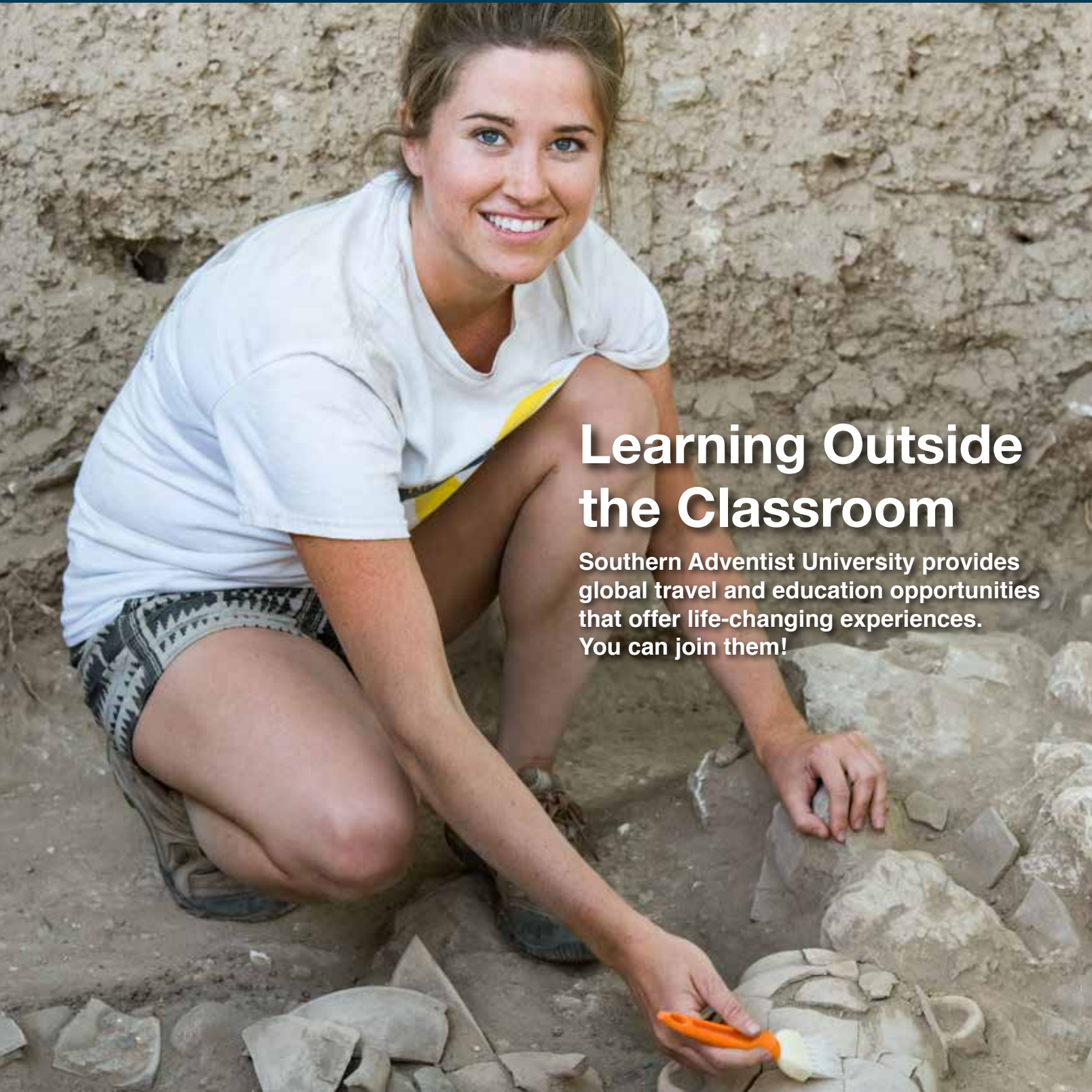


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## Learning Outside the Classroom

Southern Adventist University provides global travel and education opportunities that offer life-changing experiences. You can join them!

## Bitter? God Knows Why

Bitterness is described by contemporary social scientists as an attitude of anger and resentment over what appears to be a justified grievance. The bitter person often is intent on getting revenge, but instead he or she often gets ulcers, a hypercritical attitude, and rejection from others who don't enjoy being around bitter people. The apostle Paul in the book of Hebrews urges us to avoid allowing bitterness to take root because this can cause much trouble for you and for others. More frequently than not, the individual who suffers most from bitterness is the one who clings to this attitude, and looks for opportunities to get even.

It is common to succumb to bitterness when life appears to be unjust. When a relative dies of cancer, an infant is born with a hematological disorder, an innocent bystander is the victim of a senseless murder, or a bright college student is mangled or killed in an automobile collision, it is common to wonder *why*. "Why did this happen?" "Why are good people often the victims of adverse circumstances and bad stuff?" "Why do some bad people seem to get away with their sinful actions without getting caught or stopped?"

As far back as believers can identify, we have struggled with questions like these, and the answers at best are incomplete. Even the psalmist wondered if God had forgotten His people, and let them almost slip away, while arrogant nonbelievers appeared to have prosperity, health, callous attitudes of self-centered pride, and freedom from the burdens that most of us face. We as believers in God understand that there will ultimately be fair and perfect justice, but in the meantime we suffer and continue to ask why.

A significant piece of the reason we suffer is because we belong to a fallen human race. God never promises that good Christians won't ever be massacred in a sniper-driven crime event. God never indicated that our children would always be insulated from drunken drivers running into them, or the God-fearing members of the Church kept from being unjustly incarcerated. As long as we live in a fallen world, we will suffer from its fallen condition.

There are also times when pain comes because of our own actions. It is easy to be careless, irresponsible, or negligent in caring for our bodies, and then experience the consequences.

Even when we don't feel personally responsible, suffering apparently comes to help us grow and mature. For Christians, problems refine our faith, make us more Christlike, teach us about God, and produce perseverance and character. Suffering enables us to understand and care more effectively for others. Does suffering also result from sin? All suffering results ultimately from the fall of humanity into sin. It must be emphasized, however, that the Bible explicitly refutes the idea that specific sin automatically brings resultant suffering. Christian brothers and sisters in crisis often conclude that "God must be punishing me," but such a conclusion is at best based on shaky theological evidence.

It is important to reemphasize that bitterness and an attitude of revenge don't make things better. When I was crippled by a stroke 16 years ago, I found out in the crucible of the fiery trial of the multi-year therapeutic recovery that God is compassionate, all wise, all knowing, absolutely just, and ever present. I also discovered that there is healing in questioning God.

The ultimate answer comes from a willingness of suffering saints to acknowledge the certain truth that the sovereign, compassionate God of the universe is aware of our problems and is in control. The thing that ultimately matters is that God knows why.



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# Learning Outside the Classroom

Southern Adventist University offers global travel and education options for both students and nonstudents where participants enjoy life-changing experiences of engaged learning and spiritual growth.

BY ANGELA BAERG

Leaving dusty footprints as you walk where Jesus walked. Experiencing biblical landmarks firsthand. Scuba diving next to a brilliant coral reef as a kaleidoscope of ocean life swirls around you. Inhaling crisp, clean mountain air as your eyes devour the breathtaking majesty of the Swiss Alps. We all have bucket lists of places we would love to travel — what could be better than experiencing those places with a fun group of people who share your faith?

Southern Adventist University has several upcoming trips that do just that. Some trips are arduous, working vacations. Others are relaxing sightseeing experiences. All of them will help you continue your journey as a lifetime learner, explore new corners of the globe, and deepen friendships with people who share your faith as you enjoy delicious vegetarian meals and follow an itinerary that honors the Sabbath. Take a look. Maybe one of them is just what you've been looking for.

## Archaeology Excavation Trip

Doug Zinke and his family had never been on an archeological dig before, and weren't sure what to expect. They were invigorated by the hard work on the dig site and loved getting to know the other participants.

"It was exciting to dig up the past, finding things from the Sennacherib and Babylonian destruction layers there. I was surprised at the numerous significant artifacts that we uncovered," Zinke said. "My daughter found sling stones, loom weights, an amulet, and even an ancient seal impression mentioning a biblical name. My wife found a small figurine that is thought to represent the goddess Asherah."

Hard work during the week was punctuated with unforgettable weekend excursions. They visited Jerusalem, the Sea of Galilee, the Mediterranean Sea, the Dead Sea, the Red Sea, the Mount of Olives, and the rock-cut city of Petra.

"I absolutely would recommend this trip," Zinke said. "It is an excellent opportunity to make a contribution to biblical archaeology, experience the Holy Land in person, and work and worship beside many wonderful people. You are bound to learn a lot, have a truly memorable experience, and, most importantly, draw closer to God."

## Destinations: Israel and Jordan

**When:** June 15-July 24, 2016. Repeats every summer.

**Trip Leaders:** Michael Hasel, Ph.D., School of Religion archaeology professor; Giselle Hasel, M.F.A., School of Visual Art and Design associate professor; Martin Klingbeil, D.Litt., School of Religion archaeology professor.

**Trip Highlight:** Visiting biblical landmarks, scuba diving in the Red Sea, and having the opportunity to discover artifacts and history firsthand from the time of Nebuchadnezzar, Daniel, and Isaiah.

**Cost:** \$5,985 includes six credit hours of tuition, airfare, lodging, breakfasts and dinners, luxury bus transportation, entrance fees, and gratuities for six weeks; \$4,595 for three weeks and three credit hours of tuition.

**How to Book:** Contact the Institute of Archeology. You can find more information by visiting [southern.edu/lachish](http://southern.edu/lachish).

**Booking Deadline:** March 15, 2016.

**Who Can Go:** Priority will be given to students of Southern Adventist University, but non-students may go as well if there is space available.

**Trip Requirements:** You do not need to be enrolled in any classes to join in this trip. Participants have the option to take Middle East Study Tour (RELB 340) or Ancient Art History (ARTH 344) and Archaeological Fieldwork (RELB 455) for undergraduate or graduate credit.

#### Tropical Biology Trip

Participants who sign up for the Tropical Biology Trip quickly discover that learning has never been so much fun. Travelers climb active and inactive volcanoes. One trail is so steep that they have to use their hands to help with the climb. They navigate the jungle, observing tarsiers and black-crested macaque monkeys.

"I will never forget when we went on a Sabbath hike, and suddenly two clans of monkeys went right through



*Those who join the Tropical Biology Trip have an opportunity to observe and interact with monkeys in their natural habitat.*

our group," said Felicia Soedargo, senior biology major. "It was a surreal experience with wild monkeys just running and jumping all around us."

Participants climb up the inside of a strangler fig tree and explore black sand beaches. They investigate the culture and farming methods of both the lowlands and highlands, and the biota of Japanese caves.

The group spends four days on the island of Bunaken, ranked globally as a top 10 location for scuba diving. According to Snyder, the underwater biodiversity there is mind-

boggling: more than 2,500 species of fish, corals, anemone, and more.

Next comes Bali with its Bird Park, Reptile Park, and local Hindu temples. They spend Sabbath encouraging the local church members, who often have political challenges with the government trying to close down Christian churches. On the way home, they stop in Singapore.

"This trip was a once-in-a-lifetime experience," said Ann Foster, Ph.D., biology professor. "You experience parts of Indonesia that the usual tourist does not see. Seeing God's amazing creation brings home just how much He cares for us."

**Destinations:** Indonesia and Singapore.

**When:** May 8-30, 2016. Occurs every even year.

**Trip Leader:** Keith Snyder, Ph.D., Biology Department chair and professor.

**Trip Highlights:** Hiking up volcanoes, scuba diving in coral reefs, and spotting rain forest wildlife.

**Cost:** \$4,450 includes three credit hours of tuition, airfare, lodging, meals, entrance fees, and gratuities.

**How to Book:** Email [kasnyder@southern.edu](mailto:kasnyder@southern.edu).

**Booking Deadline:** December 2015.

**Who Can Go:** The trip will be opened first to biology majors and next to non-biology majors and non-students. Snyder hopes to take an entirely non-student group in May 2017!

**Trip Requirements:** Participants can receive credit for Tropical Biology (BIO 252).

#### European Sightseeing Trip

James and Rae Reta Peel had never been to Europe until they travelled there with the alumni tour last year. They were excited about traveling with a group that would observe Sabbath and accommodate their vegetarian diet. They appreciated the daily morning worships, and enjoyed fellowshiping with new friends as they visited new places.

"Our trip turned out even better than we imagined," Rae Reta said. "There were many things we liked, but the tulip market in Holland was out of this world. The beautiful flowers extended about as far as you



*Participants on the Tropical Biology Trip to Indonesia witness the country's enormous underwater biodiversity, with more than 2,500 species of fish, corals, and anemone.*



*Dennis and Libby Steele were part of the inaugural Alumni Association trip to Europe, an exciting event open to graduates and non-graduates alike.*

could see!"

Don and Dolly Fillman, on the other hand, had already visited those European countries. Still they found plenty to enjoy.

They really enjoyed bonding with their travel group. The food was a huge highlight for the Fillmans, as they savored exotic bakeries and authentic Belgian waffles. They also really enjoyed seeing Neuschwanstein Castle in Germany, visiting the Hellbrunn Palace water gardens in Austria, and taking the gondola at Zugspitze to the highest point in Germany.

"We knew that trip would be special with Bill and Rita Wohlers leading it," Don said. "It was what we expected and more."

**Destinations:** Belgium, France, Germany, and Switzerland.

**When:** May 29-June 10, 2016.

**Trip Leader:** Bill Wohlers, Ph.D., former History and Political Studies Department professor and vice president emeritus for student services.

**Trip Highlight:** Forging lasting friendships and seeing incredible European scenery.

**Cost:** \$4,600 includes airfare, ground transportation, lodging, site entrance fees, and morning and evening meals.

**How to Book:** Email alumni@

southern.edu or call 423-236-2830.

**Booking Deadline:** January 31, 2016.

**Who Can Go:** This trip is open to alumni and non-alumni, although priority is given to Southern graduates and their families.

**Trip Requirements:** None.

#### **European Classical Music Trip**

The trip is sponsored by Southern's radio station, WSMC Classical 90.5 FM.

**Destinations:** Czech Republic, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary.

**When:** May 9-19, 2016.

**Trip Leader:** Suzanne Bona, host of the radio show *Sunday Baroque*, and tour guide professionals from Collette Travel.

**Trip Highlight:** Wandering through European imperial cities and learning about the music that originated there.

**Cost:** \$3,699 includes airfare, ground transportation, lodging (double-occupancy), site entrance fees, and partial meal plan.

**How to Book:** Visit [wsmc.org](http://wsmc.org) and click on the trip advertisement.

**Booking Deadline:** Book by December 1 to reserve seat. Availability and pricing subject to change after that date.

**Who Can Go:** Anyone who is interested can sign up on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Trip Requirements:** None.

#### **European Business Trip**

This trip is a collaborative effort between Southern Adventist University, Southwestern Adventist University, and Union College.

**Destinations:** England, France, Switzerland, Germany, and Czech Republic.

**When:** May 16-June 6, 2016. Leaders plan to repeat this trip on even years, alternating with a trip to China on odd years.

**Trip Leader:** Mark Guild, M.B.A., School of Business and Management associate professor.

**Trip Highlight:** A unique combination of sight-seeing and touring businesses to become familiar with European management practices.

**Cost:** \$5,500 includes six credit hours of tuition, airfare, ground transportation, lodging, most meals,

entry fees to sites, excursion tickets, tips, and basic insurance.

**How to Book:** Email [mguild@southern.edu](mailto:mguild@southern.edu).

**Booking Deadline:** December 2015.

**Who Can Go:** Preference is given first to business students and then to students of other majors. Non-students will also be considered if there are available spots. Group size is capped at 30.

**Trip Requirements:** Course credit available (included in price) for Business Administration International Study Tour (BUAD 294/494) and Ethical, Social, and Legal Environment of Business (BUAD 358).

#### **British Reformation Trip**

The School of Religion organized a British Reformation Tour with several goals in mind: to enhance understanding and appreciation of the reformation of Christianity in the British Isles and the translation of Scripture into the English language; to learn more about Adventism's spiritual roots as heirs of this reformation; to focus on the integration of faith and learning; to build camaraderie and relationships among Adventist believers.

**Destinations:** Edinburgh, Scotland; St. Andrews, Scotland; Cambridge, England; London, England; Oxford, England.

**When:** May 11-23, 2016.

**Trip Leader:** Greg King, Ph.D., School of Religion dean and professor.

**Trip Highlight:** Seeing beautiful and historic sites, learning about the British Reformation, and strengthening friendships.

**Cost:** \$3,000 includes airfare, ground transportation, lodging, tours, and a partial meal plan.

**How to Book:** Email [gking@southern.edu](mailto:gking@southern.edu).

**Booking Deadline:** December 2015.

**Who Can Go:** Priority will be given to employees of Southern, but non-employees will also be considered if spots remain. The tour cap size is 45 people.

**Trip Requirements:** None.

For more information about learning opportunities at Southern Adventist University, visit [southern.edu](http://southern.edu) or call 1-800-SOUTHERN. ☎



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# Adventist University of Health Sciences Spends a Day Volunteering

*The University closed for an entire day for faculty and staff to volunteer at the Community Food and Outreach Center.*

BY MEGHAN BRESCHER

Adventist University of Health Sciences (ADU) partnered with the Community Food and Outreach Center for a full day of volunteer work. Under the leadership of ADU's president, David Greenlaw, D.Min., the entire University was closed to allow every faculty and staff member the opportunity to spend the day getting their hands dirty and working together to improve the lives of central Florida families in need.

The Community Food and Outreach Center (CFOC) offers services to individuals who are "struggling through unemployment, hunger, housing difficul-

ties, and more by providing hunger relief, crisis care, transformative education, and employment training opportunities." The center is opened to the public with the mission of breaking the cycle of poverty and helping clients reach their full potential, a mission that ADU also embraces.

"One simple act of kindness and labor multiplied by an entire University's faculty and staff can go a long way, and it is rewarding to see our efforts helping those in need. We are more than a University, we are a ministry, and it is our mission to provide care to our community," stated Greenlaw. He added,

"That is why we shut down for the day to enhance the Community Food and Outreach Center."

ADU faculty and staff, a team of 245 individuals, tackled dozens of projects with the overall goal of beautifying and cleaning the campus of CFOC. The team also operated the Cost Share Grocery Program and Thrift Center, where clients can purchase food and items at a lower price, while other team members thanked donors for their contributions and raised awareness of the CFOC across central Florida.

"Over 1,500 man hours were served





*One of the many projects was to paint the CFOC warehouse, and the team enjoyed beautifying the campus.*

and they blew us away with their passion, dedication, and positive spirit. When committed volunteers take the time to care and genuinely put in the effort to help, people notice. Our campus continues to look like people care, thanks to ADU's hard work and generosity," said Eric Gray, executive director of the Community Food and Outreach Center.

Among the day's biggest accomplishments include a total cleaning and painting of the entire warehouse, a phone thank-a-thon to more than 600 donors, planting of two new garden spaces, restriping of the parking lots, distributing more than 80 flyers for the upcoming "Quack Attack on Poverty 5k," and a total overhaul of the grocery and thrift store.

"It is a humbling experience to be able to spend our Service Day giving back to our local community. I think many of us lose sight of the fact that there are so many people around us that are in dire need of food, shelter, and employment. It is a great experience to use a full day serving others," explained Jennifer Galeana, ADU's Marketing Call Center manager.

The leadership at Adventist University believes in giving back to the community, and sees the value in dedicating the time and manpower to make a difference. This is the second consecutive year that ADU has volunteered at the CFOC, and for its past efforts the University was awarded by the Heart of Florida United Way as the 2015 Corporate Volunteer Group of the Year. 🌟



*Hundreds of handwritten thank-you letters were composed by the ADU team, thanking donors for their contributions.*



*ADU volunteers helped run the CFOC Cost Share Grocery Program and Thrift Center where local residents can take advantage of lower priced essentials.*

# His Was a Life Well Lived



## Ron Halvorsen Sr., January 18, 1938–May 15, 2015

BY LYNELL LAMOUNTAIN

Ron Halvorsen was born January 18, 1938, in Brooklyn, New York. He attended William E. Grady vocational high school, which had a delinquency rate so high that a book, *The Blackboard Jungle*, was written about it and later made into a movie.

One day in 1954, Ron, who joked about having his own truancy officer, ditched school to see his neighborhood friend, Jim Londis, who attended Greater New York Academy. It was Week of Prayer, and Jim invited Ron to chapel. He pretended not to listen, but he felt the Holy Spirit tugging at his heart.

Ron skipped school every day that week to attend Week of Prayer. He responded to the altar call and gave his life to Christ. For a kid who spent his life on the run, he met the one thing he couldn't outrun: the unconditional love and grace of Jesus.

He transferred to Greater New York Academy, but kept in touch with his friends in the gangs. He shared the Good News with them because he desired that they experience abundant life in Jesus. Some accepted Christ, others didn't. One of his close friends said, "Ron, it costs too much to be a Christian," to which Ron responded, "It costs too much NOT to be a Christian." His friend stayed in the gangs and was later arrested for a violent crime and sent to prison.

Ron graduated from the academy in 1956 before enrolling at Atlantic

*Ron Halvorsen Sr., 77, passed away with the blessed hope of Jesus Christ very much alive in his heart. This photo of Diane, Ron, Ron Jr., and Carrol appeared in the cover story of the December 2006 issue of Southern Tidings. Visit the Southern Tidings archives to learn what it was like growing up Halvorsen. Together, theirs was a wonderful life.*

Union College (AUC) to study theology and become a minister. Here, he fell in love with Carrol LaMountain. They married on September 1, 1957, and, for the next 58 years, worked as a team sharing the Good News that resulted in thousands of people giving their hearts to God and living with the hope of Christ's soon return.

Graduating from AUC in 1961, Ron continued his religious studies at the Andrews University Theological Seminary before entering full-time ministry in 1962.

During the next 24 years, he pastored churches in Connecticut, Tennessee, Texas, and Maryland; was a full-time evangelist in Carolina Conference, New York City, and with *Faith for Today*; served as ministerial director for Mid-America Union Conference; and held field schools of evangelism for Andrews University, Southwestern Adventist University, and Union College.

In 1986, Ron accepted an invitation from Southern Union Conference to serve as church growth director, a position he held until he retired in 2003. While here, he started the Lay Pastor Training program, held field schools of evangelism for Southern Adventist University, and organized Union-wide Evangelism Councils.

In retirement, Ron worked for *It Is Written* with Mark Finley, Shawn Boonstra, and John Bradshaw as prayer coordinator, in addition to holding evangelistic meetings resulting in more than 1,000 baptisms.

Ron served the Lord with great zeal. Ministry wasn't his career — it was his calling. He spoke the truth and lived with passion. Young and old alike considered him their friend. Ron's love for Jesus never wavered, even during life's darkest moments. His faith was unshakable because his love for Christ was undying.

Ron's love for his family was generous, faithful, and constant. He was their leader, shepherd, protector, mentor, hero, and friend. He was an outstanding husband to Carrol; father to Ron Jr. and Diane; grandfather to Ron III, William, Kelsey, and Stephanie; and great-grandfather to Noah and Katelynne.

Ron fought the good fight and finished the race. His was a life well lived in faithful service. The next sound he will hear is the voice of his Forever Friend calling him from the grave victorious over death. On that glorious day, Ron will be reunited with his family to celebrate the joy of eternity with them and the countless thousands who called him friend. ❁

# Quilting Ministry Is Her Passion

BY SHEREEN SCHEUNEMAN



LEE BENNETT

*Centenarian Elda Mae Reichard participates in Forest Lake Church's Prayers & Squares ministry by hand-sewing each quilt's perimeter binding.*

Elda Mae Reichard is a special 100-year-old member of Prayers & Squares Ministry at Forest Lake Church, Apopka. Quilting ministry is her hobby, her passion! At home, she carefully hand sews the perimeter bindings of each quilt top before bringing her finished products to

exchange for new quilt tops in need of hand sewn bindings.

Elda Mae celebrated her birthday at the Prayers & Squares quarterly birthday dinner when she turned 100 years old in May. At that time, she indicated that her goal had been to make prayer quilts until she was 100

years old, but now she was going to have to set a new goal!

Each Prayers & Squares meeting begins with many shared praises and prayer requests during a spirit-filled, prayerful, and interactive worship. It is love and intercessory prayer that transforms each quilt into a comforter.

Suddenly, the room is alive with activity. Six quilters work with fabric pieces, forming intricate patterns soon to be sewn into unique quilt tops. Seam pressing, machine sewing, hand stitching, and knotting are all being done by more than a dozen ladies. Every quilt must have 60 knotted ties, each representing a special prayer for the person who will ultimately receive it.

To date, the dedicated members of this ministry have prepared 3,556 quilts for those facing major life challenges in 49 states and 35 countries. Each quilt requires 30 hours of work, which equals 106,680 devoted hours of prayerful labor since 2004 when the ministry was formed under the prayerful and capable guidance of Jo Ann Roth. Collectively, these prayer quilts have blessed many people, and those who lovingly prepared each quilt are equally blessed. 🕯

Elda Mae Thompson was born May 7, 1915, near Bloomington, Nebraska, as the youngest of eight brothers and sisters. She was married to Paul Reichard who passed away two and one half years ago.

Elda Mae retired from her career as a medical technologist at Kettering Hospital in Dayton, Ohio. As early as 1963, she and Jo Ann Roth, founder of the Forest Lake chapter of Prayers & Squares, made

prayer quilts from used clothing for the Sunshine House at Kettering.

At 80, when she and her husband no longer participated in mission trips, and she retired from serving in the Kindergarten division, Elda Mae got into quilting. "She loves sewing and feels it gives her life purpose," says daughter Margaret Hess. After moving to Florida in 2010, she became a member of Prayers & Squares.



AIKO RAMDIN

*Elda Mae's granddaughter, Aiko Ramdin, says, "Grandma continues to get up most mornings to have devotional time in her office. This picture says more about her than anything I could say."*



# Jamestown Church Celebrates 100 Years

BY J. FRED CALKINS

*The 100-year celebration was well attended.*

“Lift up the trumpet and loud let it ring, Jesus is coming again,” resounded through the 100-year-old building as 83 Jamestown, Kentucky, Church members and guests joyously shared messages and stories of God’s love and guidance. Children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of the charter members participated in the centennial celebration. The original building, often remodeled, now has two additions. This may be the oldest structure in the Southern Union built by Adventists and continuously used by Adventists.

Evangelist O. A. Dow and his wife came to Russell County, Kentucky, on December 22, 1914. Their goal was to plant another church to expand the 600-member Kentucky Conference, then headquar-

tered in Nicholasville, Kentucky. Meetings started in the Christian church, but soon moved to the schoolhouse, accommodating more than 300 persons eager to learn Bible truths. Within a month, Sabbath services commenced.

Preparation to meet Jesus calls for a meeting place. Even before they were baptized, the believers donated logs and lumber. By June 2015, the 26’ x 32’ building was being erected. About 20 made the commitment of baptism. Worship services began in the incomplete meetinghouse on Sabbath, July 3, 1915. By August, the church was organized and was accepted into the sisterhood of churches at the Camp Meeting/Conference Session in Louisville. *The Southern Union Worker*, prede-

cessor to the *Southern Tidings*, published a picture of the church house with more than 60 people in front of it on August 26, 1915. Later that year Conference leaders dedicated the church.

At the centennial service on September 12, 2015, Jim McConnell, elder, who pastored at Jamestown from 1974 to 1981, emphasized the hundreds of times this building has heard the message of the soon coming of Jesus, and how His coming is closer than when we first believed. McConnell closed with a stirring appeal, echoing the appeal he made when he left this congregation 34 years ago — to gather on the right side of the Tree of Life for an even grander reunion. May we be found faithful to this invitation. ✠



*The members and guests enjoyed the Sabbath potluck meal.*



*Jamestown Church*



KIM LANGSFORD

# “Sunday Morning Surge” Leads to Second Satellite Campus

BY TIM ALLSTON

*First Church pastors and elders lay hands on Anthony Berry, pastor of the Christ Care Unit in Huntsville, Alabama.*

While preparing for their July 2013 grand opening, First Church members were cleaning, painting, and praying over their new 1303 Evangel Drive facility in Huntsville, Alabama, on Sunday mornings. The Sunday Morning Surge idea arose during this transition period.

“When our ‘new’ community neighbors saw our cars in our ‘new’ church parking lot on Sunday mornings, many came to the building — some even wearing church attire — because they thought a service was being held,” explained Debleaire K. Snell, senior pastor. “If people were okay with coming to our church on a Sunday morning, why not use it as an opportunity to preach the truth? Sunday services are not unprecedented,” he continued. “Caribbean and Central American Adventists have held Sunday evening services historically. Having service on Sunday evening or Sunday morning does NOT violate Sabbath principles, or validate attempts by other denominations to make Sunday a time of covenant. Sunday

is a day of worship for the majority of Christian institutions, but it is NOT the day of covenant.”

## **A Thumbs-up from South Central Conference officials ... and Ellen G. White**

Snell subsequently discussed his church’s Sunday morning evangelistic initiative with South Central Conference officials, who approved. “Why should First Church just concede Sunday, as a day for error to prevail?” Dana Edmond, Conference president added. On February 8, 2015, First Church instituted the Sunday morning Surge services, purposed to do the following:

- Teach the Seventh-day Adventists’ 28 Fundamental Beliefs;
- Serve as a first point of contact for the “un-churched,” who do not attend Saturday-Sabbath services, normally; and
- Help new believers reinforce their new-found beliefs.

Surge also offered Adventist believ-

ers and First Church members a “spiritual jump-start,” to begin their work week. Using the slogan “No suits. No ties. Just Jesus.” Surge utilized a one-hour songs-and-sermon format, after which attendees enjoyed a continental breakfast before departing.

Ellen G. White counseled, “Whenever it is possible, let religious services be held on Sunday. Make these meetings intensely interesting. Speak on temperance and on true religious experience,” *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 9, page 233.

## **“Berry” Picking**

No one knew how God would use this eight-week series to build his Kingdom. One Sunday morning in late February, Anthony Berry, pastor of Christ Care Unit (CCU), a local Missionary Baptist Church in Huntsville, decided to attend the Sunday morning service. Berry reported that, following Surge’s March 1, health message sermon, he immediately



R. STEVEN NORMAN III

*“God is not upset about the Surge; please withdraw your freak-outs,” states Roger Hernandez, Southern Union ministerial director.*

trashed his refrigerated pork products and lost 20 pounds in four weeks!

In April, Berry publicly thanked the First Church congregants and visitors, “for having a pastor that said, ‘I’m going to do something different’ ... and [I’m] thankful that he had a congregation that decided to stand behind him, come what may ...”

On July 11, CCU started worshipping on Saturday instead of Sunday; and on July 22, CCU voted to dismantle their Baptist By-Laws, and wrote to Snell, seeking formal Seventh-day Adventist Church affiliation.

Exactly one month later, First Church members voted CCU as its third worship site. To date, 11 CCU congregants are receiving baptismal classes; of those, seven have decided to accept the Adventist faith and have or will be baptized. In 2007, New Market, Alabama’s, Abundant Life congregation became First Church’s first satellite campus.

In August, the Conference’s New Pastors’ Orientation in Nashville welcomed Anthony Berry, as he will continue to pastor the Huntsville satellite campus at 1626 Pulaski Pike. Berry also plans to enroll in Oakwood University’s LEAP Church Leadership degree program in January 2016.

Enthusiastically, First Church’s Sunday morning Surge initiative literally opened the 2015 South Central Camp Meeting: On June 12, Roger Hernandez, Southern Union ministerial director, keyed and offered, “God is not up-

set about the Surge; please withdraw your freak-outs .... We should be evangelizing Sunday mornings and Sunday nights, Monday mornings and Monday nights .... Let things play out; if they’re from God, He will bless them. [And] He did bless it. God bless you, First Church!”

Just 16 hours later, MyRon Edmonds, D.Min., pastor from Cleveland, Ohio, prefaced his June 13 divine worship message, saluting Edmond, saying, “Listen: This president right here” (as he pointed to the front pew, where Edmond was sitting), “showed courageous leadership, by supporting the work of this Conference ... and you ought to be proud of what God is doing in this pace-setting field.” He continued, “You know, we all have heard about what has been transpiring in this field, in this area of the vineyard, some of the creative things (referring to Snell) that the Lord has been inspiring His leaders to do .... But I was especially encouraged ... by the kind of courageous leadership .... I thank God for the shift that is happening.”

The third eight-week Surge series will begin this fall. To date, 25 individuals have either been baptized or are currently participating in baptismal classes.

For Edmond’s blog, “Why I Did Not ‘Just Say No’ to Surge,” visit <http://www.scc-adventist.org/why-i-did-not-just-say-no-to-surge/>.

For more information on First Church Surge initiative, visit <https://vimeo.com/126878622>. 📺



KEITH RUSH

*Seven recent First Church baptismal candidates (652 baptisms in five years)*

## Florida Hospital Donations Help Keep Local Boys & Girls Club Doors Open

This summer, the five Florida Hospitals in Volusia and Flagler counties came together to donate \$25,000 to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Volusia/Flagler Counties, to assist in their “Keep Our Doors Open” campaign.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Volusia/Flagler Counties were notified earlier this year that they were going to receive an unexpected reduction of \$200,000 in state funding as of July 1, 2015. After 23 years in the community, and with branches in Daytona Beach, Palm Coast, DeLand, Edgewater, Deltona, Lake Helen, New Smyrna Beach, and Holly Hill, this loss of funds could have led to closing several of their clubs. In order to avoid shutting down any of their clubs, they needed to raise the missing \$200,000 by July 31. Local businessman and philanthropist Gale Lemerand pledged to match private donations made to the organization’s fundraising campaign, up to \$100,000.

Upon hearing the news about the Boys & Girls Clubs of Volusia/Flagler Counties’ needs, the five Florida Hospitals in Volusia and Flagler counties decided to step in and donate \$25,000.

“We are truly honored to assist this incredible organization that serves nearly 1,600 youth in our community each year,” said



Daryl Tol, CEO of the five Florida Hospitals in Volusia and Flagler counties. “The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs aligns with our own mission to extend the healing ministry of Christ to our community.”

Locally, Florida Hospital has been a continued supporter of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Volusia/Flagler counties. This recent donation is in addition to a \$25,000 donation Florida Hospital made this year toward a youth substance abuse prevention program at four local Boys & Girls Clubs. Furthermore, a team at Florida Hospital DeLand recently visited the Club in DeLand and built food

gardens. Florida Hospital was also the highest level sponsor at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Volusia/Flagler counties’ annual fundraiser in March, and brought the children to the city of Daytona Beach’s National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) game in December.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Volusia/Flagler counties started in 1993, providing working families an affordable, safe place for their children afterschool and during the summer. Approximately 68 percent of youth come from single-parent homes, and 92 percent come from economically disadvantaged back-

grounds, The Boys & Girls Clubs continue to make a difference with the children who need them most. Their members are typically the youth whose families cannot afford the fee-based alternatives for afterschool programs. In the tradition of Boys & Girls Clubs, no child is ever turned away due to inability to pay.

—BY LINDSAY REW



## Adventist University of Health Sciences Joins *Rebuilding Together Orlando* to Give Back to Local Family in Need



*The ADU team stands in front of the central Florida home they helped transform into a more beautiful, safe place of residence for a local family.*

Strong communities are built on trust and unity. Orlando is one that pulls together to strengthen and improve the entire area. Adventist University of Health Sciences (ADU) values collaborative service and sees the importance of giving back to those in need. That is why the entire campus closed for a day for staff and faculty to participate in various volunteer projects, one specifically working with *Rebuilding Together Orlando* (RTO).

ADU partnered with *Rebuilding Together Orlando*, an organization that works to improve local communities by bringing volunteers together to enhance the homes and lives of homeowners in need. During this project, ADU and the RTO team painted the exterior and improved

the landscaping of a local house.

"In central Florida, many low-income homeowners are forced to live in unsafe,

unhealthy homes because they can no longer afford to maintain them, which has chipped away at the value and vitality of the community at large. What ADU did was something special. The team helped beautify a local home and provide a safer residence for a local family," stated Alaina Casioppo, outreach and volunteer coordinator at *Rebuilding Together Orlando*.

The ADU staff and faculty came ready to work with paint rollers and brushes in hand. "Volunteers from ADU were able to give the house a fresh look with a brand new coat of paint, including new colors for the windows, trim, and doors," added Casioppo.

By the end of the day, the home makeover was complete and the curb

appeal was increased with fresh paint and outdoor landscaping. ADU staff and faculty felt a sense of pride for all of their hard work, and left feeling changed by the experience.

"It is empowering and contagious to know that one can make such an impact on something by only giving a few hours of their time in order to change a person's life for the better, and I feel that we did that today," explained Emilee Atwell, ADU service coordinator, FL/CC AmeriCorps VISTA.

Volunteerism is a key component of ADU's mission. Not only is it weaved

and it helped the staff and faculty grow both personally and professionally.

"There are far too many people in need and sharing our resources can go a long way to easing the burden of the underserved in our community," stated Len Archer, Ph.D., ADU associate vice president for academic administration.

Strengthening a community takes a team, like ADU and *Rebuilding Together Orlando*, who both felt compelled to give back, and understand the impact one day of work can make in someone's life. The groups did much more than just paint a home.



*The house received an exterior makeover with fresh paint and light landscaping.*

into each department, it is at the heart of the University. There was a genuine joy felt by those who contributed to the needs of others,

They shared hope with a community that needed it the most.

—BY MEGHAN BRESCHER

## Tri-City Christian Academy Celebrates Grand Opening



The building team and project managers receive a commemorative plaque.

The Tri-City Christian Academy in High Point, N.C., was packed with supporters celebrating the grand opening of their new school facility on Sabbath, September 19, 2015.

The celebration began with



Congressman Mark Walker addresses the congregation.

an overview time-lapse video of the start-to-finish building project of the school, and a presentation of thanks to the builders and project managers.

In addition to presentations by the individuals directly involved in the building project and performances by current and former students, there

was a special video message from Ted Wilson, president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and an address from Congressman Mark

Walker. Gordon Bietz, Southern Adventist University president, delivered the morning message; Dan Jackson, North American Division president, gave the sermon; and a special concert took place in the afternoon by Wintley Phipps, pastor. These are just a few of the individuals who took time to show their support and the value they place on Adventist Christian education.

Tri-City Christian Academy's new facility is nothing short of a miracle, and a testament to faith and prayer. Bryan and Wendy Hall, members of the Greens-



Leslie Louis, Carolina Conference president, prays for Dan Jackson, North American Division president, before his sermon.



Wintley Phipps, pastor, performs during the Tri-City Christian Academy grand opening.

boro, N.C., Church, were honored at this event for their tireless contributions to the success of this endeavor.

These halls of education are the ground floor in the children's Christian walk, taking heed to Ellen White's admonishing: "Take your religion into your school-life, into your boarding-house, into all your pursuits. The important question with you now is, how to so choose and perfect your studies that you will maintain the solidity and purity of an untarnished Christian character, holding all temporal claims and interests in subjection to the higher claims of the Gospel of Christ," *Fundamentals of Education*, page 82.

—BY COURTNEY HEROD

## Men of God Unite

This year, Tony Laport, Carolina Conference men's ministries director, decided to do something different for the yearly retreats. Instead of having two separate retreats for Spanish-speaking and English-speaking, the two were combined



Roy Rugless, South Central prayer and men's ministries director

into one. This was reflected in the theme, "United in Christ."

God blessed in many ways over the weekend. The attendance surpassed the registration count, coming in at just under 130 attendees. Then there were the poignant messages presented by the guest speaker, Roy Rugless, South Central prayer and men's ministries director. Everything was presented in English and Spanish.

The underlying point in each message by Rugless was the importance of prayer in one's personal spiritual life in order to be the spiritual leader of the home. He shared that in his life he and his wife each have their specific time alone with God, then together with God, and finally family time with God.

Throughout the weekend, Rugless had the men pair off and pray for one another. He stressed that not only did they need to be spending time in prayer, but they need to uplift their brothers in Christ, and whatever situations they may be going through.

Prior to the event, as a way of getting men's

ministries leaders involved, Laport created a committee of all the local church leaders, holding two meetings



— one for those in North Carolina and another for leaders in South Carolina. This allowed them to give input on what the men in their churches were looking for in retreats and events.

—BY COURTNEY HEROD



## Mount Pisgah Hosts iMPact 2015 Youth Rally

The iMPact 2015 Youth Rally weekend inspired and challenged those in attendance on the Mount Pisgah Academy campus.

More than 300 guests, students, and faculty spent a beautiful weekend under the red and white tent listening to Jonathan Leonardo preach the Gospel. Leonardo is currently a doctoral student at Andrews University Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Mich.

The weekend started with a Friday sundown Vespers where Southern Adventist University Engage Ministries led everyone in worship. After a challenging message, the students enjoyed doughnuts and

milk under the stars while they spent some time fellowshiping and making new friends.

On Sabbath morning, Jo Ottinger, pastor, led out in Sabbath School, and Mount Pisgah Academy's Present Truth Drama group presented a sketch that challenged students to be willing to share their faith with all those they met.

After an afternoon of fellowship and music, Leonardo closed the Sabbath with another message. The weekend ended with a fun fall festival in the MPA gymnasium, where an assortment of food and games made for an entertaining night.

Luke Kendall said,

"The speaker, Pastor Jonathan, was really good. He told stories all could relate to, and then those same stories challenged us. They weren't just stories without a point. It was awesome!"

In addition to students and sponsors from all over the Carolina Conference, Ken Rogers, Southern Union youth director, and Stanley Knight, Conference youth di-

rector,, were in attendance.

—BY BETH GRISSOM



Jonathan Leonardo



## Florida Living Retirement Community Celebrates 50 Years of Service

When Apopka was a small Florida town of 4,000 residents, Florida Living Retirement Community (FLRC) opened its doors to a community within a community, on September 12, 1965. The two grew together and, 50 years later, with the City of Apopka pushing close to 50,000 residents, FLRC celebrated its 50th anniversary on Sunday, September 13, 2015.

The celebratory occasion was enhanced by the presence of Diane Velazquez, Apopka City Commissioner. With a detective background in law enforcement, Velazquez told the attendees how she used FLRC as a landmark to know she was nearing home when she first moved to Apopka

from New York City. Her appreciation for Apopka as her new home meshed with the residents who find FLRC to be a home where friends become family.

Mike Cauley, president, and Duane Rollins, treasurer, represented Florida Conference, which owns and operates FLRC. Other program participants were Nancy Pleasants, FLRC administrator; Jim King, Florida Living Church pastor; Benjamin Reaves, Adventist Health System representative; and Russell Bates, retired pastor and FLRC resident. Musical selections included a trombone ensemble and a vocal rendition of "Bless This House" by Les Clark, accompanied by pianist Sharon Swafford.

Guests were invited



COURTESY OF FLORIDA LIVING RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

Florida Conference President Mike Cauley speaks to those assembled at the 50th anniversary celebration of Florida Living Retirement Community in Apopka, Fla. Seated behind him, Apopka City Commissioner Diane Velazquez (center) and FLRC administrator Nancy Pleasants await their turn to address the attendees.

to continue the celebration in the dining room at Guenther House with hors d'oeuvres and conversation while being entertained with "Songs from a

Secret Garden" by Bonnie Hannah, pianist, and Ed Linquist, violinist.

—BY BETTY KOSSICK

## Lighthouse Mission Group Reaches Community



PHOTO: DELVIN FINCH - INSET: MARTIN BUTLER

Members of Lighthouse Mission Group and other churches ministered to families living in an area hotel, providing free haircuts, backpacks with school supplies, food, activities, and friendship.

With help from several surrounding churches and businesses, Lighthouse Mission Group members of Altamonte Springs spent Sabbath morning, August 22, 2015, uplifting Christ to the 300 families who live in the Remington Inn and Suites community.

The mission group, which meets Sabbath afternoons in a storefront a few minutes away, is sponsored by Florida Living Church, Apopka, Fla. According to group leaders, the goal is to meet people where they are, and let them know there is a church that

cares and loves them. That motivation takes members to the streets on Sabbath mornings.

At their most recent event, Lighthouse lay pastor and head elder Gabriel Cardona stopped amidst a flurry of outreach activity to say, "We're really excited to be out here. As you can see, we're just trying to serve the community and, more importantly, we're just trying to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

—BY MARTIN BUTLER

## Ft. Lauderdale Church Hosts Play

A near-capacity crowd gathered at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Church on July 25, 2015, to witness a powerful play, “At the End of Time.” Based on Matthew 24:9-14, the play dramatizes the effect of faith, love, and commitment to Jesus. The story line features Matthew and Alice, two teenagers persecuted for their beliefs and noncompliance to a National Sunday Law.

The cast, composed of 19 actors and four understudies, came from Plantation Church. The play incorporated live acting and filmed scenes on a wooden revolving stage. Volunteers from Brazilian Temple Church in Oakland Park joined producers and actors in stage construction.

Production of the filmed scenes took two days, with a professional crew that included three



JEFFREY THOMPSON

*Nate Palmer, with the cast behind him, addressed the audience at the conclusion of the play.*

volunteers who aren't Adventist. Use of the Texaco gas station in the film was donated by the owner, who is of Jewish faith. The estimated donated cost for film production was \$9,500. Friends, family, and

producers donated other expenses for the play. Collin Williams was the technical director, and Nate Palmer was the executive producer.

“This play kept every person in the audience on

the edge of their seat,” said Jeffrey Thompson, pastor, Ft. Lauderdale Church. “Congratulations to our young people for sacrifice, sense of mission, and belief in prophecy.”

—BY JEFFREY THOMPSON

## The Learning Tree Academy Serves Community

The Learning Tree Academy, an outreach ministry of Apopka, Fla., Church, offers the community a complete preschool curriculum for children ages two months to five years. On May 30, 2015, the school held its annual baccalaureate program.

Most of the 30 graduates' parents are not Adventist Church members. These parents have entrusted their children to the caring staff who show their dedication to students by offering an interactive program inspired by God's

love for each young person. The morning message with testimonials from parents encouraged the young people to never quit.

The staff believe children need the healthy development of emotional, spiritual, physical, and cognitive skills according to biblical principles. The philosophy of The Learning Tree Academy follows Proverbs 22:6: “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.”

—BY ROBERT BROOME



ROBERT BROOME

*Energetic graduates of The Learning Tree Academy in Apopka, Fla., perform at their baccalaureate program.*

## Dorothy Harp Celebrates 100th Birthday



F. STEVEN NORMAN III

Family members surround Dorothy Harp (seated) at the Loganville, Ga., Church to celebrate her 100th birthday.

Family and friends gathered at the Loganville, Ga., Church to celebrate “Dorothy’s Decades,” the theme for the 100th birthday of member Dorothy Dawson Harp. She was born in southern Indiana on August 18, 1915.

Harp grew up with the rapid changes of technology and society. The Hindenburg blimp flew over their farm while she was working in the garden. Automobiles were attained by the average American, along with the telephone.

A wall of pictures from each decade showed major events and the changes that have occurred during her lifetime. A popular cake from each of the 10 decades was prepared by church mem-

bers as part of the refreshments. Letters of congratulations were received from Ed Wright, Georgia-Cumberland Conference president; Nathan Deal, Georgia governor; Barack Obama, President of the United States; and the City of Snellville where she lives, which proclaimed it “Dorothy Harp Day.”

Friends, colleagues, former students, and family came from all over the Southern Union, and as far as Connecticut and California, to share in this joyful celebration with music, memories, and tributes.

After Harp was baptized in 1943 in Louisville, Ky., she went to Madison College and graduated with degrees in communication and home econom-

ics. It was there she met Bill Harp, a pre-dental student.

After marriage, they moved to Atlanta, Ga., for dental school. A short stay in Woodbury, Tenn., gave time to help organize a church. They returned to Atlanta and helped in the establishment of the Marietta, Ga., Church and school, and then moved to Cookeville, Tenn., at the request of Georgia-

Cumberland Conference, to help plant a church and provide leadership. A short term of mission service took them to Africa. When they returned, they joined Stone Mountain, Ga., Church as charter members. After Bill’s death, she joined the church plant group at Loganville. In all, she was a charter member at five Southern Union churches.

Harp says the key to a long life is, despite many challenges, being flexible and prayer. She looks forward to attending Sabbath services each week and visiting with her church family.

She has two children, John Harp and Joan Auld, five grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

—BY BOBBIE MILLBURN



F. STEVEN NORMAN III

## Cohutta Springs Camp Thankful for God's Strength

The end of another summer season at Cohutta Springs Youth Camp left much for which to celebrate and be thankful. Campers and staff say, "Camp is as close to Heaven as you can get." With all the amazing praise singing, dedicated Christian staff, exhilarating thrills of outdoor recreation, a sense of unity within camp culture, and a break from the "relentless digital age" for campers and staff alike — indeed, they experienced a foretaste of Heaven!

At the same time, the Cohutta family received a reminder that they are not in Heaven yet with the loss of Will Green, an awesome staff member and dynamic Christian. He had been a camper for five summers and was serving as a staff member for his sixth summer when an accident, while wakeboarding, took his life at age 23. Green was a world-class wakeboarder, having won second place in the World Championships in 2011, and most recently earning first place at the NCAA National Championships, May 2015. Green never compromised the Sabbath, and let the wakeboarding world know that his faith came first. "God is way cooler and more important than wakeboarding," was his testimony. The tragedy happened as Green collided with a fellow staff member while attempting a very difficult and technical maneuver. Thankfully the other staff was not

seriously injured.

The staff sensed an undeniable strength from the Lord as He honored all of the prayers being offered. In keeping with the lyrics of an old camp song, the staff prayerfully decided to "stand up and fight anyhow!" Consequently, they are able to report 1,022 decisions for Christ and 243 decisions for baptism. A total of 1,312 campers participated in the regular programs, and an additional 491 young people attended Camp Meeting and Cool Camp, bringing the total to 1,803 youth who experienced Jesus through Cohutta Springs.

Parents Scott and Jennifer Green, along with their son, Matt, share the same testimony of God's presence and a profound sense of hope in the midst of the unspeakable pain and loss of Will. The Green family has started a #LiveLikeWill Scholarship Fund to aid children who want to attend Cohutta Springs Youth Camp for faith-building experiences. Cohutta

Springs Youth Camp has also started a fundraiser to build a Will Green Cable Park in his memory. You can give online at [cs-yc.com](http://cs-yc.com) or send a check to Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day

Adventists, P.O. Box 12000, Calhoun, GA 30703. Please indicate "#LiveLikeWill scholarship" or "Cable Park."

As plans progress for another camp season, the staff is more committed than ever to help young people develop their faith, and live a life that is committed to Jesus like Will Green's! They will never forget Green's

powerful witness, and the inspirational things he said and did. It is amazing to see the impact his life has had and continues to have on others. They are saddened by the temporary separation from our friend and uplifted at the thought of seeing him soon....even so, come, Lord Jesus.

—BY ROB LANG



SUBMITTED BY COHUTTA SPRINGS YOUTH CAMP



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TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER

Top photo: Rob Lang, camp director, baptizes a camper this past summer. Middle photo: Will Green, the staff member who died this past summer in a wakeboard accident. Bottom photo: Camp staff from summer 2015.

## Dr. Agatha Thrash, Co-Founder of Uchee Pines Lifestyle Center, Passes Away



Agatha Thrash, M.D.

Physician, researcher, and author Agatha Thrash, M.D., died Thursday, September 3, 2015. Thrash was instrumental in promoting a healthy lifestyle to prevent many of the debilitating diseases Americans suffer from. She practiced as a pathologist in Columbus, Ga., beginning in the early 1960s, and taught for some years at Columbus College (which is now Columbus State University).

That changed when Allison Becker, pastor of the Columbus, Ga., First Church, suggested Bible studies. Thrash retorted, "If I were planning to join a church, it certainly wouldn't be yours. I've been to all the signifi-

cant churches in Columbus, and I've never even seen yours. You have less than 200 members." As they continued to talk, Thrash's Southern upbringing began to nag at her sensibilities. She thought, "I'm being awfully rude to this fellow. Perhaps I should at least agree to his plan, and I can cancel politely later."

So began the Bible studies that ultimately led Agatha and Calvin Thrash, both physicians and atheists, to join the Adventist Church. The Thrashes were both scholars, and quickly began reading books by Ellen White such as *Ministry of Healing*, *Medical Ministry*, and *Counsels on Health*. They noticed a distinct difference in the type of practice God had directed in those books, and the way they had been taught in medical school. "Where can we find physicians who practice this way?" Thrash wondered. Inquiries seemed to lead nowhere, until an official in the General Conference suggested they look

into the "sanitarium work" being practiced in a rural location near Chattanooga, Tenn., called Wildwood.

After visiting Wildwood, the seed for an idea was planted. First, Calvin Thrash spent a year earning his master's in public health from the new department headed by Mervyn Harding, M.D., at Loma Linda University. Next, the Thrashes bought a 200-acre tract of land near Seale, Ala. In July of 1970, the land was donated to a newly formed non-profit — Uchee Pines Institute, which would become a health education, wellness, and missionary school.

Initially, the Uchee Pines facility was called a "Conditioning Center," but in the 1980s a better name was coined, and since then it has been known as the Lifestyle Center. The Uchee Pines Lifestyle Center was crowded, almost from the start, and a new Lifestyle Center was built entirely from donations, coming into use in 2010. Agatha Thrash

was widowed by then, but did not spend her time mourning. Her indomitable spirit led her to continue in the teaching and outreach of Uchee Pines, and she was the medical director in the new Center from 2011 until she could no longer function in that capacity after her stroke in November 2013.

Thrash was a well-known lecturer, having travelled to nearly every country of the world, and was the host of the television program, "Help Yourself to Health," which aired on the Three Angel's Broadcasting Network for nearly three decades. She authored 15 books on natural remedies and disease prevention through a healthy lifestyle, including an encyclopedia of natural remedies released just two months ago, as well as thousands of individual counseling sheets on specific diseases. Agatha Thrash passed away quietly at home from natural causes. She was 84 years old.

—BY REBECCA GRICE

## Bass Memorial Academy Welcomes New Principal

Scott Bowes is the new principal at Bass Memorial Academy (BMA) in Lumberton, Miss. Bowes grew up in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and attended grades 1-12 at Crawford Adventist Academy. He spent one year at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich., and then transferred to Southern Adventist University in

Collegedale, Tenn., where he graduated in 1993 with a bachelor of science. In 1995 he graduated from the University of Toronto with a bachelor of education.

Bowes has experience as a teacher and an administrator. He was an eighth grade teacher at College Park Elementary School, and then taught physics

and math at Kingsway College; both are located in Oshawa, Ontario, Canada. Since September 2007, he has served as an administrator at Kingsway College. His last position there was president of the college.

Bowes says, "My vision for BMA is for it to be a place where students are able to grow spiritually, academically,



Scott Bowes, new principal at Bass Memorial Academy in Lumberton, Miss.



socially, and physically.” He continues, “Our first goal is to develop a strategic plan that will ensure the sustainability, continued growth, and future success of Bass Memorial Academy. This strategic plan will help us identify where we want to be in the future, and how we are going to get there. This strategic plan will identify various strategic initia-

tives (i.e. spiritual, academic, campus life, enrollment, development, plant management, administration, and finance) that will provide the framework for ensuring growth, and the ability to respond to the challenges that Bass Memorial Academy will face.”

Bowes encourages anyone who knows of a high

school-aged student that is not attending an Adventist school and who would benefit from an Adventist education at BMA to please email him at [scott.bowes@bmasda.org](mailto:scott.bowes@bmasda.org).

Katherine, Scott’s wife, teaches music and English at BMA. She is also a professional recording artist who writes and records her

own music. She has been featured on Hope Channel’s “My Story My Song.”

The Bowes have two daughters, Ashley, a sophomore at BMA, and Amber, an 8th grader at Bass Christian Elementary School.

—BY REBECCA GRICE

## Mayor Surprises Hospital Worker with 80th Birthday Proclamation



*Pictured are Jim Staff (left), Atmore, Ala., mayor, holds the Proclamation; Don Beans (center); and Bill Perkins, Atmore Community Hospital administrator.*

Reaching an 80th birthday milestone should always call for special recognition, but Don Beans, a certified registered nurse anesthetist, received more than he expected when Jim Staff, Atmore, Ala., mayor, presented him with a city Proclamation in a ceremony held at the Atmore

Community Hospital where he still works. Bill Perkins, hospital administrator, joined in congratulating Beans, who has spent countless hours working at the hospital since 1987.

Expressing well wishes from the city, the Proclamation notes in part, “When other anesthesiology

groups would be unavailable for cases, Don would answer the call. Always professional, courteous, and dedicated to giving excellent anesthesia care, he truly is a silent guardian to ACH surgical patients.” A member of University Parkway Church in Pensacola, Fla., Beans feels that he “simply does his job to the best of his ability.”

According to the Proclamation, he has retired twice — he says three times — and then come back to help fulfill the anesthesiology needs of the hospital. He feels blessed that he is able to continue working in his profession.

As noted in the Proclamation, Beans has many talents and gifts.

He serves as an elder and Sabbath School superintendent at the University Parkway Church. He worked with the Pathfinders for 30 years. He and his wife, Edith, recently moved into their new 4,000-square-foot house, which he has worked on with only minor assistance for the last 16 years. For many years he and his wife owned and operated a health food store in Atmore.

Before moving to Atmore, Don and Edith Beans lived with their five children in Fort Collins, Colo. While there, he enjoyed mountain climbing, and has climbed all 54 14,000-foot peaks in Colorado, as well as Mt. Shasta in California.

Beans graduated from Union College in Lincoln, Neb., with a bachelor of science nursing degree in 1958. He received his nurse anesthetist degree from the Mayo Clinic in 1960.

—BY GLENDA HASS

## Three Conferences Combine Efforts to Grow God's Kingdom



*The church was full every night during the Memphis, Tenn., evangelistic series.*

Recently, three conferences, Gulf States, South

Central, and Kentucky-Tennessee, worked together to

spread the Gospel in the Memphis, Tenn., area. The Lord blessed their combined efforts with the joy of witnessing 151 individuals giving their lives to Jesus in baptism. This success can be attributed to fervent prayer, and the church members working together.

Alejandro Bullon, the speaker, was excited to see the church full every night with people interested in hearing the Word of God. Some had never studied the Bible, and were overjoyed by the truths they were learning.

Many people are eager to know the truth of the Gospel. But, "How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?" Romans 10:14. The commission is found in Mark 16:15, 16, "And He said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.'"

—BY ARMANDO DE LEON

## Ben Roy Visits Louisville Adventist Academy

Students of Louisville Adventist Academy (LAA) in Louisville, Ky., were inspired as Ben Roy demonstrated interesting, fun aspects of science. In his presentation, he made clear that there is a lot more to science than just the facts. He stressed safety and scientific terminology, such as differentiating between creating electricity and generating it. Roy brought along several DVDs of science demonstrations that he created with the help of 3ABN. Brent Ruckle, LAA 9th- and 10th-grade teacher, plans to use the DVDs this year. In addition, he looks forward to practical activities such as growing plants in a raised bed. He says, "Science education is and always has

been an important part of Christian education."

Roy frequently partici-

pates with 3ABN's *Kid's Time* programs. If you would like to contact him, you

may do so at <http://GoScienceZone.com>.

—BY CLIFTON KELLER



*Children of Louisville Adventist Academy hold a 109-golf ball snake that Ben Roy used to demonstrate that the sun is 109 times the diameter of our golf ball-sized Earth.*

## Skaggs Couple Surprised for 60th Wedding Anniversary



*Don and Carole Skaggs enjoy a slice of their 60th wedding anniversary cake.*

Don and Carole Skaggs were recently treated to a surprise luncheon given by the members of Bordeaux Church in Nashville, Tenn., along with their family, to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. Don, a native of Louisville, Ky., and Carole, a native of Vian, Okla., were married on September 11, 1955, in the Portland, Tenn., Church. The couple met when they were both students at the former Madison College in Madison, Tenn. Don is retired from the Southern Publishing Association, which was located in Nashville, and from the Review and Herald in Silver Springs, Md. Carole is retired from the former

Greater Nashville Junior Academy, where she drove the school bus and worked in the school cafeteria. Don and Carole are very proud of their four children, 16 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren (with two on the way), and one great-great-grandchild. When asked what is the secret to their long-lasting marriage, Don said, "Hard work, and don't make divorce an option." The Skaggses currently live in Ashland City, Tenn., and are active members of Bordeaux Church, where Don is an elder and teaches Sabbath School.

—BY CHERLY NICHOLSON

## Fair Booth Reaches Thousands

The members of the Murfreesboro, Tenn., Church had a dream to have a booth at the Wilson County Fair. A committee was formed and brainstorming began. However, they did not realize that the deadline to apply for booth space was fast approaching, and they missed the deadline. God answered prayers and provided booth space even though the application was late.

The fair was held during a nine-day period in August. During that time, 557,702 individuals attended. "Life More Abundant



*Murfreesboro Church fair booth*

(John 10:10) ... Healthful Hints for Better Living," the Murfreesboro Church

booth, reached more than 6,000 individuals, and approximately 50,000 pieces

of literature was handed out. Nightly drawings were held for books, and 2,500 balloons were given away. On the last night of the fair, a family King James Version Bible was given away.

The Murfreesboro members hope to sow many more seeds with a fair booth in the coming years. They have already submitted an application for booth space at the 2016 fair. Hopes are to have a booth twice the size, so that the Pathfinder Club and Life More Abundant can share the space.

—BY TODD AND RENEE VAN CLEVE

## Evangelism in the Early Learning Centers

*Interview by Kim Gaiter, South Atlantic Conference associate superintendent of education, with Katie Johnson, director of Lamb Shelter Early Learning Center in Albany, Ga.*



*Katie Johnson*

*The “Journey to Excellence” in Adventist education begins with the tiny footsteps of the students in the early learning centers. Each day more than 350 children, ages six months to four years old, are the recipients of the love and care in the 11 early learning centers across the South Atlantic Conference. The longest, continuous serving director is Katie Johnson. She has been the director of Lamb Shelter Early Learning Center in Albany, Ga., since 1987. Her eyes seem to sparkle as she reminisces about the close familial and community connections that the center has developed through the years. In fact, the center is now servicing the third generation of “little lambs” since she became the director in 1987.*

**KG:** What has been the driving force which motivated you to stay at Lamb Shelter for all of these years?

**KJ:** My concern for the development of all children grew after reading the statistic in a research project many years ago which showed a decrease of interest and achievement in males after reaching the third grade. At the time, this trend was especially present in four of the counties that I was employed as an early childhood educator. It is an honor to be able to serve God in the nurturing of children. All through the Scriptures we find records that indicate the importance of our children and their training (Isaiah 54:13). In *The Covenant of Peace*, the Lord says, “Your sons and daughters growing up will be taught by the Lord and great will be the peace of your people.” Therefore, training begins as soon as a child is conceived.

**KG:** Share with me your thoughts on the true meaning of early childhood education.

**KJ:** Early education means the dedication of all our children to God in the same way that the temple is dedicated to God (1 Kings 8:63). God blessed me with this desire to work and help fill the great disconnect in early childhood training between the home

and the school. The child needs to be loved and nurtured, especially from birth to seven years. A number of children have been left out or pushed away from opportunities to learn about God’s love for every creature that He created.

**KG:** I am sure you have witnessed many changes during your tenure as director. In your opinion, how have the parental and societal expectations, with regards to early childhood education, changed during the past 28 years?

**KJ:** The structure of our growing society has placed a variety of pitfalls that can cause harm to our duties and responsibilities for the nurturing of our children. Grandparents are no longer a part of the family group, mothers are taken out of the home to provide an income, fathers are absent from family circles, and values have shifted from God to things. The training of children becomes a shared responsibility between parents and early childhood facilitators, homes, daycare providers, or other substitutes for nurturing and early training of our children.

**KG:** Every teacher has a dream for her students. What’s yours, Mrs. Johnson?

**KJ:** Education has an impact on our salvation, even beyond our own life. Ellen White, in *Child*

*Guidance*, p. 38, says, “To parents is committed the great work of educating and training their children for the future, immortal life.” However, in the times we are living, I feel that everyone needs to join in this educational process for all of our children. Therefore, for 28 years our mission at Lamb Shelter has been to provide for the families and children of east Albany and Dougherty County, Ga., an opportunity to receive training in a safe, nurturing environment where all children can grow physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. We are blessed at the center with a Bible-based, structural learning curriculum to meet the child’s needs, regardless of race, color, sex, nationality, or physical ability. It is my prayer that each child who has attended Lamb Shelter, and the more than 325 children who have graduated from the center, will have the desire to serve God and tell others about His love.

Johnson has a master’s degree in guidance counseling from the University of Georgia, and she’s a member of Emanuel Church in Albany.

## Oakwood Serves, Learns in Community Classroom on AGAPE Day

Oakwood University designate one day during the fall semester as AGAPE Day, when classroom instruction is set aside so that students, employees, and administrators can “depart to serve” the Huntsville/Madison County area, and learn in the “community classroom.”

AGAPE Day 2015 was October 6. The day began at 8:45 a.m., when 500 volunteers in their bright yellow T-shirts boarded the buses to be transported to work sites in the greater Huntsville area. Work projects included painting, planting, weeding, general cleanup, assisting senior citizens, and reading to elementary school children. There were 35 work sites



*Oakwood students interact with Oakwood's Child Development Lab pre-K and kindergarten children on AGAPE Day.*

this year, including the CASA Community Garden, the Alabama Constitution Village, the Huntsville Botanical Garden, Christmas Charities Year Round, Downtown Rescue Mission, Habitat for Humanity, Huntsville Historic Depot, and the U.S. Space and

Rocket Center.

AGAPE Day was first launched in 2005 as an initiative between the Division of Academic Administration and the Freshmen Studies Department. It is now coordinated by the Department

of Service Learning. Patricia Daniel, coordinator, shared, “AGAPE Day was a blessing to those who rendered service and to those who were beneficiaries of the service. Students who participated want to continue relationships with those they served. Community members and

service recipients appreciate the way that Oakwood is helping people, and want us to return in the near future.”

—BY NAOMI COGGS,  
STUDENT WRITER



*Oakwood students and staff volunteers helped beautify the grounds at the Huntsville Botanical Garden on AGAPE Day 2015.*

## “Oakwood Live!” Program a Success



*Pictured are Oakwood University guests, students, and chaperones who participated in the Oakwood Live! program last month.*

More than 700 guests, 586 students, and their 136 chaperones enjoyed a plethora of activities throughout the Oakwood Live! program, with some groups arriving as early as Thursday evening, October 8, 2015, to experience a weekend on the Oakwood University campus

in Huntsville, Ala. Beginning with a Friday evening AY worship service, the spiritual momentum continued on Sabbath with Carlton Byrd, D.Min., pastor of Oakwood University Church, who led the worship experience.

The lively bunch also relished a variety of recreational activities on Sunday night, including a block party, a basketball tournament, and roller skating. But, that was not all. On Monday, prospective students lived “A Day in the Life of an Oakwood Student,” attending mock academic classes showcased by each of Oakwood’s 15 departments.

For students still undecided on their future major, information was provided at the academic fair. Monday night was capped off with a concert, displaying the wide range of talent within the University.

Oakwood Live! wrapped up on the afternoon of Tuesday, October 13, after a special chapel service, which showed hundreds of prospective students from all around the world just why Oakwood University is the best place to further their education.

Potential students shared their favorite things about their three or four

days on campus. Porsha Bowdery, Oakwood Live! participant, said that her “experience at Oakwood University was incredible. I liked the opportunity to stay in my own dorm room, and I had a great time meeting new people. I liked going to the basketball game because I love basketball! I stayed and watched the whole game. Going to the cadaver lab class was very interesting too. I learned about different parts of the body. I would recommend people to come to Oakwood Live! next year. It was a great experience.”

—BY NAOMI COGGS,  
STUDENT WRITER

## Conference Hold Enditnow Seminars



SHIRLEY SCOTT

John Lake (left), Daphne, Ala., city councilman, and Marvin L. Allison Sr., pastor of Gethsemane Church, discuss domestic violence concerns in Daphne.

In the U.S., one in three girls and one in five boys will be sexually abused before age 18. Most abuse happens when children are between ages 7 and 13, and the average victim is 9 or 10 years old. Victims and their families are acquainted with the abuser in more than 90 percent of cases. (Source: Adventist Risk Management).

Additionally, more than 12 million women and men are victims of rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner each year; and nearly three in 10 women, and one in 10 men have been the victims of violence perpetrated by

We read about it all the time. And, no matter how many times we read about it, the surprise never lessens. You hear comments like, “Oh, he was so nice and such a family man,” or “They were the sweetest couple, and he was a deacon/pastor/elder in our church for so many years.” Or, you might think that couldn’t be true. “Who would do that to their own child?” The comments go on and on whenever abuse is discovered. Let’s break the silence about abuse, so that we can “enditnow.”

The South Central Conference women’s ministries director knew that to bring abuse to a higher level of awareness, she needed the assistance of the president and the

Awareness Day needed to receive more emphasis. This fact was presented to Dana Edmond, Conference president, at the annual meeting in September 2014, and he gave full support.

The year-long campaign include the following:

- Intercessory prayer and fasting.
- President’s statement on abuse.
- Distribution of 325 Bible studies: “Truth, Love, and Freedom: Domestic Violence in the Church.”
- An abuse awareness seminar for pastors.
- Awareness sessions at pastoral meetings, and orientation for new pastors.
- The receipt of an enditnow pastor’s kit by each pastor.
- Distribution of more



Enditnow campaign supporters for First Church in Huntsville, Ala.

a partner. (Source: National Domestic Violence Hotline.)

pastors. The previous Abuse Prevention

than 5,000 brochures, buttons, bookmarks, and



SHIRLEY SCOTT

Union Springs, Ala., Church women's ministries group show off their "I Love Me" T-shirts in front of the court house where they passed out literature and set-up an enditnow booth.

wristbands to women's ministries leaders to assist in the enditnow campaign on Sabbath, August 22, 2015.

•Congregations addressed by 25 percent of

the pastors/pastors' wives.

- Newspaper publications, invitations to guest city officials, and courthouse visits.
- Enditnow video



MARGIA ALLISON

Pictured are John Lake (left), Daphne city councilman; Shirley Scott, Conference women's ministries director; Edith Fraser, Ph.D., facilitator for the enditnow seminar at Gethsemane Church in Daphne, Ala.; and Marvin Allison Sr., pastor.



MARVIN L. ALLISON SR.

Attendees at the Gethsemane Church enditnow seminar



JOSEPH JONES

This enditnow seminar began the kick-off held at the Ephesus Church in Birmingham, Ala.

shown to congregations.

•A Conference-wide enditnow campaign tour in August by the women's ministries director visiting a church each Sabbath, including one Latino church.

•Using professionals to deliver Sabbath messages and present workshops.

•The service of state directors, area, and local women's ministries leaders as liaisons, to ensure no less than 50 percent of the churches participated.

Why all the fuss about bringing awareness of

abuse against women, children, and men? Because a great percentage of child predators are people you know and trust. Because by launching an enditnow campaign, awareness is raised, and homes, churches, and communities are made safe places for victims. Because the South Central Conference is intentional about doing their part to enditnow. And, because "Love Doesn't Hurt."

With your help and support, South Central Conference CAN enditnow.

—BY SHIRLEY SCOTT

## Students Manage Research Project as Professor Recovers After Surgery

Crystal Catarama first began working at Southern Adventist University's Human Performance Lab in 2012 alongside its director, Harold Mayer, Ph.D. Even before her first day on the job, she recognized what a great opportunity this was: hands-on learning that offered preparation for success in her future career.

"As a biology pre-med major, faculty really stressed to me the importance of doing research," Catarama said. "So, when I heard about the job opening, I rushed to apply because I was excited to work with Dr. Mayer and study something that I love and can apply to my own life."

It was a fascinating time to join the lab team. Mayer had just launched a double-blind study to analyze how training



*Crystal Catarama, senior biology major, helped lead a double-blind study measuring metabolic efficiency in Southern's Human Performance Lab.*

levels could impact fat loss and long-term metabolic efficiency. The project thrived until early 2015 when Mayer discovered he needed a five-vessel open-heart bypass surgery which would require him to take off the entire fall semester

for recovery. Catarama, a senior and Dean's List student, agreed to lead the study in his absence alongside a handful of fellow undergraduate lab workers: Amadeius Cheadle, Nicholas McCall, Emily Scriven, Peter Scriven, and Danilo Velozo.

The team's responsibilities include recruiting study participants, vetting them for exclusion, scheduling appointments, designing detailed 10-week meal plans, and testing participants to measure resting metabolic rate, maximal oxygen consumption, residual volume, and hydrostatic weight.

Participants undergo a two-week cleanse and diet without any exercise to see how the diet affects metabolism before factoring in exercise. After eight weeks of exercise, with weekly check-ins and adjustments,

student lab workers repeat all of the initial tests, compile data, analyze statistics, and present the findings to each participant as a means to maximize their personal fitness goals.

The study has seen more weight loss — accompanied by a higher reduction in body fat percentage — than was anticipated. In their most recent semester, all but one participant experienced a 5- to 24-pound drop in the 10-week time frame.

"We are proud of the lab and the many people being helped," Mayer said. "I'm very grateful for the students who kept the study going through this semester, and look forward to presenting our research at the National American College of Sports Medicine meeting in 2016."

—BY ANGELA BAERG

## Southern Receives \$1.6 Million Corporate Gift, Largest Ever from a Chattanooga Business

Southern Adventist University recently received \$1.6 million from a Chattanooga-area business that wishes to remain anonymous. The funds will make a significant difference for students; \$1 million of the contribution is designated for bolstering Southern's endowment, which supports scholarships, and remaining monies are for improvements to the University's library and campus green spaces.

The desire to grow this endowment is a critical component of Southern's Vision 20/20 Strategic Plan. According to Tom Verrill, senior vice president for financial administration, \$1 million generates \$45,000 of interest annually for scholarships. These increased funds allow students to spend more time focusing on academics and less on money issues.

While the magnitude of

this gift is unique, investments by local businesses in the University are not uncommon. Chattanooga leaders enjoy the availability and caliber both of recent graduates who work for them, and current students who intern and perform significant amounts of volunteer work in the community.

"When visiting downtown I often hear from business leaders how much

they appreciate our students," said Gordon Bietz, D.Min., Southern Adventist University president. "There is consensus that these young people are a credit to our University and the city. This gift certainly illustrates that point — others agree Southern is making meaningful contributions to Chattanooga."

—STAFF REPORT



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For more information, visit [southern.edu/archaeology](http://southern.edu/archaeology).

### Bluegrass Concert, November 22

WSMC, Southern’s radio station, has been airing the Cowboy Jubilee program for many years. Each fall WSMC presents a free concert hosted by the show’s creator, Bill McCallie. Embracing its bluegrass roots, this year’s performance takes place just minutes from campus in a large barn that seats more than 200 people and is regularly used for events. The concert lasts from 5-8 p.m.

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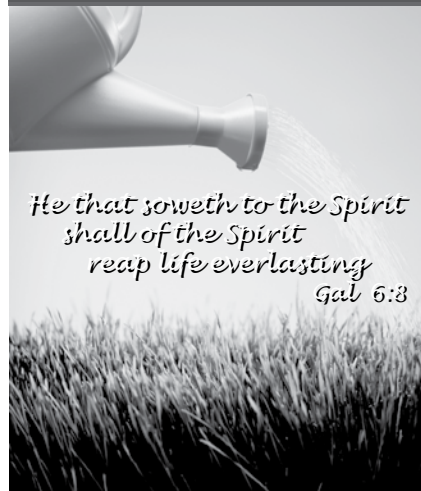
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## Carolina

**Elders' Certification** – Nov. 6, 7. Fayetteville Church. Presenting Session #2, Visitation.

**Carolina Ministerial Spouses Retreat** – Nov. 6-8. NPR.

**Community Services Retreat** – Nov. 13-15. NPR.

**MPA Christmas Concert** – Dec. 11, 12. MPA.

**Generous Living Rally** – Jan. 30. Charlotte Sharon Church.

**Generous Living Summit** – Jan. 31. NPR.

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Nov. 8. Winter Haven, Avon Park, Arcadia, Cap Coral, Fort Myers, Lehigh Acres, Naples.

Nov. 9. Port Charlotte, North Port, Sarasota, Bradenton, Brandon, Tampa First.

Nov. 15. Cocoa, Fort Pierce, Midport, West Palm Beach First. (Southeastern Conference: Palm Bay, Port St. Lucie)

Nov. 22. Palm Coast, Palatka, St. Augustine, Orange Cove, Jacksonville First, Jacksonville Southpoint. (Southeastern Conference: Jacksonville

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## Planned Giving and Trust Services Clinic

Nov. 7. Avon Park.

## Georgia-Cumberland

**Pathfinder Teen Challenge** – Nov. 6-8. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.

**Prayer Ministries Day** – Nov. 7. Chattanooga First Church, TN.

**Personal Ministries Rallies**

Nov. 7. 2-5 p.m. Heritage Academy, Monterey, TN.

Nov. 21. 2-5 p.m. Sweetwater Company, TN.

**Magnify Praise Band Festival** – Nov. 12-14. Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, GA.

**South Georgia Convocation** – Nov. 14. Albany, GA.

**Association Board Meeting** – Dec. 2. Conference Office, Calhoun, GA.

**Finance Subcommittee Meeting** – Dec. 2. Conference Office, Calhoun, GA.

**Camerata Festival of Carols** – Dec. 12. Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, GA.

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## Gulf States

**Epic Alamisco Teen Weekend** – Nov. 13-15. Camp Alamisco.

**Elders'/Deacons' Retreat** – Dec. 4-6. Camp Alamisco.

**Executive Committee** – Dec. 14. Conference Office.

**Pathfinder Council Meeting** – Jan. 8-10. Camp Alamisco.

**Education Fair** – Jan. 24, 25. Grades 5-8. Bass Memorial Academy.

## Kentucky-Tennessee

**Adventurer Camporee** – Nov. 6-8. Indian Creek Camp.

**Highland Academy Board** – Nov. 12. & Jan. 21. Highland Academy.

**Elders' Certification Training** – Nov. 13-15. Indian Creek Camp.

**Conference Executive Committee** – Dec. 8. & Jan. 26. Conference Office.

**Ministers' Meetings** – Jan. 11-14. Indian Creek Camp.

**CREATION Health Workshop** – Feb. 9. Conference Office.

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Charleston, SC	5:25	5:20	5:16	5:14	5:13	5:14
Charlotte, NC	5:24	5:19	5:15	5:12	5:11	5:11
Collegedale, TN	5:42	5:37	5:33	5:30	5:29	5:30
Huntsville, AL	4:48	4:43	4:39	4:36	4:35	4:36
Jackson, MS	5:06	5:02	4:58	4:56	4:55	4:56
Louisville, KY	5:39	5:32	5:28	5:24	5:23	5:23
Memphis, TN	5:01	4:56	4:52	4:49	4:48	4:48
Miami, FL	5:36	5:33	5:30	5:29	5:29	5:31
Montgomery, AL	4:51	4:46	4:42	4:40	4:40	4:40
Nashville, TN	4:46	4:41	4:36	4:34	4:32	4:33
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