during the competitive selection process that focused on a combination of quantitative and qualitative factors such as academic performance, community service, leadership potential, and an interest in the health care industry. Those who were

selected for summer internships will spend 12 weeks gaining hands-on experience in areas such as supply chain, human resources, and patient financial services. Meanwhile, two-year residents will focus on building the leadership and technical skills essential for managing a team and guiding strategies in their specialty areas.

"The Leadership Development Residency and Internship programs have helped ensure that we have a strong pipeline of emerging Christian leaders who are able to assume various roles within the organization," Miles said. "This year's group is diverse, dy-

namic, bright, and energetic, and I believe that they will be able to make many meaningful contributions to the world of health care in the years to come."

Many previous interns and residents have gone on to assume key leadership positions within the organization, including Brian Adams, president/CEO of Florida Hospital Tampa; Jeff Villanueva, vice president of Florida Hospital Kissimmee; and Jillyan Shelton, assistant vice president at Florida Hospital East Orlando, to name a few.

—BY RAINEY TURLINGTON

Murray Medical Center, AHS Enter Long-term Lease Agreement



Adventist Health System (AHS) and the Hospital Authority of Murray County, with the approval from the state of Georgia, have finalized the long-term lease agreement to operate Murray Medical Center. The agreement was effective May 1, 2015. The two parties entered into an interim management agreement last fall while the long-term lease was under review by the state's Attorney General's office. During that interim period, AHS began managing the day-to-day operations of Murray

Medical Center. Some of AHS's key responsibilities were for administration, patient safety, purchasing, and personnel. Now, AHS is fully managing the facility and the staff.

"Adventist Health System is a national leader in quality, safety, and patient satisfaction," said Hal Coble, administrator at Murray Medical Center. "We look forward to working with our exceptional team to make positive changes in the day-to-day operations of Murray Medical Center."

Coble said changes at

Murray Medical Center will come in phases. The first significant change will be the introduction of a health information management system to regulate financial reporting and management systems.

"This is crucial to a hospital's success in this era of cost containment and electronic medical records," Coble said. "The implementation of this system will improve patient care and streamline our processes."

Murray Medical was able to secure some new medical equipment and

patient furniture and other essential items from another AHS facility, and that has helped tremendously with some immediate needs stated Coble.

"This is most definitely an exciting time in Murray County," said Pete Weber, CEO of the southeast region of Adventist Health System. "We are looking forward to creating and building a hospital that the community will use for generations to come."

—BY KIM BRAZELL

Carolina Conference Holds Third Annual Church Planting/Church Growth Rally



Kevin Pires and Brad Cauley pray with members of a local church plant.

The third annual Carolina Conference Church Planting Rally was held at the Spartanburg Church in South Carolina on April 11, 2015. Though the purpose of annual rallies is to equip and inspire members for the expansion of work entrusted to Seventh-day Adventists, this rally became a celebration of what God has been doing in the area. The location for the rally was determined a year and a half ago, but it was only in recent months that two new church plants have been launched nearby (Simpsonville New Growth in September 2014 and Gaffney in March 2015).

The rally featured Roger Hernandez, Southern Union evangelism and ministerial director, as the primary speaker, along with Gary Moyer, Carolina Conference vice-president for adminis-

tration. Breakout sessions focused on various practical church growth topics: Christ's Kingdom in You, The Value of Vision, Church Health, Coaching, Motivations to Planting, and Steps to Church Planting. These were led by Hernandez; Glen Altermatt, Carolina Conference evangelism coordinator; Ryan Ashlock, Char-

lotte University Church pastor; and area pastors Kevin Pires, Nelson Fernandez, and Alicia Johnston.

At the 2011 Carolina Conference constituency session, a faith goal of 50 steps was set for the 2011-2015 quinquennium. Each time a congrega-



Brad Cauley interviews members of a local church plant.

tion moves up in status — from idea to group, from group to company, and from company to church — it constitutes as a step. Thus far, the Carolina Conference has moved a total of 42 steps — a record — with 22 being brand new church plants.



Roger Hernandez is the evangelism and ministerial director at the Southern Union in Norcross, Ga.

“The last message of mercy is to be given to the world by the proclamation of Gospel truth. Truth, Bible truth — this is what the people need...asking that we may receive pure, unadulterated truth, and that we may realize the necessity of giving this truth to others. Then men and women will be converted. The hand of God will be recognized in the raising up of new churches,” E.G. White, *Lift Him Up*, page 123.

—BY BRAD CAULEY

Conference Holds Two Hispanic Camp Meetings at Nosoca Pines Ranch



COURTNEY HEROD

The first of two Hispanic Camp Meetings in 2015 took place the first weekend in May at Nosoca Pines Ranch in Liberty Hill, S.C.

“And, behold, I come quickly” was the central theme. The message was yes, He’s coming very soon...and you have to be ready.

The guest speaker was Roger Alvarez, Hispanic coordinator from the Southwest Conference. Alvarez was born in Cuba, but immigrated to the United States

in 1998. His message about Jesus’ second coming was powerful. Near the end of the sermon, Alvarez extended an invitation to a garden of prayer, and many came forward. A series of prayers were offered by several of the pastors, rededicating the members to the service and anticipation of Christ’s soon return.



COURTNEY HEROD



COURTNEY HEROD

Attendees commented that this message of Christ’s soon return is the main artery of the Church’s beliefs, and members have been neglecting to proclaim to the dying world that their Savior longs to have them ready and waiting for Him.

The guest speaker for the young adult meetings was Nilton García, Gulf States Conference Hispanic coordinator and director of communication.

The young people enjoyed a beautiful weekend

at the lake, in addition to finding inspiration at their meetings. Pastors Nelson Hernandez and Eli Rojas coordinated their program. On Sabbath evening, there were games and activities that lasted far into the night.

With the imminent return of our Lord, all should take this message to heart. There are so many left to be reached for Christ. Let no one delay in the mission for Him.

—BY COURTNEY HEROD,
REBECCA CARPENTER,
AND MARY ROMERO



COURTNEY HEROD

Four Sisters Model Love the Old-fashioned Way

If you have forgotten what old-fashioned romance looks like, you may want to take a look at the new movie, *Old Fashioned*. It's not your typical pulp fiction fare; it's romance at its old-fashioned best. As the movie's promotional tagline states, "Love is patient, love is kind, love is old fashioned."

But, the movie has nothing up on a striking example of old-fashioned romance exhibited in the heart of central Florida by four sisters who have enjoyed 217 combined years of married bliss.

The sisters, with their parents Charles and Cassie Eldridge, moved to Orlando in 1947. All four girls graduated from Orlando Junior Academy (then Orlando Church School) and Forest Lake Academy,



The Eldridge sisters and their spouses received congratulations from Old Fashioned film producer Nathan Nazario for the family milestone of 217 combined years of marriage. Standing from left: Nazario, Herb and Barbara Klischies, Howard and Charlotte Huenergardt, and Betty and Richard O'Fill. Seated: Jack and Carol Carey. Jack Carey and Nazario co-teach a Sabbath School class at Apopka Church.

Apopka. All four were married at Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park.

Barbara married Herb Klischies, a commercial artist. Charlotte married

Howard Huenergardt, an orthopedic surgeon. Betty married Richard O'Fill, an ordained minister. Carol married Jack Carey, an educator. The couples went

their separate ways, living as far apart as Thailand, Pakistan, Maryland, and California. In retirement, they found their way back home to Florida where it all started.

Family is very important to these close-knit sisters. Between them, they have 14 children, 33 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

This year, Barbara and Herb Klischies celebrate 59 years of marriage; Betty and Richard O'Fill, 55 years; Charlotte and Howard Huenergardt, 53 years; and Carol and Jack Carey, 50 years, for a grand total of 217 years of old-fashioned romance and commitment not often seen. From all appearances, the knots that tied these sisters to their spouses are not about to unravel.

Adventurer/Pathfinder Clubs Team to Help Others



For the past three years, North Miami Spanish Church's Adventurer club organized a toy drive at Christmas for children at Ronald McDonald House of Miami, but wished they could do more. For Christmas 2014, both the Adventurer and Pathfinder clubs teamed with Adventurer and Pathfinder clubs from Bradmore Spanish Church in Miami for the toy drive. In addition, their outreach

was expanded to include preparing breakfast and a music program for the children and their families. Club members also distributed tracts describing Adventist outreach to the community.

Initially, the clubs came together to share their faith with others, but they also benefitted by learning how to be united in the body of Christ.

—BY KARINA CAMPOS

Children representing North Miami and Bradmore churches' Pathfinders and Adventurers delivered Christmas gifts to children staying at Ronald McDonald House of Miami.

Couples Recommit to Christ, Each Other



URIAH BENNETT

Recommitment was a family affair at Lauderdale Church as 32 couples, dressed in formal suits and flowing gowns, renewed their vows on a beautiful Sabbath day. Lovely bridesmaids, charming groomsmen, beautiful flower girls, and rambunctious Bible bearers truly made this a Recommitment Ceremony with the church family serving as witnesses.

It was awe-inspiring to witness the grooms line the span of the altar to behold their brides coming down the aisle into the arms of their beloved, to observe couples looking into each other's eyes while promising, with conviction, to be true, to be faithful, to be committed to each other, and to live a life of dedication to their God. Lester Elliott, pastor, presented

the homily, charge, prayer, vows, admonition, encouragement, counsel, and challenges. Prior to this high day, he conducted pre-ceremony marital workshops where he counseled the couples how to stay together in love, and how to show Christ to each other in the marriage. An afterglow workshop followed to help keep the love flame burning.

The reception following the Recommitment Ceremony brought Sabbath rejoicing, and caused many to say, "This is heavenly."

Couples ended a perfect day at sunset, sailing off into the Intercoastal Waterway, hand in hand, happily thanking the Lord for this renewed commitment to be closer to Him and to their beloved.

—BY LYDIA MASON

Ocala Young People Conduct Worship Service



JOSHUA SENGIO

Addisen Raices and Rachel Parker served as greeters at Ocala, Fla., Church, assisted by Cherrie Betaudier, North Area Zone A Cluster coordinator, who lent her support to Ocala's special Sabbath.



JOSHUA SENGIO

Ian Robison presented his sermon challenging the audience to arise and serve as soldiers of Christ.

You name it — church greeters, elders, deacons, children's story, prayer, special music, the Sabbath sermon — and the Ocala, Fla., Church Pathfinders/Adventurers, ages 6 to 14, handled it at a recent worship service.

Sermon presenter Ian Robison, 12, challenged youth and members as soldiers of Christ to arise just as Samuel and Timothy did in their service for God. "The Holy Spirit was there," said member Trudi Sykes, "and we all felt the call. It was a high Sabbath, and we are still talking about the wonderful experience."

Pathfinder Director John Bott resurrected the formerly dormant club, commencing with the 2014–2015 church officer year. With his wife, Laura, and two children, Joshua and Emily, Bott strongly believes in the biblical admonition of Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

"My vision is to give children the opportunity to experience Jesus with hands on activities," says Brenda Parker, Adventurer leader.

—BY HERB PRITCHARD

Jerry Fore Retires After 44 Years of Denominational Service

Jerry Fore is a rare leader in a unique role. He has led a diverse, fast-paced group of game-changing church ministries staff at the Georgia-Cumberland Conference for the past 17 years. He has walked beside these leaders, helped them birth new programs, and offered them a listening ear and much wisdom as they launched new ministries.

When asked the five ways he has been blessed from his career, he was quick to answer:

1. Sharing my experience and knowledge with people.
2. Serving as a sounding board for ministry leaders — their dreams and ideas.
3. Spending time with staff at annual planning retreats. Having fun, playing putt-putt in the rain.
4. Being involved with the Cohutta Springs staff, foundation, etc. A lot has happened, and it is rewarding.
5. Camp Meeting, I love Camp Meetings. I really enjoy getting acquainted with people in area Camp Meetings.

For the past 44 years, Fore has served as a pastor and leader in Wisconsin, New Jersey, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, and finally Tennessee after he was hired by the Conference as the general vice president.

He says he knew he was going to be a pastor his

sophomore year in college at Andrews University, while listening to Week of Prayer with Bill Fagel. He went on faith, did not have a conference sponsor until Wisconsin stepped up and offered.

“Bottom line, I am very blessed,” says Fore. “I am a person given many opportunities as a pastor and conference worker that exceeded any wish or desire from when I started. The Lord has fed me dessert.”

Fore says that what helped influence and shape him as a pastor was observing others. He would see who was the most effective, and ask if they would teach him. He says he also learned a lot from church members and leaders.

As a self-proclaimed bookworm, Fore says a turning point was attending a workshop by Lori Beth Jones, Path of Life. “It shared how to understand who you are, and how to use the gifts that God gives you. I realized my greatest passion was to encourage or support spiritual leaders.”

Ed Wright, Conference president, says, “It has been my honor and privilege to work with Jerry.



BRIAN YOUNG

Jerry Fore retired from the Georgia-Cumberland Conference at the end of May after serving 44 years in the Adventist church. He was the general vice president of the Conference, a position he held for 17 years. He is pictured here with his wife, Marilyn.

I have come to value his wisdom, his godly perspective, his rich experience, his empowering leadership style, and most of all, his friendship. Thankfully, none of that will change. But, I will certainly miss working with him day to day. Thank you, Jerry, for sharing your strengths with this Conference. May you be richly blessed in this next stage of your life.”

Fore’s plans after retirement include spending time with his wife of 49 years, Marilyn, doing things they enjoy, like bird watching, hiking, and spending time with family, children, and grandchildren.

He wants to go golfing and work with his hobby of amateur radio as a ham op-

erator. He and Marilyn enjoy playing instruments; she plays autoharp, and he plays harmonica and mountain dulcimer — only in their homes, he is quick to add.

He intends to volunteer and just rely on God.

“I am in awe at how the Spirit works,” says Fore. “I am not worried. God has led and guided; I could not have engineered things if I wanted to. I am not in charge.”

He advises those starting out to be “comfortable with the gifts God has given you, not uncomfortable with the ones that you do not have. Uniqueness is what makes them valuable.”

—BY TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER

Southern Deaf Fellowship Celebrates 10 Years

Congratulations are in order for the Southern Deaf Fellowship (SDF) on their 10th anniversary. The big day was celebrated on May 9, 2015, 10 years after they were officially organized as a church.

Sixty-six members and visitors, including Debra Brill, vice president for the North American Division, came to the church for this special event.

Stan Patterson, associate professor of church leadership for the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich., served as the guest speaker. Patterson is also chair of the Christian Ministry Department, and prior to that served as the ministerial vice president at the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. He was a key person in establishing SDF



SUBMITTED BY JEFFREY JORDAN

Stan Patterson (left), associate professor of church leadership at the Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich., preaches for the 10th anniversary celebration for Southern Deaf Fellowship. Melissa Jordan translates the sermon into American Sign Language at the McDonald Road Church Family Life Center in Tenn.

as an official church.

God continues to lead SDF. It all started at their organization at the Atlanta North Church in Georgia on April 9, 2005. They began with 34 charter (start-up) members. In 10 years, the Lord has blessed by doubling their membership to the current 68.

In 2008, SDF moved to the Collegedale, Tenn., area, where they still meet

at the McDonald Road Church Family Life Center. They stream worship services live via the Internet.

Deaf from near and far worship online because there is often a lack of interpreters at the local church. Deaf and hearing alike may join SDF.

SDF meets for Sabbath School each Saturday at 10 a.m., and for worship service at 11:30 a.m. Each

service is available using American Sign Language. They also hold an annual Camp Meeting. This year it will take place from July 29 to August 2 at Cohutta Springs Conference Center in Crandall, Ga.

SDF is under the leadership of Jeff Jordan, pastor. More details at www.deafchurchonline.org.

—BY JEFFREY JORDAN

South Georgia Attendees Congregate at Camp Meeting



TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER

G. Edward Reid, assistant to the president for planned giving at Adventist World Radio, was the featured speaker for the South Georgia Camp Meeting on March 28, 2015.

There is nothing like a regional Camp Meeting, and especially one in south Georgia, where the people are welcoming and the potluck is delicious. Individuals gathered at

Wimbish Road Church in Macon, Ga., to mingle, hear great music, and listen to preaching. G. Edward Reid, assistant to the president for planned giving at Adventist World Radio (AWR),

brought the Good News on Sabbath, March 28, 2015.

Reid preached a sermon on the signs of the second coming. He listed seven, including false prophets; signs in the prophetic, spiritual world; and nature, with the numerous earthquakes, hurricanes, and other weather concerns. Financial concerns was another on the list of signs. According to Reid the United State's national debt grows by \$2.89 billion every day. Another sign is moral realm, with corrupt governments, and crime.

Carolyn Lipscomb, executive director for Adventist Community Service in south Georgia, shared that in 2014 they delivered a total of 172,764 pounds of food via 16,949 food bags in 15 counties in central and south Georgia, through the "Food Bags for the Elderly" ministry. More than 1,500 individuals received free health screening at various locations. Their motto is "Touching Lives in Central and South Georgia."

—BY TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER

Hendersonville Church Hosts Red Cross Blood Drive

In an effort to involve neighbors and the community at the Hendersonville, Tenn., Church, the members decided to have a Red Cross Blood Drive. The first blood drive took place last fall. A church yard sale was held at the same time, with other attractions such as a bounce house for the children, a fire engine from the fire department, and a 1929 model A Ford. All this drew attention to the church, and the community responded. Thirty-



Tom Tomerlin gives blood.

was held March 29, 2015, with different attractions. This time there were free neck and back massages for participants, and juice and



Judy Rimer (left) and Thelma Caldwell stand with Hendersonville, Tenn., firefighters.

eight units of blood were donated that day.

Another blood drive

snacks were distributed. The snack table was used to display free health pamphlets and additional information about Hendersonville Church and its ministries. There were 46 units of blood donated.

The next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, August 23. This is a great way to get the community involved, and for them to get to know the members of your church.

—BY THELMA CALDWELL

New Bible Study “Thunder” is Expanding

It is very likely that you have already heard of the powerful video Bible study *Thunder in the Holy Land* (*Thunder*). But, the reach of this ministry has now extended far beyond the constituents of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference.

To date, 51 pastors and laymen have been included in *Thunder*, the latest of which was Kieth Noll, Conference evangelist. At this time, there are more than 1,500 personalized video sets in circulation in seven conferences, not to mention the approximately 1,500 sets with Charles Byrd, QuestLine Productions (QLP) president, as the host. And, more hosts are coming. During the next two months, pastors from South Carolina and Kansas will be going to the studio to be video-captured for inclusion in the series.

It would be easy to think QLP is in the business of promoting video Bible studies,



Thunder in the Holy Land filmstrip scenes

but that is not the case. QLP is trying to change the paradigm of the whole North American Division. Why? Because the pen of inspiration says, “Every soul should take an active part in advancing the cause of God... We are to be missionaries, having for our chief aim the winning of souls to Christ,” *Testimony Treasurers*, vol. 3, page 60,3.

Every soul? An active part? Indeed! “The saving of human souls is an interest infinitely above any other line of work in our world. Whoever is brought under the influences of the truth, and through faith is made partaker of Christ’s love, is by that very fact appointed of God to save others. He has a mission in the world,” *Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers*, page 293,1.

And, the world is calling.

QLP has been approached by individuals desiring to have *Thunder*

in other languages: Chinese, several Indian dialects, Latvian, Moldovan, Spanish, Arabic, and Hebrew; and also to provide English subtitling for the hearing impaired.

These requests are now being seen as God’s calling. Hearing that call, the QLP board of directors met on March 18, 2015, and voted that QLP move forward as God opens the doors. This new Bible study series will be created from the ground up to be an international series divided into four mini Bible studies, each with 13 episodes or 52 videos total.

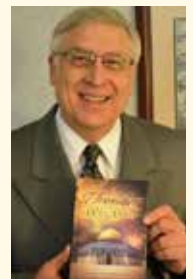
The Kentucky-Tennessee Conference is proud to have supported in a tangible way the launching of QLP, and their new and powerfully innovative outreach. But, it is clear that QLP is outgrowing the donated space.

To accomplish what God is calling them to do, they will need land relatively near a major airport, and they will need to build a studio to accommodate the many pastors who are coming to be inserted into *Thunder*, as well as producing the new series in English, and then in many other languages.

Please join Byrd and the QLP board of directors in praying that God will do greater things to further equip the Church family.

Keep up with this ministry at www.QLP.tv and at the QuestLine Productions Facebook page.

—BY CHARLES BYRD



Kieth Noll displays one of his *Thunder in the Holy Land* DVDs.

Mission & Awards Gala Recognizes Honorees



MARK DENNMAN

Steve Haley (left), president of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference; Adam MacDonald, CRNA, MS, APN, Mission & Heritage Award recipient; and Ken Schwab, Ed.D., MTSA president

More than 250 guests gathered to celebrate the Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia's (MTSA) second annual Mission & Awards Gala — an evening of dining, recognition, and celebration on May 7, 2015. This black-tie optional event held at Nashville's Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum celebrated MTSA's heritage and mission, while recognizing outstanding anesthesia providers, clinical leaders, and community friends.

Awards presented include the following:

1. Mike Morel, CRNA, MS, APN, received the Mary Elizabeth DeVasher Distinguished Alumni Service Award.

2. Molly Gregory Wright, CRNA, DNP, APN, received the Nevin Downs, M.D., Leadership Award.

3. Mark Spencer, CRNA, APN, received the Clinical Excellence Award.

4. Duane and Mary Brown received the Philanthropy Award.

5. Adam MacDonald, CRNA, MS, APN, received the Mission & Heritage Award.

In addition to the awards presented, Larry Stewart, lead singer for the group Restless Heart, entertained the guests when he made a surprise appearance. All guests had an opportunity to enjoy private access to the Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum prior to the event reception, dinner, presentation of awards, and entertainment. Bob Mueller,

news anchor with ABC local affiliate station WKRN-TV Channel 2, served as emcee. Another highlight of the evening was that Sharon Pearce, American Association of Nurse Anesthetist president, attended and presented the Clinical Excellence Award.

Proceeds from the Gala will be used for capital improvements and program development needs specific to MTSA's doctor of nurse anesthesia practice (DNAP) degree. MTSA began the DNAP program in September

2013, and unlike other doctor of nursing practice degrees, MTSA's DNAP program is unique due to its focus in anesthesia.

Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia was founded in

1950. It provides a Christian, Seventh-day Adventist learning environment that fosters the pursuit of truth, excellence in anesthesia practice, and a life of service, supplying needed anesthesia providers in Nashville, middle Tennessee, the central South, and nationally. In middle Tennessee, more



MARK DENNMAN

Recognized for their contribution to nurse anesthesia education, leadership, philanthropy, and mission and heritage are honorees Duane and Mary Brown, CPAs; Molly Gregory Wright, CRNA, DNP, APN; Mike Morel, CRNA, MS, APN; and Adam MacDonald, CRNA, MS, APN.

than 65 percent of nurse anesthetists are MTSA alumni, and 45 percent of all nurse anesthetists in the state graduated from the school. For more information, visit www.mtsa.edu.

—BY JIM CLOSSER

Conference Hispanic Churches Involved in Distributing *El Centinela* Magazines



Pathfinder Abner Fernandez participates in the distribution of the *Centinela* magazine.

copies of the magazine *El Centinela* in the North

Twelve Kentucky-Tennessee Conference Hispanic churches participated in an initiative created by the Hispanic Department of Pacific Press to distribute one million

American Division on Sabbath, May 2, 2015.

Armando De Leon, Conference Hispanic coordinator, reports that the members who participated in this event are excited about the results, and are making plans to begin distributing the magazines on a regular basis.

The Pathfinders participated, which prompted one person to ask a parent, "Are these kids Boy Scouts?" When she received an explanation about the Pathfinder Club, she asked, "What can I do

to get my kids in your club?" She was told all she had to do was bring them to the church, and was given the church's name and address, and the day and time of the meetings.

Another family said, "I would like to have my children be a part of the choir. Can you tell me more about it?" She was given information about the choir and asked to come. The choir director has already called her.

Neftaly Ortiz, elder of the Lexington Hispanic Church, said about 80



The Perez family gets ready to distribute the *Centinela* magazine.

The majority of the members had never had this type of experience, and were happy with the results.

—BY ARMANDO DE LEON

percent of their church participated by distributing 800 magazines. Everyone returned very excited and motivated by the experience.

New Hope Members Hold “Friend-Raising” Car Wash



BEVERLY SARGENT

Volunteer members of New Hope Church show their signs used to attract neighbors to the car wash.

Despite the somewhat early retreat of “the yellow curse” (pine pollen) this April, a car wash is always welcome at spring time in Georgia, and even more so, a free one. On Sunday, April 26, 2015, a car wash, free of charge, was carefully planned and held on the grounds of New Hope Church in Ellenwood, Ga. This was a collaborative effort among several departments spearheaded by the deacon’s and the personal ministries departments, working with the hospitality team and the New Hope Panther’s Cubs



BEVERLY SARGENT

New Hope youth, parents, and department leaders unite to wash vehicles for community neighbors free of charge.

Adventurers group.

In the weeks preceding the event, car wash advertising signs were crafted and posted at the entrance of the church as well as the neighboring communities. Consumables, supplies, and equipment were acquired, and the layout of the different workstations was calculated to execute a smooth and efficient ex-

perience for both patrons and volunteers.

During the three hours of operation, volunteers worked assiduously to wash the 19 vehicles that rolled into their charge. Most of the love and attention, of course, was lavished on the patrons themselves who were warmly greeted and offered refreshments as they waited. They were

also invited to visit the literature tent that was set up on site with various health and spiritual brochures, magazines and books, and engaged in friendly conversation. All of the participating neighbors were pleased at the outcome of their washed vehicles and the total experience.

A car wash is frequently planned as a

fundraising activity, but this one was planned as a “friend-raising” effort. New Hope members are always looking for ways and opportunities to increase awareness of the church in the community, and to meet and draw the neighbors to the kingdom of God. A free car wash was surely an effective way to do it.

—BY ROCHELLE C. DOWDIE



BEVERLY SARGENT

Health and Wellness Center to Play Significant Role in Healthy Campus 2020



Artist rendering of the Oakwood University Health and Wellness Center

Michele Solomon, customer care coordinator for the Office of Integrated Marketing and Public Relations at Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala., interviewed Leslie N. Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., president of Oakwood University, regarding proposed plans for the long-anticipated Health and Wellness Center that is to become a part of the Oakwood University landscape in the very near future. Here are some of the exciting updates shared in the recent interview.

MS: What is the main focus of the Health and Wellness Center, and whom is it designed to serve?

LP: The main focus of the Health and Wellness Center is to provide the kind of facility needed for the faculty, staff, and students to experience wholeness of life and lifestyle. The primary focus, of course, is always the students. Its intention is to serve both the academic and the non-academic programs of the University, so it has to be a complex that

has multiple functions. The idea is to satisfy both the curricular and co-curricular needs of the institution by bringing the two together in one space in which both can occur.

MS: What is the proposed site for the Center, and will it be accessible to the Huntsville community?

LP: God willing, it's going to be quite a big footprint, incorporating the Market Square, Ashby Auditorium, the Beach Natatorium, the Millet Activity Center — and extending across the track and tennis courts — yet there will be elements of it that will be completely new. For instance, the Ashby side is going to be a completely new facility, whereas with the natatorium, the architects have told us that we just need to tear down the walls and rebuild the locker rooms. The actual hole in the ground for the pool is very serviceable and quite current. Not many institutions have a full, Olympic-sized swimming pool as Oakwood does. We are talking about some of the

new technologies to convert it, perhaps, to a salt water pool. Many pools today are salt water. The old freshwater-with-chlorine model can destroy buildings and is not necessarily

the most current type, although many people still use chlorine. But, when you've got it in an enclosed facility, then the chlorine contributes to the corrosion of pipes and that sort of thing.

MS: What part will the Center play in the Healthy Campus 2020 initiative?

LP: The Center will play a significant role in the Healthy Campus 2020 initiative because it will be the place where a lot of the lifestyle education takes place. So, we're going to have it in the classroom, because we're going to rework OU 101, the freshman seminar class, and take the Healthy Campus principles and embed them in OU 101. That's on the curricular side. The extra-curricular side is where a lot of the actual physical activity will take place. There needs to be a space that's dedicated to that — operationalizing Healthy Campus 2020 — and that's what the Health and Wellness Center will satisfy.

MS: How does the plan for a Health and Well-

ness Center tie in to the CREATION Health Model?

LP: The plan began as a quasi-experimental study, which means we're doing pre-testing, intervention, and then post-testing. Now, that's a very gross design, but we're actually on the study side of this, doing pre-testing, which means we're base lining a student's numbers. Every student will end up on the other side of this with a health transcript. So, we're base lining their numbers, then we are using the eight CREATION Health principles — in partnership with Florida Hospital — which call for Choice, Rest, Environment, Activity, Trust, Interpersonal, Outlook, Nutrition — and then we post-test, and we track this every year to see if through the exercise, and through the commitment to CREATION Health principles, there is a measureable benefit to the health outcomes of the students that we're tracking. So, that's what we're trying to do with Healthy Campus 2020 — to track students — and CREATION Health serves as the key intervention.

MS: This is going to span an average of four years for each student, correct?

LP: Yes, every year that they're here. The actual program begins in August of 2015 — but it has already started. The lead-up to the

actual launch started July 22, 2014, when we made the initial presentation to our colleagues at Florida Hospital. Then, it will run for the next four years.

MS: What about the accessibility of this facility to the Huntsville community?

LP: Because it will be on the interior of Oakwood's campus, the same security measures will apply. Huntsville community members who wish to belong to the Center will have to access the facility through the security gate, as they do now for any campus event. This will help us maintain a secured

to get their vision, their interests, and what would make the Center relevant to them. Then, from September to October 2015, the schematic design will be worked out. From November 2015 to February 2016, design and development will take place. Construction documents are to be secured sometime between March and November of 2016 — we'll be working on that consistently — and then construction would be intended to begin in December of 2016 and completed June of 2018. So, it will take about 18 months to construct it.



campus. Although the plan is to offer memberships, the principle use will be for the curricular and co-curricular needs of the institution.

MS: What is the construction model and timeline for the Center?

LP: We began with a notice to proceed, which was voted by our Board of Trustees on May 1, 2015, and then we'll do the programming phase from May through August 2015 — which means this summer, we'll be meeting with people on campus,

MS: What are some of the unique features of the proposed Center?

LP: Some of the unique features will be offices for the United Student Movement. In addition, we'll house the Office of Spiritual Life there. There's conversation about a rehabilitation lab that satisfies the physical therapy curriculum. We foresee seating for about 3,500 on the bleachers, with another 1,500 on the floors. We intend to expand the gym to three times its current size. So, where you

see one floor now, with one full-length court, we plan to expand that to three. That will give us a lot of seating, an overall seating of 5,000.

MS: Will the Center offer a multipurpose type of space?

LP: Yes, it will. In the gymnasium, we plan on using a lot of digital and HD-equipment so that we can facilitate viewing events, like movies, plays and entertainment media.

MS: Can the Center be considered part of Oakwood's revenue-generating industries, and if so, what potential do you think this project has for producing additional revenue for the institution?

LP: I think it can be, but I think it will have limited revenue-generating power. Now, we can always rent out certain spaces for particular events, and that will be a form of revenue generation, but for the most part, we see this as a service center to the curricular and co-curricular needs of the institution. We have other things on and off campus that are revenue generators for us. There might be some possibility of some revenue generation by selling memberships to the club, but we're not competing with the people in Huntsville who do that every day for their living. Again, our focus is on advancing the spiritual and academic mission of the institution.

MS: What is the pro-

jected cost for this facility?

LP: The projected cost is \$19,030,000, which is part of the big reason that we're building it where we are. There was an original proposal for a Health and Wellness Center out on the Adventist Boulevard area, right across from the main security booth, but the thinking was — when we talked with the architects — that if we built a stand-alone facility without capitalizing on the existing space, the price of the building would double, from \$19M to \$38M. That's because everything — all of the infrastructure — would need to be put in place at the front of the campus because it's just currently not there. That's a beautiful field, but that's all it is — a field.

MS: I'm sure that you've already identified some major donors for this project.

LP: Yes. The first major donor gift we've already received is \$2M from Adventist Health Systems. This project represents the largest construction project in the history of Oakwood University. It represents 25 years of conversation about the needs of our campus in the wellness area. At the April 20, 2015, Board session, the Board of Trustees, under the direction of Elder Dan Jackson, president of the North American Division, determined that it was really time to move on a project like this.

Adventist University Celebrates Nursing Students

Occasionally time can get away from us. We can easily forget who we were when we first started



Theresa Brown, Ph.D., inspired students by sharing her "lessons of faith" for new nurses.

something new, like nursing school, and lose that spark of excitement that led us down a specific road. For that reason and more, Adventist University of Health Sciences (ADU) Department of Nursing in Orlando, Fla., holds an annual Celebrate Nursing event where students are re-inspired to continue on their journey of becoming a nurse.

The event took place inside Florida Hospital's Church, where nearly every seat was taken by either a wide-eyed nursing student or a faculty member eager to see them succeed. Jan Preston, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Nursing, addressed the crowd, reminding them that nursing is not just an occupation, it is a calling.

"We all have one common purpose: to extend the healing ministry of Christ. That is why God chose you to be in this profession," explained Preston. She

shared a story of legendary NFL coach, Vince Lombardi sitting down his players after a loss and asking them what he was holding in his hands. Preston went on to explain that what he had in his hands was a football, that he needed to go back to the basics to get his players back on track. That is exactly what the Celebrate Nurses event strives to do.

Preston said, "The goal of today is to bring all of you together so you don't become too absorbed by your work that you forget about your purpose. It is our prayer that you will be blessed and recommitted to living ADU's mission of practicing healthcare as ministry."

Following Preston's address, two recent ADU nursing graduates offered advice to current students. Mark Crofton described his time as a student, the tough times and the good times, and had the crowd laughing out loud. He finished with a helpful tip: "The best advice I can give you is to have faith in God, yourself, and faculty, and you too will be a BSN, RN." Pamela Kenney spoke next and asked students to cultivate an atmosphere of encouragement for one another, as this is what her cohort did to be successful.

The highlight of the event was guest speaker Theresa Brown, Ph.D., who decided to leave her job as a college English professor to

become a nurse. She is now not only a full-time nurse but an author of two books specifically on nursing, and a writer for *The New York Times*.

Brown opened up her speech on what she calls her "lessons of faith." She explained that in order to succeed one must keep faith in their job and keep faith with oneself.

"It may sound simple, but work can get hectic and you can easily lose faith. You must remember the person you were when you first chose to become a nurse, because that person is the best version of your nurse self, someone full of dedication and excitement."

Brown summed it up perfectly for students when she said, "As a nurse you show up whatever the situation, you do your job, you get it done, and you get to feel proud of yourself in the end."

As a symbolic representation of the selfless service these nursing students are giving by dedicating their life to God and their occupation, the department conducted its traditional hand-washing ceremony in which every student participated as a dedication of themselves to God and to His service.

The event came to its conclusion with two special honors. First, donors Jean and Norman Gould, who established an endowment for nursing faculty members, met their first recipients of awards from the fund. This scholarship was developed

to help faculty fund their research and doctoral studies. The six faculty recipients were Nel Thomas, Leesuk Ferencsik, Janice Lowden-Stokely, Daisy Dalegowski, Lynelle F. Callender, Sydney L. Moran, and Patricia Ratliff.

Second, faculty and students celebrated the contributions of Jan Preston, as she plans to retire at the end of this year.

A faculty member said of Preston, "Our life is like a race God has set before us. We have to train for the life God has given us and pass our knowledge to our



ADU nursing students participated in a hand-washing ceremony as a symbolic reminder of the selfless service they are giving by becoming a nurse.

students so they can become champions for God, and that is what she has done so well."

The event ended in tears, laughter, and hugs, and everyone came together as one. Students and faculty were left inspired and reinvigorated to stay on track and follow the course God has set before them.

—BY MEGHAN BRESCHER

Renewable Scholarships Available for Service-Minded High School Students



earning a maximum of \$1,000 which can be renewed for four years.

ASSIST is a scholarship grant program managed by Southern that

encourages students from Seventh-day Adventist high schools across the country to serve and form relationships with elderly adults. Students are employed through their academy's ASSIST-funded program, and assigned to work in

either the homes of older adults or in a nearby care facility. Once assigned, students perform a combination of chore and companionship activities that range from light housecleaning and yard work, to playing games or simply visiting.

Though ASSIST has existed since 2006, program manager Amanda Tortal, MSW, hopes this new scholarship will further ignite a desire for service.

"We want students and their families to know that Southern values service enough to award them for the work they did in high school," Tortal said. "It has been incredible to see the impact this program has

on families, schools, and communities all around the North American Division."

More than 70 educators visited Southern April 16-17, during the annual spring conference for ASSIST and Partnering for Eternity (PFE). PFE, like ASSIST, was designed to connect students with the elderly, but PFE caters to K-8 students and is more focused on companionship.

Any Adventist school across the country can participate in either the ASSIST or PFE programs. For more information about getting your school involved, call 423-236-2561 or visit southern.edu/assist.

—BY MYRON MADDEN

Beginning in the fall 2015 semester, Southern students who participated in the ASSIST program during high school are eligible for University scholarships. Students receive \$250 for each semester they took part in the program,

Healthcare Administration Program Ranked Among Best in the Nation

Southern's healthcare administration program was recognized as one of the best in the nation by Public Health Online, an organization that provides college students with expert-driven information about public health. The University was listed as a Top 50 Best Health Administration Program for 2015 based on its student-to-faculty ratio, job placement rate, number of concentrations, and availability of financial aid, among other factors.

"This recognition is a validation of our commitment to excellence," said Mark Hyder, J.D., dean for

the School of Business and Management.

Southern provides undergraduate and graduate degrees for students interested in becoming healthcare administrators. The program also offers a dual degree with the School of Nursing, allowing students to have a well-rounded grasp of the field. Though many of the universities on the Top 50 list have excellent programs, Southern is unique in its integration of faith and learning.

"The premier feature in our curriculum is the Christian values component," said Robert Mon-

tague, Ph.D., professor. "That is why someone would choose this program instead of studying elsewhere."

Montague believes growth potential makes healthcare administration an excellent field to consider. Several graduates from the program are now in highly placed executive positions within Adventist Health System and local hospitals, and the possibilities for employment are still wide open.

"The job market has turned toward healthcare," Montague said. "More and more dollars are going into healthcare, so there



Professor Robert Montague, Ph.D. are jobs, and those jobs are very well paid. This is a terrific field; even in a down economy, people still like to get fixed when they're broken."

—BY MYRON MADDEN

Primeros Frutos de la Campaña Compartiendo Esperanza

Desde el 18 al 25 de abril, la iglesia de St. Pauls en Carolina del Norte llevó a cabo la campaña de cosecha “Compartiendo Esperanza.”

El evento fue organizado por el departamento de obra misionera dirigido por Silvia Chilel, en coordinación con los diversos ministerios de la iglesia. El evangelista invitado fue el pastor Samuel Hernández, de México, y presentó mensajes Cristo-céntricos que tocaron los corazones de visitas y miembros presentes, guiándolos a tomar decisiones en favor de Jesús. Hernández estuvo a cargo de los cultos devocionales “A Solas con Jesús” que se llevaron a cabo a partir de las 5:00



todas las mañanas. Muchos asistieron a estos encuentros a fin de ser refrigerados por la Palabra de Dios.

El viernes 24 por la noche la iglesia se regocijó al presenciar los primeros frutos de la campaña. Cinco personas respondieron al

llamado de entregar sus vidas a Cristo y demostrarlo a través del bautismo. El sábado 25 por la mañana, 2 almas más se añadieron al grupo. Previo a la campaña, hubo un bautismo de 2 personas representando las primicias de lo que vendría.

La directora misionera continúa monitoreando el “Programa de Oración Compartiendo Esperanza” en los 10 minutos misioneros. Allí se elevan oraciones en conjunto por los 200 interesados, y los 40 laicos que les están dando los estudios bíblicos. Se presentan estos nombres frente trombo de gracia para que el Espíritu Santo obre en ellos para salvación. Con la ayuda y bendición de Dios se espera que muy pronto ellos formen parte de la grey.

ELÍAS SANDOVAL, PASOR DEL DISTRITO

Bautismo en Melbourne

El sábado 23 de mayo siete personas entregaron sus vidas a Jesús y fueron bautizadas en Melbourne, Florida. La ceremonia fue

el corolario de una semana de evangelismo a cargo del pastor Henry Beltrán presidente de la asociación del Alto Magdalena en

Bogotá, Colombia. Los miembros de la iglesia fueron también bendecidos con las predicaciones y quedaron motivados a

seguir adelante la obra del Señor.

JORGE ROJAS, PASTOR DEL DISTRITO

Espíritu de Solidaridad



Estudiante de Teología que quedó viuda, parada frente a su hogar destruido.

El gran terremoto que sacudió Nepal el 25 de abril, con una magnitud de 7.9 ha dejado una profunda cicatriz en la sociedad, que hasta el momento vivía una vida tranquila. Miles de personas perdieron sus vidas y otras tantas quedaron sin techo. Movidos por el Espíritu de Cristo, que siempre está atento a las necesidades de

los que sufren, las iglesias de Spring Hill y Clearwater se unieron en una colecta y enviaron fondos que fueron usados para adquirir artículos de primera necesidad. Bhaju, miembro de iglesia que se encarga de traducir

las lecciones de escuela sabática al Nepalí, está altamente comprometido en la tarea de ayuda a quienes han sufrido pérdidas, y agradeció el gesto en nombre de la iglesia Adventista en Nepal.

AZAEEL PITTÍ, PASTOR DEL DISTRITO



Caverna que ha sido adaptada para albergar damnificados

Instituto Fiel



Dr. Henry Barrios presentando la clase de Hermenéutica

Con las clases presentadas el domingo 2 de mayo se dio por concluido el ciclo del segundo trimestre de este año en West Palm Beach

y en Fort Myers. En este último lugar, después del mensaje de apertura presentado por el pastor anfitrión y director del área Jaziel Muñoz, los pastores Daniel Amich y Luis prieto fueron los encargados de la enseñanza planificada para ese día.

En la iglesia de West Palm Beach sucedió algo similar. El pastor

Abdiel del Toro, director del área, dirigió el culto devocional. El director de FIEL Rolando de los Ríos presentó la primera clase, seguido por el doctor Henry Barrios quien tuvo a su cargo la enseñanza de Hermenéutica.

El programa de este trimestre ha creado las bases para el siguiente período, en el que el

aprendizaje tendrá una orientación práctica. También se participará de una investigación sobre textos que resultan menos sencillos de comprender, y basados en la Biblia se aprenderán formas simples de explicarlos.

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Sueño Realizado



El sábado 4 de abril la iglesia hispana de Marietta vio materializado un sueño acariciado por más de 15 años, al realizar su primer servicio de adoración en su propio templo. Ubicada en la ciudad de Mableton, GA, esta linda propiedad adquirida con el esfuerzo y compromiso de la hermandad, consta de siete acres de terreno con estacionamiento, áreas verdes, canchas y parque infan-

til. Todo el terreno está rodeado por un pintoresco bosque de pinos. El edificio consta de 13.500 pies cuadrados y posee ocho salones de reunión, una cocina industrial, un comedor espacioso, un hermoso santuario y

espaciosas oficinas.
“Elevamos votos de



gratitud por esta bendición recibida. Somos conscientes de que la razón por la que tenemos templos es para llenarlos de almas. Dios está feliz de que le adoremos con comodidad, pero su principal deseo es que conquistemos el área que nos rodea en cumplimiento de la misión.”

RICHARD URDANETA,
PASTOR DEL DISTRITO

La Ciudad Cubierta de Centinelas



Jovencitos preparándose para salir

Miembros de doce congregaciones se

unieron en una actividad que seguramente traerá

consecuencias de salvación. Luego de organizarse, se dividieron y salieron por la ciudad de Memphis, Tennessee, a distribuir revistas El Centinela. Tuvieron una buena reacción de parte del público. Algunas personas, viendo a tantos jovencitos envueltos en tan noble actividad, preguntaron si podían traer a sus hijos para participar en el club,

o cantar en el coro infantil. El pastor Neftalí Ortiz hizo lo propio en Lexington, Kentucky. Los participantes regresaron compartiendo experiencias que incentivan a la iglesia en el trabajo por las almas.

ARMANDO DE LEÓN,
DIRECTOR DEL
DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO



Grupo completo

¡Viva Jesús, Viva Mejor!



La primera campaña de evangelismo del 2015 en el distrito Metropolitano de Louisville, KY, se llevó a cabo bajo el lema ¡Viva

Jesús, Viva Mejor!

El evento fue coordinado por Neftalí Pérez, y la predicación, basada en los cuatro

Evangelios, estuvo a cargo del pastor del distrito. Cada noche, la primera parte del programa estuvo dedicada a la presentación

de seminarios-talleres de cocina saludable, por Yosca Monterroso, mantenimiento del automóvil, presentado por un mecánico profesional, cuidados de la salud, por el doctor Ángel Mendoza, salud emocional a cargo del Capellán pastor Luis Ruiz, mantenimiento profesional de pisos y alfombras, por el hermano Gabriel Ruiz, etc.

La asistencia fue muy buena, y 21 personas están relacionándose con la iglesia y estudiando la Biblia como resultado.

ARMANDO DE LEÓN,
DIRECTOR DEL
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South Atlantic Noticias

Bautismos de Semana Santa en el Distrito Warsaw



Candidatos de Goldsboro, y bautismo de Clinton

Warsaw

El sábado 4 de abril se celebró un bautismo en la Iglesia de Warsaw al finalizar el encuentro de Semana Santa. El pastor del distrito Ismael Uribe, ofició esta ceremonia en la que la

presencia del Espíritu Santo se sintió poderosamente. La iglesia continúa trabajando para traer almas al redil, y planean comprar un templo en un futuro cercano.

Goldsboro
Gracias al trabajo



Clinton, pareja de jóvenes contrayentes, candidatos de bautismo

misionero de los clubes y del liderazgo juvenil de la congregación, 2 personas se bautizaron el sábado 4 de Abril para honra y gloria de Dios.

Clinton
El sábado 11 de abril,

3 personas bajaron a las aguas del bautismo. Dos de ellas se casaron el día anterior, y juntos comenzaron una nueva vida en Jesús.

ISMAEL URIBE, PASTOR DEL
DISTRITO

Bautismo de Semana Santa en Raleigh

Al finalizar la serie de evangelismo de Semana Santa el sábado 4 de abril, 21 personas bajaron a las aguas del bautismo en Raleigh, Carolina del Norte.

El Pastor Osmín Hernández de la Asociación Regional del Lago fue el evangelista invitado, y junto a su esposa dedicó toda la semana a presentar la Palabra de Dios.

La iglesia Gethsemani de Raleigh, había iniciado la preparación del terreno en diciembre con un grupo pequeño que se reunía

los viernes de noche en la casa de una familia no adventista. David Ubiera, Ramón Garay y otros laicos, colaboraron cada semana y demostraron la eficacia de este método de evangelismo.

Esta campaña fue patrocinada en términos de finanzas por los miembros de la iglesia, quienes no acudieron a la asociación con un pedido de fondos. Ellos están altamente comprometidos en la tarea de ganar almas, y dispuestos a hacer lo que sea neces-

sario con el fin de llevar el mensaje de salvación a otros.

EFRAÍN POLOCHE, DIRECTOR DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO



Orando por la Comunidad



El martes 5 de mayo, un grupo de líderes se llegaron al City Hall de la ciudad de Miami para

tener un encuentro con el Alcalde y algunos de sus colaboradores. El objetivo del mismo fue orar por la

ciudad, los proyectos, y líderes de la comunidad. Antes de terminar la reunión, se entregó una

Biblia al Alcalde.

ROGER ÁLVAREZ, DIRECTOR DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO

Princesas en Entrenamiento

El ministerio de la mujer ha creado una división a la que ha denominado Princesas en Entrenamiento. La misma recluta jovencitas de 13 años en adelante, que entre otras cosas se dedican a orientar a otras muchachas en el tema del aborto. Uno de los lugares en los que se trabajó es un centro en el que años atrás se realizaban estas operaciones y en la actualidad se dedica a ayudar y educar a las mujeres en contra de esta práctica. Se llevó ropa y diferentes artículos para bebés, y



se repartieron ejemplares del libro “ El Camino a Cristo”. Las directoras de

este ministerio en la iglesia de los Peregrinos son Rachel Cobas y Christie

Carrasquillo. ARNALDO CRUZ, PASTOR DEL DISTRITO

Prevención de Crímenes y Abusos en Contra de la Mujer

El ministerio femenino organizó un seminario sobre prevención de crímenes y abusos en contra de la mujer, que tuvo una buena asistencia. El sargento Carl Zogby de la policía de la ciudad fue el encargado de la presentación. Este ministerio está trabajando arduamente en favor de una mejor calidad de vida para la comunidad, como Jesús lo hacía cuando estuvo en esta tierra.

ROGER ALVAREZ, DIRECTOR DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO



Becas Orientadas a Motivar el Servicio



El próximo semestre de otoño, los estudiantes de Southern que participaron en el programa ASSIST mientras estaban en bachillerato recibirán una beca renovable de cuatro años. La misma consta de 250 dólares por cada semestre de bachillerato en el que participaron en este programa. Al renovarla

podrán recibir hasta un máximo de 1.000 dólares por los cuatro años.

ASSIST es un programa de becas administrado por Southern para motivar a los estudiantes de las escuelas adventistas del país, a crear amistades y ayudar a adultos de edad avanzada. Los estudiantes son empleados por sus academias a través de los

programas financiados por ASSIST, y asignados a trabajar en las casas de estos adultos, o en algún edificio cercano. Allí brindan compañía, juegan con ellos, les leen, y ayudan en las tareas del hogar.

ASSIST fue creado en el 2006, y la directora del programa, Amanda Tortal, MSW, espera que esta nueva beca sea un incentivo más para crear hábitos y deseos de servicio entre los jóvenes. “Queremos que los estudiantes y sus familias sepan cuánto valora Southern el servicio, y lo vean demostrado por medio de los premios otorgados por el trabajo que hicieron mientras estaban en la escuela secundaria,” dijo. “Ha sido

increíble ver el impacto que tiene este programa en las familias, escuelas, y comunidades en la División Norteamericana.”

Más de 70 educadores vinieron a Southern entre abril 16 y 17 durante la conferencia anual de primavera de ASSIST, y la Asociación Para la Eternidad (PFE). PFE promueve este programa entre los estudiantes de kínder hasta octavo grado y su enfoque es el compañerismo. Ambos programas están disponibles para cualquier escuela adventista del país. Para más información llame al (423) 236-2561 o envíe un correo electrónico a tortala@southern.edu.

MYRON MADDEN, EDITOR SAU

Nuevas Carreras en Tecnología Incluyen un Énfasis en la Administración de Empresas

El departamento de Tecnología está añadiendo dos carreras completas de cuatro años a su catálogo: Licenciatura de Tecnología en Administración de Servicios de Construcción, y Licenciatura de Tecnología en Administración de Servicio Automotriz. Ambas ofrecen un nivel de asociado, que se puede continuar con dos años adicionales enfocados en Administración y Mercadeo.

“El oficio de manejar una empresa va más allá que hacer simplemente

el trabajo,” dijo Mark Hyder, JD, decano de la Escuela de Negocios y Administración. “Estos programas expandidos le proveen a los estudiantes un paquete completo en materia de formación.” Según la Oficina de Trabajo y Estadística de EE.UU, las carreras en Administración de los Servicios de Construcción están en aumento. Además de incrementar las posibilidades de obtener un trabajo y estabilidad en una carrera, se apunta a

que los graduados puedan mantener sus negocios como empresarios. Los profesores de Southern creen que los adventistas que se gradúan de estos oficios, hacen una inversión de alcances eternos. “Necesitamos más iglesias y escuelas,” dijo John Youngberg, profesor asociado del Departamento de Tecnología. “Una de mis misiones es construir una fuente de trabajo que mantenga el crecimiento y buen estado de la iglesia para la próxima

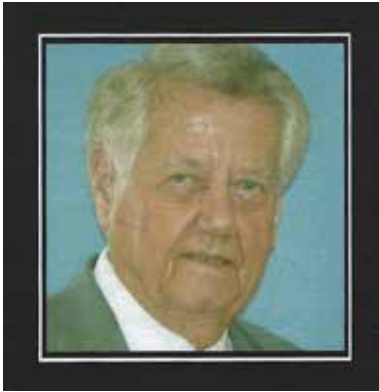
generación.”

La tecnología automotriz está creciendo también, con una demanda mayor de trabajo. “Podemos conseguirle empleo a cada estudiante que se gradúa de este programa,” dijo Dale Walters, profesor asociado del Departamento de Tecnología.

Los futuros estudiantes y negocios que quieran trabajar en conjunto con la universidad, pueden visitar southern.edu/technology para más información.

JULIA BONNEY, EDITORA

Obituaries



BOWER, William M., Sr., 88, born Sept. 6, 1926 in Coral Gables, FL, died April 17, 2015 at home in Eustis, FL, with his loving wife, Geri, by his side. He along with Pastor Obed Graham started the Umatilla, FL, Church where he was a member for the past 12 years.

He spent his youth in Ft. Washington, MD. While serving in the Navy during WWII aboard the USS Solar, he survived an explosion while unloading ammunition at the Navy pier in NJ. He married Betty Lee Thorne, the mother of his three children in 1946. The family moved to Florida and became involved in helping to build Forest Lake Church in Apopka. In 1957, they moved back to Maryland for the next 10 years to own and operate the Regency Nursing Home left to him by his brother.

His greatest achievement in life was working for the Lord. In 1974, he moved back to Florida with the thoughts of retiring, but the Lord had other plans. He became involved with the United Prison Ministries where he served as national director; ASI president of the Southern Union Chapter; head elder at several churches; a lay pastor; and was instrumental in building many churches including Mt. Dora, Lady Lake, and the aforementioned Forest Lake and Umatilla churches; and was involved in many Maranatha projects.

He is survived by his wife of 16 years, Geri; two sons: Bill Jr. (Peggy), and John (Debbie); one daughter, Judy (Doug) Remington; one step-son, Donald Galbraith; one step-daughter, Dona (Mike) Spaventa; five grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and six step great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his first wife, Betty Lee Bower; one brother, Donald; and one sister, Ruth.

CARITHERS-HUDSON, Juanita Jo, 91, born Aug. 28, 1923 in Bristow, OK, died May 4, 2015 in Naples, FL. She graduated from Forest Lake Academy and Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University) in 1943.

She lived in Miami, FL, taught school at Greater Miami Academy, and attended Miami Temple and Miami Springs churches. She retired after 40 years as office manager for an oral surgeon, and moved to North Fort Myers, FL, and joined the Fort Myers Church. During all the years with the Church, she was active in all divisions and was especially devoted to the youth.

In her later years, she married Ray Hudson who predeceased her on Dec. 15, 2013. They were both active members of the Hendersonville, NC, Church.

She is survived by one brother, Herbert Paul Carithers; one sister, Patricia Wilkison; many nieces; and nephews. The graveside service was conducted by Pastor Luis Badillo, retired pastor of Miami Temple Church. Interment was at Flagler Memorial Park in Miami.



CARSON, Ruthle W., 90, born Aug. 25, 1924 in Candler, NC, died March 28, 2015 in Jupiter, FL. She was a member of the Forest Lake Church for 24 years.

After graduating from Washington Missionary College (now Washington Adventist University) in 1943, she married Sam Carson in Pastor Glenn Coon's front yard.

She was an employee of Florida Hospital from 1978 to 1998, first as a clerical assistant and then as an administrative assistant and executive secretary. She was a girl Friday that could fit into any position. In retirement, she worked on many projects for the Florida Conference Communication Department.

She was cut out of a different cloth and made out of a different mold. She left a message for all her friends to meet her under the olive tree next to the crystal river in Heaven.

She is survived by one son, Barry (Lynne) Carson of Jupiter, FL; one daughter, Kay (George) Webb of McCormick, GA; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband of 71 years, Sam Carson; and one son, Michael, who died at 17 years of age in 1969. The memorial service was conducted by Pat Shanko at the Florida Living Retirement Center in Apopka, FL.

HALLMAN, David Allen, 63, born June 2, 1951 in Takoma Park, MD, died Nov. 29, 2014. He was the third of four children born to Ralph and Hazel Hallman. After battling cancer for several years, he went to sleep in Jesus surrounded by family members at his home.

Beginning with a career in carpentry then moving into church ministry, he spent 30 years working at five different conference-owned youth camps—Camp Berkshire, Camp Kulaqua, Laurel Lake Camp, Camp Mohave, and Cohutta Springs Conference Center—and one boarding academy, Blue Mountain Academy. Many of his projects will live on in his memory.

In his spare time, he loved playing and watching sports, vacationing, camping, and looking for lighthouses. But his love for his children and grandchildren far extended any of the above.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Dunn Hallman; his mother, Hazel Miller Hallman; two children: Russell (Kristen) Hallman of Brainerd, MN, and Christina Rachele Hallman of Cleveland, TN; two grandchildren: Sean Hallman and Haley Bird; two sisters: Judee (Dave) Spicer, and Karen (Cliff) Ingersoll; one brother, Wesley (Joyce) Hallman; one aunt, Ruth Hallman Heller; numerous cousins; nieces; and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Ralph. A burial service was held on Dec. 4, 2014 in Star, MS.



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HEDRICK, Mary Belle Mahn, 94, born May 30, 1920 in Rocky Point, NC, died Jan. 15, 2015 in Calhoun, GA. She was a member of the Calhoun Church. She was a teacher in the Carolina Conference for more than 25 years, many of which were at the Wilmington, NC, Adventist Church School.

She and her husband spent one year in Thailand, and one year in Singapore as missionaries. She is survived by one brother, Louis (Delores) Mahn, of Portland, OR; one daughter, Dottie (Wilfred) Starr of Calhoun, GA; one son-in-law, John (Janis) Swafford of Calhoun, GA; two granddaughters: Lynnette (Troy) Hollenbeck, of Knoxville, TN, and Lisa Swafford of Calhoun, GA; and two great-grandchildren: Ashley and Jason Hollenbeck.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Hedrick; her parents, Willie and Clara Belle Mahn; three brothers: Morris Mahn, Richard Mahn Sr., and Leonard Mahn; two sisters: Vivian Mahn and Sara Mahn; and one daughter, Evelyn Swafford. A celebration of life was held at Calhoun Church on Feb. 14, 2015, and the graveside service on Feb. 15, in Collegedale, TN.



HEFFERLIN, Ray, 86, born in 1929 in Paris, France, died March 7, 2015. He was a globally-renowned physicist, Southern Adventist University professor, and beloved husband and father.

Though his research and professional curiosity would take him all over the world, he loved the Chattanooga area, and spent the last 60 years calling Collegedale home. He moved to California with his father at the age of seven. He received his bachelor's degree from Pacific Union College in 1951, and later a doctorate from California Institute of Technology.

He married Inelda Phillips in 1954, and shortly thereafter accepted a position as professor at Southern in 1955. His passion for physics was evidenced early on as a young professional. He spent the summers of 1957 and 1958 in California at the National Radiation Defense Lab, and even witnessed two atomic blasts. His research there, combined with his job at Southern, led to consulting positions with Oak Ridge National Laboratory near Knoxville, TN.

During the 1960s he received his first research grant and focused on experimental spectroscopy, studying the interaction between matter and radiated energy. By the 1970s, he switched to more theoretical work and, along with Southern students and a colleague in New York City, began creating a chart (similar to the periodic table of elements) that organized diatomic molecules in a way that highlighted their similar properties. Always in pursuit of better data, he led his team in refining this chart through the years. The result was a definitive work that is being used today by students and scientists internationally.

Despite these and other successes—he published more than 80 peer-reviewed articles on a variety of topics, and met or corresponded with nearly a dozen Nobel Prize winners—he mentored Southern students with humble and heartfelt enthusiasm. Countless projects moved forward under his watch, and graduates who studied with him have worked in such notable fields as Higgs boson research and human genome sequencing. Age had little impact on his professional vigor and willingness to support students with similar intellectual interests.

Last year he traveled to Turkey with Southern senior Josh Barrow to attend the International Advances in Applied Physics and Materials Science Congress. During a recent interview with Southern's campus magazine, he described what motivated him and others, to live a life consumed by this level of drive for new understandings. "For many students, research is the holy grail that their individual make-up has been harboring unknown for years. For some, it's music or art. But for those in physics and engineering, it's finding what God has put into nature for them to discover."

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Inelda; four daughters: Lorelei Hefferlin (Steve) Powers, Jennifer Hefferlin (David) Harrell, Heidi Hefferlin (Craig) Kronenberg, and Melissa Hefferlin (Daud) Akhriev; seven grandsons; one granddaughter; and two great-grandchildren. His memorial service was held at the Collegedale, TN, Church on March 25, 2015. Don Hall, a 1960 Southern graduate and among the first students Ray mentored on a research project, offered one of the eulogies.

HENDERSON, O.R. "Rogers," 94, died March 28, 2015 in Avon Park, FL. He was a native of Orlando, FL. He completed a ministerial degree in 1947, and was among the second graduating class of the then newly established Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University) in Collegedale, TN. It was there he met his future wife, Mary Riley.

After college graduation, Rogers and Mary spent a year in Madison, TN, studying to become licensed practical nurses. They believed that the message of Christ encompassed both spiritual and physical healing, and were preparing to carry the Gospel light around the world. They were not called, however, to some foreign mission field but to the foothills of Kentucky's Appalachian Mountains, which was just as challenging in its own way. The people of these ridges and valleys were wary of outsiders and suspicious that Mary and Rogers just might be the worst kind of government spies—revenueurs! No one even wanted to rent them a place to live until finally an old man felt pity and offered up an abandoned ramshackle house. But the Hendersons were determined to live like the locals and win their trust. They chased out the roosting chickens, hauled their water from a creek, and lit oil lamps at dusk.

One Sabbath afternoon, Rogers and Mary invited several young girls on a picnicking and birdwatching adventure. As they hiked and scanned the trees with their binoculars, the girls suddenly disappeared into the woods. Only much later were they told of the silent men standing guard over their liquor stills, shotguns aimed and ready. Months passed as the Hendersons taught of Jesus' love, and nursed the sick until finally Rogers was accepted as "the little preacher." A number of souls were baptized and Rogers planned and built the first Seventh-day Adventist church in the area, doing much of the work himself. His ministry eventually took him to other parts of Kentucky, Florida, Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico. He retired from the Rocky Mountain Conference at the end of 1980.

He was a member of the Adventist Theological Society, Southern Adventist University Alumni, American Birding Association, and the Nature Conservancy. His hobbies included birding, wildflowers, nature study in general, photography, scientific creation research, and carpentry. He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Mary Riley Henderson; one son, Michel, and his wife, Jill; his sister, Dottie Henderson Scogin; nieces; one nephew; and cousins.



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TAYLOR, June Laura, 92, born on Nov. 3, 1922 in Fresno, CA, died March 15, 2015 at Country Haven Retirement Center in Ringgold, GA. She was married to Charles Richard Taylor for 72 years until he died Feb. 18, 2014. She spent her childhood and youth in the San Francisco Bay area, living in Albany and Berkeley, and attending Golden Gate Academy. She went to college at Pacific Union College near St. Helena, CA, where she met Charles Taylor, who was training her to replace him as the Spanish teacher's assistant because she received such good grades in Spanish. They fell in love and married on Aug. 20, 1942.

Charles became a Seventh-day Adventist minister, and June had many adventures in Cuba and Mexico, where Charles was a teacher, youth leader, and college president. She became a librarian and teacher, and was always the gracious minister's wife. From 1967 to 1975, June and Charles lived in Miami, FL, where Charles was head of education for the Inter-American Division, and June worked as an administrative assistant and later editor of the Division's paper, *The Messenger*.

In 1975, they moved to the Washington, DC, area, where Charles eventually became leader of the Education Department for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. June worked as an administrative assistant for then-vice president, Alf Lohne, and when he retired, performed other duties in the presidential division. She was a great hostess and always opened her home to her children's friends, her husband's colleagues, her neighbors, and anyone who needed a listening ear or a good meal.

June and Charles officially retired in 1988, even though they continued to do some part-time work for a time, and were very active in their church. Their family has many fond memories of visiting in their home on Pitcairn Place in Burtonsville, MD. June and Charles moved to Ooltewah, TN, in 2006, where their family enjoyed spending many special times together at Collier Place.

In July 2013, due to June's stroke, she moved to Country Haven Retirement Center where she was lovingly cared for by Jonathan and Rosalie Stockil and their family and staff. June was a sweet, gentle, and gracious lady, and will be very much missed by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and friends.

She is survived by her son, David Taylor and his wife, Ann; two daughters: Donna Evans and Myrna Taylor; her grandson, David Taylor Jr., and his wife, Bobbi, and their son, Bradley; her granddaughter, Laura Evans Ngo, and her husband, Ehren Ngo, and their son, Ethan; her dear friends, Elvira Bressanin and Hans and Trudy Schaefer, who became part of the family. June's memorial service was held on March 29, 2015 in the Valley View Chapel with Pastor David Smith officiating. Interment followed in the Collegedale Memorial Park.

THORESEN, Laurel Erica Dulcie (Palmer), 90, born on Nov. 11, 1924 in Suva, Fiji, died Jan. 20, 2015. She was the daughter of missionaries and the little sister of two brothers, Nelson and Calvin.

She attended Longburn Adventist College in New Zealand, where she obtained a degree in elementary education and where she agreed to go on a date with an awkward, shy young man who later got over his shyness long enough to ask for her hand in marriage.

As her mother had before her, she faithfully followed her husband to the mission field and served by his side in Vietnam, Hong Kong, and the Middle East. She taught elementary school both abroad and in Fletcher, NC. She was an accomplished pianist and teacher of music who gave the gift of music to many future musicians.

Her husband, Dr. Francis Douglas Thoresen, preceded her in death Sept. 11, 2014. She is survived by three children: Garth, Nelson, and Rozanne (Muller); six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held Jan. 25, 2015 in the Gospel Chapel at Collegedale, TN, Church.



ATKINS, Edna, 72, born Sept. 19, 1942 in Trumann, AR, died April 28, 2015 in Portland, TN. She was a member of the Highland Church in Portland, TN. She is survived by her husband, Wayne; two daughters: Kristi (Ricky) Wade and Jana Atkins; two grandchildren: Jacquelyne and Jake Wade; and four siblings: Jack Bryant, Susie Carroll, Danny Bryant, and Janey McElroy.

BAUMGARTNER, Alberta Theresa Meither, 89, died April 26, 2015. She was a member of the Taylor Mill, KY, Church. She is survived by seven children: Dora Fry, David Baumgartner, Sandra Arnold, Mark Baumgartner, Deborah Oldiges, Pamela Schilling, and Charles Baumgartner; one brother, Ralph Meither; 12 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Harold; and one sister, Anita Tomlin.

BEAUGE, Simone, 68, born Dec. 26, 1946 in Haiti, died April 1, 2015 in Gainesville, FL. She was a member of the Gainesville Church. She is survived by her four sons: Pascal Maxis, Phillip Maxis, Alex Maxis, and Ralph Monestene; three daughters: Muriel Maxis, Anne-Lise Beauge, and Sophie Maxis; and four grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor Daniel Graham at Gainesville Church.

BIDWELL, Harriet Jean, 89, born Nov. 18, 1925 Stutsman Co., ND, died March 7, 2015 in Nashville, TN. She was a long-time member of the Madison Campus Church in Madison, TN, and worked for many years as a bookkeeper for the Adventist Book Center. She is survived by three children: James Bidwell, Ted Bidwell, and Allenette Douglas; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

BUSCH, Marilyn Hancock, 68, died Jan. 27, 2015. She was a member of the Boulevard Church in Madison, TN. She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Ronald D.; one son, R. Frederec; three brothers: Joe Hancock, David (Ada) Hancock, and Danny Busch; and one sister-in-law, Barbara (Joe) Schnell.

CAMPBELL, Kathleen A., 95, born May 5, 1919 in Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies, died Dec. 14, 2014 in Ocala, FL. She was a member of the Silver Springs Shores Church in Ocala for 29 years, and she was one of the pioneers. She was a registered nurse with a B.S. degree in health administration, and an M.S. degree in health science. She used these skills in the church in the health and temperance services. She was very active in Sabbath School as

a leader and teacher. She is survived by two sons: Frederick of Brooklyn, NY, and Rutherford (Vera) of Irvington, NJ; several grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor Matthew Christo at the Roberts Bruce Chapel East in Ocala. Interment was in the Good Shepherd Memorial Gardens in Ocala.

CHAIJ, Vivian Noemi, 56, died Feb. 28, 2015. She was a member of the Collegedale, TN, Church. She is survived by her husband, Laurence Daniel Chaij; two children: Lauren Elise Chaij and Jonathan Brandon Chaij; and one brother, Richard Reyes. A memorial service was held March 22, 2015 at Collegedale Church with Victor Czerkasij officiating. Interment followed in Collegedale Memorial Park.

CHASE, Lucille Huntley, 91, born June 27, 1923 in Belle Garden, Tobago, died Feb. 17, 2015 in Ocala, FL. She was a member of the Silver Springs Shores Church in Ocala for 29 years. She served as a Pathfinder volunteer, choir member, and community services member. She is survived by one daughter, Jean Huntley of Ocala; two brothers: Michael and Lawrence; three sisters: Betty, Veronica, and Mavis; and four granddaughters. The service was conducted by Pastor Matthew Christo at the

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Silver Springs Shores Church in Ocala. Interment was at the Forest Lawn Funeral Home in Ocala.

CLEMENT, Mary Elizabeth “Betty,” born Dec. 1, 1922 in Bartow, FL, died Oct. 25, 2014. She was the seventh child of Willie and Mabel Clement, and twin sister of William Andrew “Bill” Clement. As a child, the family relocated to Arcadia, FL, where she was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She married Navy pilot Paull E. Dixon Jr., and five children were born to their union. The family eventually moved to Lima, Peru. While in Peru, Betty suffered the death of her husband in a plane accident. The family then relocated to Tampa, FL. Several years later she met and married retired Air Force Lt. Col. Henry M. “Hank” Kundig, and they had one daughter. Betty was an active member of the Southside Church in Tampa, and then the Brandon, FL, Church serving throughout the years as the Children’s Sabbath School teacher, deaconess, greeter, and on the social committee. She lived in her south Tampa home until her move to Dalton, GA, in 2007. She was a member of the Calhoun, GA, Church. She resided in Georgia and then Texas before her death. She is survived by her six children and their spouses: Sandra Dixon Sierra of Virginia, Paull E. (Sarah) Dixon III of Tennessee, Kenneth (Fran Fernandez) Dixon of Tampa, FL, Terry Dixon of North Carolina, Patti (Paul) Dixon Hoover of Washington, Ginger (Mike) Kundig Davis of Texas, and one step-daughter, Sally Kundig Carter of Orlando, FL. She was a devoted grandmother to 18 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. She was greatly loved and will be sorely missed. Her kindness, gracious hospitality, and faith in God are legacies she leaves behind to her family and friends.

COUCH, Helen M., 64, born Dec. 14, 1950, died March 10, 2015. She was a member of the Pewee Valley Church, Pewee Valley, KY, where she was active in women’s ministries. She was a dedicated, certified nurse assistant at Friendship Manor for 40 years. She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Elisha; two sons: Eddie (Michelle) Couch and Eric Couch; one daughter, Elizabeth (Leroy) Smith; three grandchildren; a host of family; and friends.

CROWDER, Henderson, 93, born Aug. 13, 1921 in Tellico Plains, TN, died Dec. 28, 2014 in Goodlettsville, TN. He was a member of the Madison Campus Church in Madison, TN. He is survived by three daughters: Barbara Doolittle, Karen Baker, and Lind Crawford. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ellen; and one son, John.

DAVIS, Mattie (Pat), 90, born Dec. 9, 1924 in Bartow, FL, died Jan. 30, 2015 in Orlando, FL. She was a member of the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park, FL, for five years. She was employed by Adventist Health System for more than 40 years, serving at Florida Hospital Orlando and Manchester Memorial Hospital in Kentucky. She and her husband were the driving force behind the building of the Manchester Memorial Hospital with the desire to serve the medical needs of the area. She loved to read, keep up with the news, watch her 3ABN programs, visit with family and friends, and enjoy the company of her precious dog, Roxie. She is survived by one son, Buddy, with whom she resided in Orlando; three daughters: Debbie (Craig) Smith of Manchester, KY, Donna Rupe of Orlando, and Phyllis Schwartz of Orlando; four

grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Herbert W. Davis Jr. The service was conducted by Pastor Jim Appel at the Woodlawn Memorial Park. Interment was at the Woodlawn Memorial Park.

DRAFTS, Eugene C., 75, born Aug. 5, 1939 in Lexington County, SC, died April 25, 2015. He was the son of the late Cecil Eugene and Ella Mae Corley Drafts. He was a proud veteran of the United States Air Force, having served during the Berlin Crisis. He grew up with his parents on the farm outside of Batesburg-Leesville, SC. He was a rambunctious chap full of life. As the eldest son, most days he returned promptly after school to work on the farm picking cotton and plowing with a mule; however, he found time to enjoy fishing and rabbit hunting with his brothers. In July 1955, at the age of 16, he joined the Air National Guard so that he could earn enough money to purchase a brand new 1959 black Ford. He met the sweetheart of his life, Retha, at age 20. They were married Dec. 16, 1960, and shortly after that he was drafted into the Air Force and served his country during the Berlin Crisis in Spain. His daughter Debra Roxanne was born while he was overseas leaving her and Retha to live with his parents. Upon his return in 1962, he went to work at Shakespeare making fishing rods. He invented a method of making rod handles that doubled the production. Management implemented his idea to increase production thereby increasing revenue. In 1965, He joined the Life Insurance Company of Georgia as an agent, and immediately set his goals. In June 1966, Gene and Retha were proud parents of their first son, Curtis Bryan, who was later laid to rest in 1992. Gene continued growing in the insurance field and later became sales manager, and qualified nine times for the company’s top sales and service organizations. And then in 1979, God surprised Gene and Retha with another son, Jason Lorne. A true blessing from God! Gene was also promoted to Columbia district manager of LOG in 1979, overseeing the sales and service activities of 27 agents and five sales managers in the Columbia area. In 1989, he continued his LOG career serving the last of his total 40½ years as the district manager in the Orangeburg, SC, office. He retired in 2005, and said he worked harder when retired than when working. He loved fishing, gardening, his family, and most importantly his God. He served as head deacon in the Orangeburg Seventh-day Adventist Church, and will be greatly missed by all. Only one thing he regretted in his life was that he did not join the family of God sooner. He was a hard worker with a few favorite sayings, “Say what you mean, and mean what you say” and “Live life to the fullest each day, for tomorrow may never come.” He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Retha Clamp; one daughter, Debra D. (Steven) Pfaff; one son, Jason (Elizabeth) Drafts; one brother, Ben Drafts; and three sisters: Patty Love, Ruth Frick, and Barbara Long. He was predeceased by his son, Curtis Drafts; and two brothers: Morris and Carroll Drafts.

DUBOSE, Helen J., 95, born to the late John Ellis and Idella McGee on March 23, 1919 in Madison, FL, died Jan. 23, 2015. Her early years of development were overseen by her maternal grandmother, Shellie Martin, who was born Dec. 12, 1877. She provided the foundational principles that guided the remainder of Helen’s life. She lived in Madison,

FL, during a time when children were expected to pick cotton full time once they reached a certain age. When Mrs. Martin was pressured to take Helen out of school and send her to the cotton fields, Mrs. Martin with all of the courage she could call upon, informed them that Helen was not going to pick cotton, but would be attending school. That decision of her grandmother provided the path for Helen to satisfy her thirst for learning, and to pursue educational goals that propelled her to uncharted achievements. Her desire for knowledge and learning continue throughout the remainder of her life. Helen was first person in her family since slavery to finish the sixth grade but went on to complete the ninth grade. Helen often told the story of an 8th grade field trip to Tuskegee Institute (now University), where she was able to observe George Washington Carver, wearing a white apron while working in his laboratory. During that time blacks could only be educated up to the 9th grade in Madison County. Her grandmother determined that Helen would finish the 12th grade, arranged for Helen to live with family members while she continued her education in south Florida and later West Palm Beach, FL, where she completed the 12th grade. Helen eventually identified her desire to make a difference in the lives of disadvantaged small black farmers. With the help and encouragement of her grandmother who picked cotton, and Helen sold newspapers and life insurance, was able to earn enough money to enter college. She attended Florida A&M College (FAMC) where she earned a B.A. degree. During her years at Florida A&M, she met and married Richard DuBose, and to their union three children were born: Janice, Xandra, and Shelley. She continued her educational pursuits by attending Tuskegee Institute earning a M.A. degree in agricultural economics. This field of study, being a traditional male profession, resulted in her being the first black woman in the United States to earn a degree in agricultural economics. After receiving her degree, she worked as head of the Department of Agriculture at Alcorn College in Mississippi. She went on to teach and conduct research at Tennessee State University. She earned a second M.A. degree from San Diego State University in the field of social work. For several years, she worked as a social worker for the National Urban League in Milwaukee, WI. She eventually moved to Georgia where she lived out her final years, growing and selling a variety of vegetables, as well as managing and marketing her blackberries and blueberries crop from her “Healing Acres” produce farm. She enjoyed writing and reciting poetry for many different occasions. She was a member of the African American Family Farmer Inc., and the Federation of Southern Cooperatives. She is survived by two daughters: Janice Yamini and Shelley (Wendell) Cheatham; seven grandchildren: Adam (Mary-Beth), Mikal (Keola), Joseph (Lorice), Jonathan (Tinisha), Katrina, Najah, and Naazir (Brooke), 14 great-grandchildren; other relatives; and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; grandmother, Shellie Martin; and her daughter, Xandra Ever DuBose.

FLAQUEL, Eliane, 95, born June 8 1919 in Haiti, died Nov. 12, 2014 in Roslyn, NY. She was a member of the Avon Park, FL, Church. She is survived by three sons: Roger of Avon Park, Ronald of Michigan, and Moses of Miami; one daughter, Gilda Blaise of Coram, NY; and eight grandchil-

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dren. The service was conducted by Pastor Frank Gonzalez at the Avon Park Church.

GALLUP, Leigh, 57, born June 26, 1917 in Nashville, TN, died Jan. 30, 2015 in Ashland City, TN. She was a member of the Bordeaux Church in Nashville, and held the positions of clerk, librarian, greeter, and children's assistant leader. She is survived by her husband, Danial; one son, Michael; one daughter, Shanah (John) Denson-Young; one brother, Lesley Best; one sister, Deborah (David) Gibson; and one granddaughter, Julianne Denson. She was preceded in death by her parents, Hubert and Frances Reed; and one sister, Rosemary Best.

GARCIA, Humberto R., 95, born June 26, 1919 in Havana, Cuba, died May 8, 2015 in Orlando, FL. He was a member of the Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL, for 18 years. He is survived by two sons: Ray of Casselberry, FL, and Walter (Esther) of Miami Springs; two daughters: Margarita Garcia of Casselberry, and Elina (Jose) Molero of Ave Maria, FL; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. The service was conducted by Pastor Emilio Ruiz at the Highland Memory Gardens in Apopka. Interment was at Highland Memory Gardens.

GOGGANS, Harry Noel, 86, born March 24, 1929, died May 9, 2015. He was a member of the Hattiesburg, MS, Church. He is survived by his wife, Bernita Weeks Goggans; two sons: Gary Goggans and Timothy Goggans; two daughters: Tamara Goggans and Andrea Cannon; one sister, Joyce Ford; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. The funeral service was held at Hulet-Winstead Chapel on May 12, 2015. Interment is at Richburg Cemetery.

GUILL, Kenneth C., 74, born Nov. 14, 1939 in Craig, NE, died Nov. 8, 2014 in Orlando, FL. He was a member of the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park for 25 years. He was the president and founder of Missions Made Possible, an emergency relief flight organization that flew more than 95 missions of mercy. His story is told in more detail in the July 2013 Southern Tidings. He is survived by his wife, Diane; one son, David Donham of Orlando; one daughter, Crystal Guill of Orlando; one brother, Russell Guill of Missouri; one sister, Susan Scott of Missouri; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. The memorial service was conducted by Pastor Eric Doran at Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park.

HALL, Laura Savage Merideth, 86, born to the late Eli and Jennie Gorham Savage on Sept. 1, 1928 in Greenville, NC, died Feb. 27, 2015. She was the seventh of eight children. A bright, smart, and talented student, Laura received her elementary education in the public schools of Pitt County, NC. After graduating from high school, she left home to attend Oakwood College (now Oakwood University) in Huntsville, AL, where she graduated with two degrees, one in secretarial science and the other in theology. Receiving two degrees, especially one in theology for a female student, was an amazing accomplishment during that era. While at Oakwood, she realized the need to help her parents with her tuition, so she secured employment working as a student assistant to the late Elder Calvin E. Mosley. Laura was mother to four daughters: Carole, Neva, Twyla, and Jennifer. She was an avid supporter of Seventh-day Adventist Christian education and provided this

education to all her children. She also enjoyed a loving relationship with her three grandchildren: Raymond, Shawaan, and Jazmine. Laura was a lifelong member of Berean Church in Atlanta, GA, where she faithfully served and attended until her health began to decline. She loved Sabbath School and attended every Sabbath, and was a Sabbath School teacher. Her real joy, however, was working with the Community Service Department, giving her time and efforts to serve the hungry and those in need. Her career included employment with the Atlanta Housing Authority, the Atlanta Public School System, and for several years with the South Atlantic Conference and the Southern Union Conference. She served dutifully in various departments with both, including Sabbath School, Missionary Volunteer (MV) Department (now called Adventist Youth Society/AYS), and the Office of Education to name a few. Her career and accomplishments were celebrated when she retired from the Southern Union after a number of years working with the Church. She will be sorely missed, but her life and memories will be cherished by her four daughters: Carole Merideth McClelland, Neva Merideth (Joe) Armstrong, Twyla Laurette Hall, and Jennifer Hall Buckner; one grandson, Raymond Merideth; two granddaughters: Shawaan Merideth and Jazmine Beale; one sister, Pattie Odessa Lockley of Jacksonville, FL; sister/friend, Annie Bell Evans and daughter Martha Ann Carter; a special friend, Raymond Hall Jr.; a host of other relatives; and friends.

HOLLAND, Helen Burkett, 87, born March 31, 1927 in Mobile, AL, died Nov. 14, 2014 in Pensacola, FL, after an extended illness stole her quality of life. A Seventh-day Adventist for more than 70 years and a member of the University Parkway Church, she held numerous church positions through the years, including leader of adult and children's Sabbath School programs, youth organizations, church pianist and organist, and church treasurer. She and her late husband, Sherman Holland, whom she met at Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University) dedicated their lives to sharing their faith. In addition to her many church activities, she worked in her husband's business as an excellent bookkeeper and secretary. Also, her expertise in sewing and handwork caught the attention of family, friends, and the public. From posters to dressmaking, she always had an eye for design. In mid-life she took up oil painting, which she loved. She is survived by her daughter, Linda (Eldon) Roberts; three grandchildren: Damien Roberts, Charisse (Jefferson) De Lima, and Jonathon Roberts; and one great-grandson, Gavin Robert-De Lima. She was predeceased by her husband of 63 years, Guy Sherman Holland; her parents, James E. and Rabon Burkett; and her brother, Harry Burkett.

HUGHES, Betty Jeanne Howard, 91, born Feb. 17, 1924 in Haiti and grew up in Trinidad, the daughter of missionaries; died April 4, 2015 in Hendersonville, NC. She was a member of the Mills River, NC, Church. She was very active in the church through the years as a Cradle Roll leader for more than 20 years, and church treasurer for more than 20 years, taking two churches, at different times, through building programs. She was a hostess who served many delicious meals to guests in her home. She is survived by her children: Sharyn (Barry) Mahorney of Morganton, NC, Lynda (Dave) Seidel of Waynesville, Ohio, and Glen

(Lynn) Hughes of Candler, NC; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her dear husband, Ross, 14 months earlier; her daughter, Juanita (Bo) Carwile; and grandson, Rick (Irma) Seidel in 2011 and 2010. She was the daughter of the late Elder Melvin D. and Pearl Howard.

JOHNSON, Ellen, 82, born Jan. 6, 1933 in Napoleon, ND, died Jan. 8, 2015 in Sebring, FL. She was a member of the Avon Park, FL, Church. She is survived by her husband, Clifford; two sons: Terry of Avon Park, and Gery of Annandale, MN; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor Orlando Hernandez at the Memorial Gardens in Avon Park, and interment was at Memorial Gardens.

JONES, Haskell, 85, born March 16, 1929 in Hill Top, KY, died Dec. 23, 2014 in Sebring, FL. He was a member of the Avon Park, FL, Church. He is survived by his wife, Georgia; one daughter, Karla Zaborowski of Hendersonville, NC; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. The service was conducted by Pastor George Brown at Avon Park Church.

KASINGER, Delmer, 88, born Oct. 17, 1926 in Butler County, KY, died Jan. 25, 2015 in Owensboro, KY. He was a member of the Ohio Co. Church in Beaver Dam, KY. He is survived by his wife, Nanaetta Lou; five daughters: Sandra Coppage, Nora Frank, Lisa (Tim) Speaks, Melinda (Jim) Lane, and Loretta (Ben) Hendrix; 14 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Marshall and Mattie Kasinger; one son, James Paul; one daughter, Tammy Royal; and his twin brother, Elmer.

LADD, Cleo Lorene, 96, born Aug. 19, 1918 in Delaware County, OK, died Feb. 19, 2015 in White House, TN. She was a member of the Highland, TN Church. She is survived by one son, John Ladd; and one daughter, Carolyn Wheeler.

LAND, Robbie Lee Davis, 87, born May 30, 1927 in Albany, GA, died March 4, 2015. She was the youngest of seven children born to Eddie and Bertha Davis. She grew up in Albany and Atlanta, and attended church school in Atlanta, graduating at age 17. She married James Donald Land Sr. in 1946 at the age of 19 in Atlanta. They had four sons, James Donald (Don) Jr., Charles Allen, Robert Conner, and Frederick Michael. James Sr., started his own accounting firm in 1971, and while raising four sons as a full-time mom, she began working with James in the firm as it grew. She continued to do so until the beginning of 2015. Her great passions in life were Jesus, family, her church, and her home. Always active in the church, she was known to rarely miss even a prayer meeting service, and hardly ever missed a single evangelistic meeting that came to town. She and James were founding members of the Conyers, GA, Church, and watched it grow from nothing to a membership of more than 600. Until her accidental fall on Jan. 11, 2015, she was still an active church greeter. The love of Jesus flowed so freely through her that many considered her their own mama regardless of race or social status, both within the church and wherever the regular path of James and Robbie Lee would take them. Hundreds took their prayer requests

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to her, knowing that she would faithfully record them and lay the requests at the feet of Jesus, trusting Him with the response. The void she leaves cannot be filled because of the unique way she let Jesus completely fill her with His sweet presence and love every day. Yet, those who were close to her know that we will see her soon, that same sweet spirit in a forever young and holy body, when Jesus wakes her up to watch Him return for her and family in that grand and glorious Second Coming.

MARTZ, Joshua “Josh” Kurtiss, 21, of Ooltewah, TN, died Feb. 22, 2015. A memorial service was held Feb. 27 at the Colledge Church with Pastor David Smith officiating.

McINTOSH, Glenda June, 77, born Feb. 13, 1937 in Murray, KY, died Sept. 15, 2014 in Paducah, KY. She was a member of the Paducah, KY, Church. She is survived by one daughter, Kay (Chuck Young) Sweatt; one son, Mark (Wanda) McIntosh; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

MCKINNEY, John H., 82, born Aug. 18, 1932 in Sampson City, FL, died March 29, 2015 in Gainesville, FL. He was a member of the Gainesville Church. He is survived by his wife, Thelma Ruth; three sons: John Jr., Bill, and Darryl; one daughter, Rebecca; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. The service was conducted at Gainesville Church by Pastor Daniel Graham. Interment was at the Crosby Lake Cemetery in Starke, FL.

MURRAY, Sarah, 90, born May 12, 1924, died March 1, 2015. She was the mother of Geneva (John) Spence, and grandmother of Gianna Spence. Services were held in Philadelphia, PA.

MUSGRAVE, Betty Doris, 93, born July 12, 1920 in Gillingham, Kent, England, died June 21, 2014 in Stockbridge, GA. She graduated as a Bible instructor from Newbold College and worked as a Bible instructor in Glasgow, Edinburgh, and Dundee, Scotland for several years. She and her family spent six years in Sarawak, Borneo, as missionaries. In 1968, she completed the nursing program at Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, MA. She worked as a registered nurse at New England Memorial Hospital until she was called to work as director of nursing at Louis Smith Memorial Hospital in Lakeland, GA, in 1972. Following retirement, she and her husband moved to Canton, GA, to spend time with their daughters and grandson. She was one of the founding members and held many offices at Cherokee Church in Woodstock, GA. She is survived by her husband, Andrew Roy Musgrave; two daughters: Linda Musgrave and Sandra (Gene) Babin; and one grandson, Nicolas Babin.

NELSON, Esther Maas, 101, born June 9, 1913 in Saskatchewan, Canada, died at her home in Loma Linda, CA, on Feb. 4, 2015. She was born on a large wheat farm as the next to the youngest of five children. She is survived by one son, Rollin (Karen Fleming) Mallernee II; the children of her second family: Myrna Nelson (John) Odom, and Steve Nelson; six grandchildren; many nieces; nephews; and six great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, George J. Nelson; one son, John W. Mallernee; one step-daughter, Maryan Nelson Jessen; and four siblings: Ellis Maas, Carl Maas, Noema Knopf, and Arthur Maas. During the time she lived in Atlanta,

GA, she was employed for a while at the Georgia-Cumberland Conference office. In 1970, she moved to Loma Linda, CA, and became director of volunteers at the Loma Linda University Medical Center. On Dec. 18, 1971, she married Dr. George J. Nelson, a chemistry professor. They were happily married for 22 years. Until she was in her mid-70s, Esther sang in the John T. Hamilton Chorale that toured England and Hong Kong. She loved people and life, and her home was a welcoming meeting place where friends and acquaintances could enjoy good food and fun. She had a very close circle of young women friends who she loved and who all called her “Aunt Esther.” A memorial service was held March 8, 2015 at the Azure Hills Seventh-day Adventist Church in Grand Terrace, CA.

PAYNE, Roberta, 92, born July 5, 1922 in China, died Feb. 13, 2015 in Portland, TN. She was a member of the Highland Church in Portland, TN. She is survived by her husband, Roger Payne; one daughter, Lori Heath; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

PITTS, Virginia, 79, of Chattanooga, TN, died March 1, 2015 at her home with her loving family by her side. She is survived by her husband, Harley Pitts; and one daughter, Cheri Roberts.

PRICE, Lillian Mae Beattie, 88, born July 15, 1926 in Dalton, GA, died April 13, 2015 in Morganton, NC. She was an active member of the Morganton Church, and loved to work with the children of through the years. She is survived by her children: Wanda (Tom) Bunting of Wilson, NC, Nicky (Phyllis) Price of Morganton, and Ruth Ann (Roger) Brisson of Morganton; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Norris Price; and her parents, James and Daisy Beattie.

PUGH, Teddy Lee, 55, born Jan. 8, 1960, died March 6, 2015. He was a member of the Richmond, KY, Church. He is survived by his wife, Patsy Pugh; two sons: Daniel Lee (Heather) Pugh, and Emanuel Paul Pugh; one daughter, Rachel Natasha Pugh; three sisters; five brothers; four grandchildren; a host of nieces; nephews; family; and friends.

RATLIFF, Willard, 86, born Feb. 17, 1928, died Jan. 9, 2014. He was a member of the Pewee Valley, KY, Church. He is survived by one son, Tom (Paula) Ratliff; one daughter-in-law, Carolyn Ratliff; four grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Ratliff; one son, Kenny Ratliff; one grandson, Micah Ratliff; and one granddaughter-in-law, Melissa Ratliff.

RAYMOND, Nancy Anne, 77, born Jan 16, 1938 in Baltimore, MD, died Feb. 24, 2015 in Clifton, TN. She was a member of the Lawrenceburg, TN, Church. She worked for many years with the Red Cross teaching CPR, First Aid, and handicapped swimming. In 1986, she founded and directed, for more than 30 years, “Special Friends of Portland,” a summer camp for the handicapped. For the past 15 years, she has been actively involved with Pathfinders. She started and directed Pathfinders clubs—Waynesboro Survivors and Parsons Peacemakers. She also started a group in Florence, AL. She had a passion for Pathfinders and showing the youth the importance of helping others in God’s love. She will be greatly missed by

numerous friends and family, but long remembered for her devotion to helping others. She is survived by her husband, Frank Raymond; five daughters: Karen Heuss, Dawn Keith, April Cook, Lorri Raymond, and Ashleigh Raymond; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

ROSE, Pauline A., 99, born Aug. 12, 1915 in Jamaica, W.I., died May 7, 2015 in Palm Harbor, FL. She was a member of the New Port Richey Church for 22 years. She is survived by one son, Trevor Rose of Palm Harbor; two daughters: Sonia Rose of Palm Harbor, and Aldyth Marshall of Palm Harbor; and three grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor Glenn Aguirre in Clearwater, FL. The interment was in Clearwater.

SKAGGS, Carol Denise Teal, 52, born July 24, 1962, died Jan. 30, 2015. She was a member of the Dickson, TN, Church. She is survived by her husband, Gary Skaggs; her father, Billy Teal; two sons: Joe Teal and Chance Skaggs; one daughter, Callie (Michael) Johnson; three step-children: Dru Skaggs, Justin Skaggs, and Misty Wheeler; two sisters: Donna Thompson and Vicky Teal; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was predeceased by her mother, Iva Allison.

SMITH, Alice Lorine, 83, died April 12, 2015. She was a member of Boulevard Church in Madison, TN. She is survived by three children: Rita (Russ) Robinette, Steven (Cherrie) Smith, and Tina (James) Moore; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, William H. Smith, who worked for Southern Publishing in Nashville, TN, for more than 23 years.

SMITH, Irving, died March 31, 2015. He was the father of Ginny (Craig) Ziesmer. A private family service was held.

SMITH, Richard J., 80, born Aug. 10, 1934 in Massachusetts, died Jan. 30, 2015 in Hendersonville, NC. He was the son of the late Phillip and Lolita Smith. His wife, Shirley E. Smith, preceded him in death. He attended Greater Boston Academy and Atlantic Union College, where he met his future wife Shirley. While in the service, he became part of the White Coat Program. After being discharged, he and Shirley were married and moved to California. He eventually earned a law degree. He then supervised the activities of juveniles and adults on probation. It was his goal to make a difference in the men’s lives. The couple, with their son, moved to Fletcher, NC. They both worked at Fletcher Hospital. In 1981, they relocated to Kentucky to work at Manchester Memorial Hospital; Richard worked as human resource director. In 1996, the pair retired and returned to the Fletcher-Hendersonville area. Richard and Shirley became working members at Mills River Church, where he served as an elder. He is survived by one son, Richard B. (Lori) Smith of Pisgah Forest, NC; and one granddaughter, Christina Smith.

SPYKE, Carron Ada, 91, born Nov. 14, 1923 in St. Ann Parish, Jamaica, West Indies, died Feb. 15, 2015 in Port Charlotte, FL. She was a member of the Port Charlotte Church for 15 years. She is survived by three sons: Ronald (Ann Marie) White of Atlanta, GA, Winston Dillon of Port Charlotte, and Keith Davis of Port Charlotte; one daughter, Pauline Davis; 25 grandchildren; 50 great-grand-

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children; and one great-great-grandchild. Three children predeceased her. The service was held in Port Charlotte by Pastor C. Lee Huff.

STEWART, Ester Stratton, 99, born May 30, 1915 in Osceola County, FL, died Dec. 25, 2014 in Apopka, FL. She was baptized by Elder Carruba at the Okeechobee Church in 1934. The Lord Jesus Christ was #1 in her life. She so wanted to see her Beloved Savior come in the clouds of glory. She loved to sing the song, "Are You Ready for Jesus to Come?" She was a member of the Forest Lake Church in Apopka since 1958. She treasured her community service volunteer work there until she retired at the age of 87. She is survived by her two daughters: JoAnn (Harold) Glisson of Bradford County, and Judy (Fred) Kroker of Longwood; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchild. She was predeceased by her husband, Lester.

STOUT, Betty, 84, born July 1, 1930 in Martinsburg, WV, died Jan. 21, 2015. She is survived by her husband, Lewis A. Stout; two children: Dr. Alan Stout of Valdosta, GA, and Sandra Stout Wang of Redlands, CA; four grandchildren: Jenifer Smith, Trevor Stout, James Stout, and Michael Stout; and two great-grandchildren: Caffrey and Canaan Smith. A funeral service was held on Feb. 13, 2015 in the Fannin County Church in Morgantown, GA, with Pastors Valentin Stout and Robert Fancher officiating.

SYVERTSON, Calvin Jorris, 89, of Pikeville, TN, formerly of Melrose, WI, died on Jan. 18, 2015. He was a second-generation dairy farmer prior to retiring and moving to Pikeville. Calvin is survived by his wife, Virginia; two sons; one daughter; a brother; and six grandchildren. He was a member of the Pikeville Church.

THURMON, James Earl, 71, born Aug. 25, 1943, died Sept. 1, 2014. He was a member of the Dyersburg, TN, Church. He was a Seventh-day Adventist minister for 36 years, and was very involved in mission work and youth ministries. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Judy Thurmon; four children: Lara Thurmon, Stephen (Jen) Thurmon, Amber (Chris) Carlson, and Jonathan (Angela) Thurmon; three grandchildren: Trista and Sadie Carlson, and

Parks Thurmon; his parents, Roy B. and Venice Thurmon; one sister, Camille (Jim) Gilley; many nieces; nephews; and cousins.

THURMON, Venice Catherine Sweet, 98, born Jan. 9, 1916, died Nov. 23, 2014 one day after she and her husband celebrated their 78th wedding anniversary. She was a member of the Dyersburg, TN, Church. She is survived by her husband, Roy B. Thurmon; one daughter, Camille (Jim) Gilley; one daughter-in-law, Judy Thurmon; eight grandchildren: James Gilley Jr., Mary Ann Krueger, John T. Gilley, Amy Bearman, Lara Thurmon, Stephen Thurmon, Amber Carlson, and Jonathan Thurmon; 14 great-grandchildren; and four nephews. She was predeceased by one son, James Thurmon.

TITUS, Lillian, 92, born May 8, 1922, died Jan. 16, 2015. She was a member of the Hendersonville, TN, Church. She was a woman of faith and enjoyed reading her Bible, playing the piano, planting flowers, and working in her garden. She is survived by one daughter, Sharon (Mike) Harrell; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband of 63 years, John Titus.

TOZER, Kenneth, 92, born April 17, 1922, died Feb. 12, 2015. He was a member of the Jackson, TN, Church. He formerly served as an elder, deacon, and youth leader. He was a veteran of WWII serving his country in the United States Navy. He is survived by his wife, Vivian Tozer; one son, Kenneth (Cynthia) Tozer II; two daughters: Gail (Mike) McKenzie, and Julie Aldrich; one brother, Jack Tozer; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by one sister, Dorothy Shikoski.

TSURUKO Sameshima Miyagi (Allyce), 93, of East Ridge, TN, died March 20, 2015. She is survived by one son, Al Miyagi; and one daughter, Janie MacLean.

WAINSCOTT, Anne B. (Viox), 91, died March 6, 2015 at Villaspring of Erlanger. She was a member of the Taylor Mill, KY, Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Wainscott; parents, James Viox Sr. and Nell (Lovely) Viox; one brother, James Viox II; one

sister, Eleanor Zumbiel. She is survived by two sons: Michael (Cindy) Wainscott, and Robert (Joyce) Wainscott; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

WILSON, Loretta Mae Greemore, 91, born Oct. 22, 1923 to the late George and Vesta Greemore in Orlando, FL, died peacefully on March 8, 2015 at Country Haven Retirement Center in Ringgold, GA. She was married to Warren Wilson on Oct. 22, 1942, and they were blessed with one daughter, Rebecca Ann, on June 13, 1945. She lived most of her life at or near Wildwood, GA. She is survived by her daughter, Rebecca (Becky) Holland; two granddaughters: Kerry Sue Evens and Kimbra Leigh Cardwell; and two great-grandchildren: Kollin Bryce Evens and Katherine Elizabeth Cardwell.

YOUNG, Polly, 91, born Sept. 6, 1923 in Shelbyville, TN, died May 5, 2015 in Goodlettsville, TN. On Oct. 28, 2011, at the age of 88, she was baptized and became a member of the Madison Campus Church in Madison, TN. She is survived by two children: Paula (Hap) Minhinnett, and Chuck (Robin) Young; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Charles Young Sr.

YOUNGS, Naomi (Van) Vanessa, 87, born Feb. 24, 1928 in Kalamazoo, MI, died April 26, 2015 in Altamonte Springs, FL. She was a member of the Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL, for more than 50 years. She had two very successful careers: The first at Florida Hospital in the Public Relations Department where she planned major events which earned her much acclaim. Her second career was with Coffee Communications as the director of sales in the southeastern region of the country. The job allowed her to pursue her great love of travel. She retired after a major heart attack in 1993. After reevaluating her life, she chose to spend her time enjoying family, friends, and traveling the world. She is survived by two daughters: Brenda (Brent) Parker of Sarasota, FL, and Linda (Allen) Tuttle of Altamonte Springs; and one grandchild. She was predeceased by her husband of 33 years, Frederick Youngs Jr.

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Brookhaven SDA School, Winterville, NC
Camden Adventist School, Camden, SC
Charleston SDA School, Charleston, SC
Columbia Adventist Academy, Lexington, SC
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FLORIDA CONFERENCE ACADEMIES

Forest Lake Academy, Apopka, FL

Greater Miami Adventist Academy, Miami, FL

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Beryl Wisdom Adventist School, Orlando, FL
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Atlanta Adventist Academy, Atlanta, GA

Collegedale Academy, Collegedale, TN

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Algood Christian Elementary School, Cookeville, TN
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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

Greeneville Adventist Academy, Greeneville, 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

Living Springs Christian Academy, Gray, TN

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, GA

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
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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
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SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE ACADEMY

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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
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HERITAGE HOUSE OPEN HOUSE – July

16 (100 years after the day Ellen White died). 100 Academy Road, Madison, TN. Diaries of a visit the late Lida Funk Scott made to Elmshaven shortly before Mrs. White died, and letters between her and W.C. (Willie) White regarding the death, will be on display from 3 to 7 p.m.

THE LAYMAN FOUNDATION, founded by the late Lida Funk Scott, will commemorate this anniversary with a symposium on Ellen

White and the South at the Collegedale Church – July 18 at 4 p.m.

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morning at 9 a.m., Sabbath School at 10 a.m., Divine Worship at 11:15 a.m., Sabbath lunch, and an afternoon program. Details: 404-299-1359.

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SOUTHERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY seeks **Associate Director of Online Learning & Academic Technology**. Responsibilities: collaborate with director to produce course materials, conduct faculty training; coordinate with other departments in the design, implementation, infrastructure and resources for online courses/programs; ensure accreditation policies followed. Requirements: master's in related field (doctorate preferred). Experience: distance education, curriculum development/mapping, project management. Technology team management in higher education desired. Send letter, CV and three+ references to sarahshelburne@southern.edu. [7-9]

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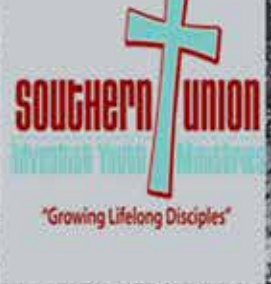
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7PM-9:30PM

Worship: Ten words that will revolutionize your Campus

SABBATH DAY

8:30AM-10:45AM

Journey Bible Study: "Beginning a Life with God through Small Groups"

11AM-12:30PM

The Power of One: "The Difference One Student Can Make on Campus"
by Pastor Ron Pickell, NAD ACF Director

2PM-5:30PM

Establishing Ministries on Campus
-Do's and Don'ts of Campus Ministry
-Giving away God's Kingdom on Campus

Saturday Night there will be games, fellowship and music

SUNDAY MORNING

9AM-12PM

Christian Apologetics for Millenials: Sharing the Faith We Love With Those Who Have Questions



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Cohutta Springs Youth Camp
Crandall, Georgia



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Events Calendar

Carolina

Carolina Teachers' Convention – July 31-Aug. 6. MPA.

Young Adults ROCK – Aug. 7-9. Raleigh Church.

Welcome to the Family – Aug. 14-16. NPR.

Adventurer and Pathfinder Leadership Convention – Aug. 21-23. NPR.

Hispanic Camp Meeting – Sept. 4-6. NPR.

Sabbath School Workshops – Sept. 4-6 NPR.

Carolina Youth Rally – Sept. 18, 19. MPA.

Men's Ministries Retreat – Sept. 25-27. NPR.

Florida

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Aug. 7-9. Ministerial Leadership Summit at Bonaventure Resort & Spa in Weston.

SONscreen | Ignite—Film Workshop – Aug. 1-2. Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 351 S. State Road 434, Altamonte Springs. This weekend workshop is a networking and learning opportunity for Christian filmmakers who desire to use film for ministry. Presenters include Old Fashioned producer Nathan Nazario and writer/director Rik Swartzwelder, True Health TV lead editor Stephen Majors, The Prodigal producer Jeremy Rowland, Florida Hospital Church worship director Tami Cinquemani, and freelance filmmaker Stanley Pomianowski. Cost: \$35. Details: <http://www.floridaconference.com/sonscreenignite/>

Georgia-Cumberland

Cohutta Springs Youth Camps, Crandall, GA

July 12-19. Teen II; Rock Solid II; Golf Camp II; Soccer Camp; and Wakeboard Camp II.

July 19-26. Surf Camp, ages 13-17.

July 21-26. Family Camp, all ages.

3 Point Play Ministry

July 13-16. Greeneville Church, TN.

July 20-23. Douglas Church, GA.

July 27-30. Crossville, TN.

Southern Deaf Camp Meeting – July 29-Aug. 2.

"Hope for a Broken World" with speaker Larry Evans. Cohutta Springs Conference Center. Register www.registration.gccsda.com.

Makeover: Hispanic Youth Retreat – Aug. 7-9. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.

Health Rally – Aug. 8. Atlanta Nigerian Church, GA.

Association Board Meeting – Aug. 12. Conference Office,

Calhoun, GA.

First Day of School – Aug. 12.

Pathfinder Leadership Convention – Aug. 14-16.

Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.

Prison Ministries Appreciation – Aug. 16. Conference Office, Calhoun, GA.

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Kentucky-Tennessee

Conference Executive Committee – July 21. Sept. 15. Conference Office.

Ministers' Meeting – July 26-29. Indian Creek Camp.

Hispanic Youth Retreat – July 30-Aug. 2. Indian Creek Camp.

50+ Camp – Aug. 4-9. Indian Creek Camp.

Leadership Convention – Aug. 28-30. Indian Creek Camp.

Highland Academy Board – Sept. 3. Highland Academy.

Young Women's Retreat – Sept. 11-13. Indian Creek Camp.

Women's Retreat I – Sept. 25-27. Indian Creek Camp.

Board of Education – Oct. 1. Conference Office.

Women's Retreat II – Oct. 2-4. Indian Creek Camp.

Hispanic Women's Retreat – Oct. 9-11. Indian Creek Camp.

Conference Pathfinder Camporee – Oct. 14-17. Salt Lick Campgrounds.

Men's Ministries Conference – Oct. 23-25. Indian Creek Camp.

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Charlotte, NC	8:42	8:40	8:37	8:33	8:28	8:21
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Huntsville, AL	8:03	8:02	7:59	7:55	7:50	7:43
Jackson, MS	8:12	8:10	8:08	8:04	7:59	7:53
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Memphis, TN	8:11	8:15	8:17	8:18	8:18	8:16
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