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# The Church's Response to the Recent National Crises



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The multiple news clips and images we've seen in the last several days surrounding the civilian and law enforcement officer shootings have been graphic and heart breaking. These horrific, tragic killings shine a light on the fears that millions of members of our community live with every day. Clearly, our nation is in crisis, and so are the varied religious communities inclusive of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. When I think in terms of the crisis intervention of the Church in response to the nationwide panic, fear, anger, and feelings of helplessness prevailing in the lives of so many families and citizens in grief, there are some critical considerations that come to mind.

It is important to note from the outset of the Church's approach to responding that any meaningful crisis intervention is a way of providing immediate, temporary, "emotional first aid" to victims of psychological and physical trauma. The Church must react skillfully and quickly to deal with behaviors of those most keenly affected, which are often disorganized, confused, and potentially harmful. Since crises of violent shootings happen suddenly and are usually of limited duration, they are best addressed as soon as possible after they arise. There are several goals the local community church can pursue in its quest to therapeutically respond:

- To help residents cope effectively with the crisis of violence, and return to his or her usual level of functioning.
- To decrease the anxiety, apprehension, and other insecurities that may persist during the crisis and after it passes.
- To teach crisis-management techniques, so the person is better prepared to anticipate and deal with future crises.
- To consider biblical teachings about crises, so the person learns from the crisis and grows as a result.

Trained chaplains, Christian counselors, psychologists, or mental health professionals are valuable resources to assist in fostering the above response.

It is also important for pastors and church members to note that people in crisis may never come to you for help. Often we must go to others to show our warmth, understanding, and genuine interest. Listen carefully so you can understand the unique concerns and points of view before making suggestions for action. Eye contact can reassure people in crisis that they are not alone. Even when there are no words, appropriate touch can communicate care and bring great comfort.

The Christian church resource person must never lose sight of the indwelling presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit, along with the comforting words and promises of Scripture. These can be sources of great strength and direction during crises. Some church leaders use Scripture as a hammer to push or manipulate people in crisis to do what they think should be done. This is neither helpful nor ethical. Instead, Scripture should be presented as truth, along with the expectation that the Holy Spirit will use it as He desires in the life of the angry, grieving, or crisis-driven person.

The prayers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the southern hemisphere of the United States will ascend for the families of all of the recent victims of violence. Our prayers will petition God's healing, recuperative power for the deep pangs of grief affecting everyone in crisis on the heels of these violent tragedies.

Please join us, the Southern Union family, for a special day of prayer on August 12, 2016, for grieving families, victims, and reconciliation between special interest groups and law enforcement. 🕊

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## WHEN GRACE STANDS TALL

BY LYNELL LAMOUNTAIN

**A Long Time Ago...**  
An old ship floundered in a storm. All aboard perished, but one man who clung to debris and became a castaway on a deserted island. Weeks later, his hut burst into flames by a rogue lightning bolt. He dropped to his knees and watched the smoke rise upward. Exhausted, he fell asleep, not caring if he ever awakened.

A stranger startled him awake the next morning. “How did you find me?” the castaway asked, rubbing his eyes. The stranger smiled. “We saw your smoke signal,” he said. “You’re safe now. Let’s get you home.” The castaway rose slowly to his feet with abundant joy for the newfound life that was now his.

### Marooned

Each day we pass people who believe they are controlled and manipulated by life’s circumstances. They feel stuck in their situation, with hardly any hope of rescue. Sometimes we see them making choices that only make things worse, and we won-

der *why do they do things that only fill their lives with more pain?*

Why? Here’s the short answer: People will trade future health and prosperity for short-term pleasure or relief. It’s hard to plan for tomorrow when you’re struggling through today.

Most people do one of two things with their pain: get rid of it (but it’s hard to get rid of pain when you don’t know its cause), or numb it — doing whatever it takes to lessen their discomfort in the moment.

### Sacrificing Long-term Health for Short-term Relief

According to the CREATION Health seminar ([www.CreationHealth.com](http://www.CreationHealth.com)), these are the eight root causes (pain points) that compel people into unhealthy habits that make them feel good *right now*, but create chronic disease in the long-term: anger and frustration, low self-esteem or self-worth, economic disparity, hopelessness and emotional despair, loneliness and social isolation, lack of information or education, stress, and a meaningless existence.

It’s human nature to sacrifice long-term health for short-term relief.

People are *driven* to find relief any way possible: substance addictions, workaholicism, illicit relationships, consuming foods that make them feel good *now*, materialism, popularity, fame, unhealthy ambitions, and violence, to name a few. In the end, some commit suicide, the tenth leading cause of death in the United States, because their pain is too much to take ([www.CreationHealth.com](http://www.CreationHealth.com)).

### Right Arm of the Gospel

When we glimpse *why* people hurt and how they’re trying to feel better, we realize there’s more to the *right arm of the Gospel* than a cooking class, as important as it is to teach people how to eat for good health and long life.

### Entering THEIR World

That’s why in health ministry we use Christ’s method: “Christ’s method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one



who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, **ministered to their needs**, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, ‘Follow Me,’” *Ministry of Healing*, page 143.

“For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him **might be saved**,” John 3:16, 17 NKJV.

Jesus Christ came to us so we could go with Him.

### An Urgent Crisis

A disease that is shipwrecking millions of people today is diabetes. Offering an ongoing reversing diabetes class is one of the most effective ways for a local church to enter its community today. Type 2 diabetes is a national epidemic. Most alarming is the millions of people who are at risk but don’t know.

Type 2 diabetes is predominantly the result of lifestyle choices, **but there are exceptions**. Remember, too, that people use food to satisfy emotional needs. Knowing this helps us to enter their world with compassion to extend Christ’s grace, healing their real hurts once and for all in a way that earns their trust and honors the Great Physician.

These are the health issues from which people with diabetes might suffer: high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, heart disease and stroke, blindness and other eye problems (in 2005-2008, of adults with diabetes aged 40 years old or older, 655,000 had advanced diabetic retinopathy), kidney disease (diabetes was listed as

the primary cause of kidney failure in 44 percent of all new cases in 2011), amputations (in 2010, about 73,000 non-traumatic lower-limb amputations were performed on those aged 20 years old or older diagnosed with diabetes).

*Here are three things you can do to make a difference:*

1. Learn if you’re pre-diabetic.

Go to [www.SouthernUnion.com/Health](http://www.SouthernUnion.com/Health) and take the diabetes self-assessment provided by the American Diabetes Association.

2. Consider becoming a reversing diabetes teacher.

One of the best reversing diabetes programs in the United States is located in the Southern Union. It was developed and is taught by Stephen and Karen Wickham of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. Their reversing diabetes class has received national attention. You can find their videos on YouTube by searching “Reversing Diabetes Grundy” (Grundy is their home county). They will be conducting another Reversing Diabetes Training for the Southern Union in 2017.

3. Stay informed.

Visit [www.SouthernUnion.com/Health](http://www.SouthernUnion.com/Health) and sign-up for our health-related emails to stay informed of when/where the Wickhams’ training, and other excellent health training seminars, will be offered throughout the Southern Union in 2017.

### CREATION Health

Two additional health issues that are inflicting massive pain and suffering are fa-

tigue and stress. The CREATION Health seminar is a great outreach program to help people struggling with these lifestyle issues. Church leaders are reporting great success using this model because of its focus on the whole person. The Southern Union will be offering CREATION Health training again in 2017.

### Other Resources

Our Church has many wonderful lifestyle programs. Here are three great ones:

**Well Source’s Eight Weeks to Wellness™** by Don Hall, Dr.PH. (<http://myllh.org>): It combines the latest evidence-based population health research and tested behavior change principles to help participants achieve a healthier lifestyle.

**New Start** ([www.NewStart.com](http://www.NewStart.com)): The NEWSTART Lifestyle Program is a health recovery program designed to prevent and reverse disease through natural methods.

**CHIP** ([www.adventistchip.org](http://www.adventistchip.org)): The Complete Health Improvement Program uses a scientifically sound approach to help people improve their health.

### Rise

A common theme in the life of Christ is “rise.” He told the lame to rise. He uplifted people in mind, body, and soul. He Himself was raised on a cross and then rose from the grave. And, one day soon He will return and we will rise to join Him in the clouds of glory.

It has always been the aim of health ministry to relieve suffering and uplift people, helping them to enjoy the abundant life



## STARTLING STATISTICS

The following information comes from The National Diabetes Report (which you may find at [www.SouthernUnion.com/Health](http://www.SouthernUnion.com/Health) along with the other links mentioned in this article):

- 29.1 million people have diabetes (9.3 percent of the U.S. population)
- 21 million have been diagnosed
- 8.1 million have been undiagnosed
- 37 percent of U.S. adults 20 years old and older are pre-diabetic
- 51 percent of those 65 years old and older are pre-diabetic
- It's estimated that 86 million Americans, aged 20 years or older, are pre-diabetic

promised by Jesus in John 10:10. But, it starts with us entering their world so we can help them rise.

### Become Christ to Someone

A deacon took his youth group to a nursing home every month to hold a worship service. In their first meeting, during worship, an old man in a wheelchair reached for the deacon's hand and held it during the service. This happened monthly until one week when the man was missing. The staff reported that he was ill and unlikely to survive the night.

The deacon found his room, where the

man was lying in the bed unconscious. He reached for the old man's hand and started praying, and the old man, still unconscious, eyes still closed, squeezed the deacon's hand tightly. A few moments after the prayer had ended, he let go.

With tears rolling down his cheeks, the deacon left the room. He bumped into a woman outside in the hallway.

"I'm his daughter," she said. "He's been waiting for you." She took his hand. "My father told me, 'Once a month Jesus comes and holds my hand, and I don't want to die until I have a chance to hold the hand of Jesus one more time.'"

Becoming Jesus to somebody...that is the *right arm* of the Gospel.

Every town has castaways marooned on islands of suffering. Find them. Help them. Relieve suffering. Rescue them. Uplift them.

*Become Jesus Christ to somebody.*

Help them *rise* so they can finally see how tall they really are in the love and grace of Jesus Christ. 🕊

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## WINDOWS OF HEAVEN

BY MARIEL LOMBARDI

The Atlanta First Hispanic Church in Tucker, Georgia, has for many years presented a segment before the main worship service called “Test Jesus.” Every Sabbath a church member tells an experience where he or she has dedicated his money, time, or anything else as a proof of trust in God, and has been clearly answered with a blessing. One Sabbath in March 2015, the following experience was presented.

Melanie Ayala, a seven-year-old girl, had the task of collecting the mail every day, sorting it, and distributing the letters to the members of her family. Her parents, Osvaldo and Yaime Ayala, promised to pay \$1 each day; and, if she saved her earnings, they would match the amount she had saved when her birthday came the next February, so she could buy herself a birthday gift. Melanie was a very smart girl, and understood the benefits of working and saving her money. She did it with great enthusiasm throughout 2015.

One Sabbath in early December, during the children’s story time at church, the person in charge did something different. She told a short story about the joy of giving, and explained to the children that when Christmas comes, instead of the church members bringing gifts to put under the tree for them, the church was going to collect money to send to a very poor congregation in the Dominican Republic, so that the children there could have nice Christmas gifts. The children always looked forward to Christmas, because the gifts the members usually bought were very nice; however, they seemed to agree with the plan. Personally, as I observed the situation, I wondered if they really understood that they would not receive any gifts from the church this Christmas. Meanwhile, Melanie listened carefully to everything that was said.

That Sabbath during lunch, to the surprise of her parents, Melanie said, “I would like to



Seven-year old Melanie Ayala (second from left) with her family, Osvaldo (left), Yaime, and Melina

donate all the money I’ve saved during the year, so the children in the Dominican Republic can have nice Christmas presents.” Her father, highly surprised, explained that if she did that, she would not be able to buy a special birthday present for herself in February because there would be no money to match. He asked her to think about it carefully, and then she answered with certainty, “I know that if I give something to Jesus, He gives me something back.” Osvaldo Ayala, concerned about whether she fully understood, and not wanting her tender faith to be disappointed, told her that things might not work the way she imagined. Jesus would bless her for sure, but probably in a different way than she expected. He insisted that she needed to think a little more about her decision. But, Melanie seemed to be sure of what she wanted to do. She put all her savings in an envelope, and then brought it very happily to the temple the following Sabbath.

After Christmas, the church received photos that showed the Dominican children with their gifts. The pictures were shown during the children’s story time.

In February, Melanie’s birthday came, and there was no gift from her parents. They honored what they had told her when she decided to give her money to the poor children, and only gave her some candy. As loving parents, they were afraid that she would regret her act of generosity. However, to Melanie’s surprise, a package with her name on it ar-

rived. Opening it, she saw a beautiful dress with a matching coat. A church member who knew what she had done during Christmas decided to send her the gift. Melanie was very happy. “It is the most beautiful gift I have ever received,” she said. To her, that was a blessing. Meanwhile, her father thought that even though Melanie was happy, someone who knew what she had done and probably was as concerned as they were that Melanie would feel sad for losing her chance of a nice gift, had sent the present. He appreciated the gesture, but was not convinced that it was a blessing from God.

Melanie went to school that day. It was customary in her class to celebrate a child’s birthday in the classroom. Melanie knew it, but the surprise she received was really unexpected. Her classmates were waiting for her at the door with a crown. No child had been honored to receive one before. They put it on her head, and escorted her to where they had prepared the nicest party and the most presents she had ever seen in her class. When she arrived home, she kept repeating that this was the happiest birthday of her life. She continued receiving gifts for two days.

This story was a lesson for her parents — and for me personally — who did not believe that the children understood the concept of what they were being asked to do for Christmas.

God asks his people to be like children, to put their trust in Him without limits. He says, “Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done,” Proverbs 19:17. Also, He admonishes, “Test me, and I will open the windows of heaven until it overflows,” Malachi 3:10. ●

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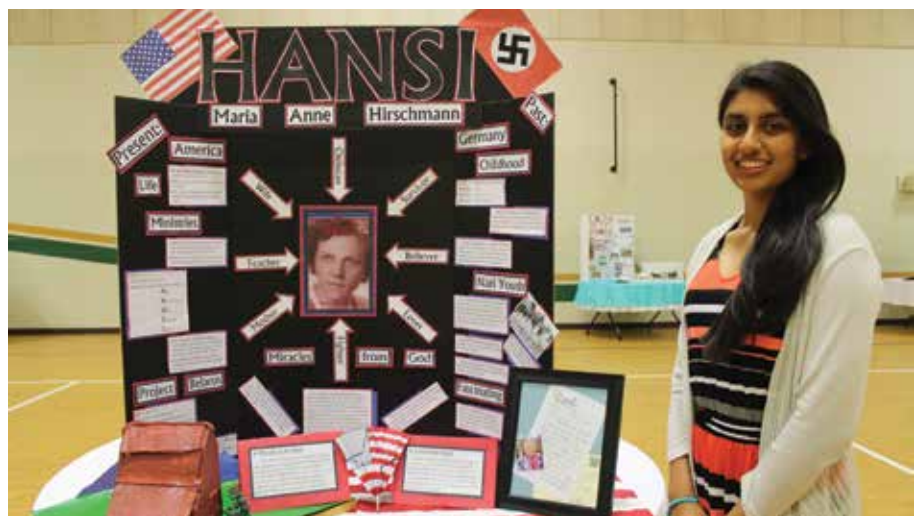
# STUDENT HEARS FROM WWII SURVIVOR WORKING ON HISTORY PROJECT

BY SIDDHI PATEL AND VALERIE HUNT

When my teacher announced a United States history research project, I wondered what topic I should choose. At first, I wanted to research teenagers who survived the Holocaust in World War II. As I searched for books, the librarian, Lynette Fernando, suggested Hansi, the story of a teenage girl in World War II, and how God worked miracles through her life. Though I had checked out several other books, I happened to pick up Hansi first. As soon as I started to read the book, I couldn't put it down. The story was so compelling that I finished reading the book in no time. I was especially fascinated with her testimony. Needless to say, I chose to research Maria Anne Hirschmann, the author of Hansi, for my history museum project.

I couldn't wait to begin researching more about Hansi's (Maria Anne Hirschmann's nickname) life. I learned some facts at school, and then looked her up online at home. I listened to her giving her testimony on YouTube. I also found out that Hansi is still living, and operates a ministry based in Hawaii.

I searched for more links with information about Hansi, but found none. I wondered, "What if I could contact Hansi? Would she give me more details about her life? Would she give me an autograph? I checked the Hansi Ministries' website to see if I could contact her. The next day at school, I asked my eighth grade teacher at Bowman Hills School in Cleveland, Tenn., Valerie Hunt, if it was possible for me to contact Hansi. She thought it was a good idea and helped me compose an email. I asked if she might send me a picture and an



Siddhi Patel was given a U.S. history research project for World War II, and she chose the life of Maria Anne Hirschmann, nicknamed Hansi. Hansi was brainwashed by Hitler, made Hitler her God, even stopped believing in God. Hansi kept seeing God in her life, and gave her life to Him, writing a book on her experience that was turned into a comic book published in 1973, "Hansi, the Girl Who Loved the Swastica."

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autograph. I didn't expect her to reply for a long time. One morning, just a week later, my teacher said, "Siddhi, I have something for you." I wondered what it might be. "Here's a letter for you from Honolulu."

When she handed me the envelope, it read "Hansi Ministries, God Bless You!" I was extremely excited. I smiled and screamed with excitement. I felt like Hansi's number one fan. It was the most amazing experience of my life. I thought, "Forget about actors and singers, I got a picture and an autograph from Maria Anne Hirschmann, Grandma Hansi — a servant of God!"

For the history project, a museum display, I had to create an artifact. I made a diorama depicting one of the miracles God

performed in Hansi's life. I used her autograph and picture in my display, and eagerly shared with museum visitors not only Hansi's story but my story of contacting her.

This experience was out-of-the-world *amazing*. It impacted my life in many ways. I read in the book how Hansi was brainwashed by Hitler, and how Hitler became "god" to her. She completely stopped believing in God. But, God was still with Hansi everywhere she went. Eventually she recognized God's miraculous intervention, and devoted her life to serving Him. I realized something important: Even if you feel as if you don't believe in God and don't have a close relationship with Him, He, the Almighty Lord, will always be with you wherever you go. 🙏



# IT'S WORTH IT

BY AMY CIRIGLIANO



Cheyenne Diabo and Nicole Bodiongan are two of Highland's students who were baptized this year.



Every penny spent on telling someone about Jesus is always worth it," shared a Highland Academy anonymous donor. It's so true — every penny is worth it! Highland Academy has been celebrating baptisms all school year long.

From early in the 2015-2016 school year, the baptisms started. Sabbath, August 8, 2015, Caleigh Graham, a sophomore from Portland, Tennessee, was baptized. Rachel Turner, a junior from Lexington, Kentucky, gave her heart to Jesus through baptism on Sabbath, September 25, 2015.

At the Southern Union Prayer Conference on Sabbath, January 23, 2016, several students were baptized together: George Moyo, a junior from Cincinnati, Ohio; Krista Kassaw, a junior from Memphis, Tennessee; and Amy Minakawa, a sophomore from Collegedale, Tennessee.

Two more students, Nicole Bodiongan, a

junior from Houston, Texas, and Cheyenne Diabo, a senior from Taylor Mill, Kentucky, were baptized in a pond near the Highland Academy campus on Sabbath, April 16, 2016.

Sabbath, May 21, 2016, Cheyenne Thurman, a senior from Memphis, Tennessee, also gave her heart to Jesus through baptism, as did Sara Bagshaw, a senior from Portland, Tennessee, with her younger sister, Alyssa Bagshaw.

Diabo shared, "Getting baptized was the best decision I could make. It's bigger than getting married or graduating, because in the end those things aren't going to get me to Heaven. A lot has led to this baptism. I've found answers to my questions on the existence of God. I took individual Bible studies before I went to the Southern Union Prayer Conference. The Prayer Conference definitely helped me in my final decision to get

baptized. Since then, I've pushed myself to study more deeply. I go to our campus Bible studies every week, and do my own studies in the morning and at night."

Encounters with Jesus happen in many ways at Highland Academy. These encounters happen through prayer and devotions at the beginning of each class, through weekly assemblies and Vespers programs, Sabbath School and church, Bible studies, outreach activities to eastern Kentucky and the local community, community services days and mission trips, and by surrounding Highland students with faculty who love the Lord, teaching them and training them for a life of service.

Rest assured that every penny spent on telling someone about Jesus at Highland Academy is always worth it. Highland is celebrating 10 baptisms this year! ●

# SENSELESS KILLINGS MUST STOP

*136 black men killed by police in 2016. Eight police officers killed. What are pastors and churches doing about it?*

BY R. STEVEN NORMAN III

Many pastors have been ministering to the members and communities who are dealing with the brutal killing of 136 black people in 2016 by police officers (theguardian.com), and the eight police officers killed in Dallas and Baton Rouge.

The high rate of black men killed by police and the killing of police officers hits close to home for many Adventists.

It hits home for Darlene Jenkins, a wife and mother in Nashville. She says, “Fear gripped my heart when I heard of the shooting deaths of Mr. Sterling, and then of Mr. Castile. I knew either one of these men could have been my husband, one of my three sons, or son-in-law.”

It hits close to home when we recognize that we are all brothers and sisters. But, it really hurts when it is your relative. Alton Sterling, the man killed in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was a distant cousin of Carlton P. Byrd, D.Min., Oakwood University Church senior pastor and speaker/director of Breath of Life Ministries, and his mother, Carol Sterling Byrd, Southeastern Conference superintendent of education.

It comes home also for Adventists who are involved in law enforcement or have relatives who are.

## Why Are Adventists Responding?

Pastors and churches are responding because they want to see the killing end — the killing of black men and women by police officers, as well as retaliatory



Some of the nearly 100 members of Riverside Chapel in Nashville, Tennessee, gathered in the Legislative Plaza in front of the Capitol to ignite love when the country is burning with hate, prejudice, and fear.

killing of police officers. They respond because of the failure of the police force and justice system to bring policemen to justice, and because addressing these issues is a biblical and social responsibility.

Richardo Daphnis, pastor of Ephesus Church in Bainbridge, Georgia, points to the Adventist mission as the reason for his involvement, “The Adventist church has a prophetic voice not just to say it’s a ‘sign of the times,’ but we are also called to be repairers of the breach. We are called to

bring hope and healing to all hearts.”

Furman Fordham, pastor of Riverside Chapel in Nashville, Tennessee, held a prayer vigil at the Legislative Plaza during which he said, “The tragic events of this past week ignited a firestorm of emotions — anger, rage, hatred, and fear. But today, as a Church, we are here to ignite another — love.”

## What Are Adventist Churches Doing?

Fredrick Russell, pastor of Berean Church in Atlanta, Georgia, is hosting a series of “Know Your Rights” forums designed to empower black males with information about their legal rights, and how to survive an encounter with the police.



Fredrick Russell, pastor of the 4,200-member Berean Church in Atlanta, Georgia, told his congregation, “We must have a Christian response to these matters.” Berean is hosting a series of “Know Your Rights” forums designed to empower black males with information about their legal rights, and how to survive an encounter with the police.

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Some of the nearly 100 members of Riverside Chapel in Nashville, Tennessee, place flowers on a memorial set up for Alton Sterling and Philandro Castile, the two black men killed by policemen, and five police officers killed in Dallas, Texas.

Jonathan Shepherd of Lima Drive in Lexington, Kentucky, and Anita Fernander, Ph.D., a faculty member at the University of Kentucky, held a healing circle for the students on campus where they listened to the reading of the names of the 136 African-Americans killed by police officers since January 1, 2016, and then engaged in healing exercises.

John Nixon II, D.Min., pastor of Decatur Church in Decatur, Georgia, and his members joined with area churches for an interdenominational prayer walk/march for change, healing, and peace.

A number of Georgia-Cumberland pastors joined political leaders, law enforcement officers, and clergy from multiple denominations who met at the Carter Presidential Center in Atlanta, to participate in the launching of the One Congregation One Precinct (ICIP) initiative. ICIP is a

grassroots organization to connect communities with law enforcement in an effort to reduce misunderstanding and mistrust.

In the greater Orlando, Florida, area, where many Adventist churches are still busy ministering to a community that is heartbroken over the killings of 50 individuals at the Pulse Club last month, Lindsay M. Syeh, associate pastor at Patmos Chapel in Winter Park, reports that Patmos Chapel opened its doors to facilitate a conversation that would bring hope and clarity on how the community can pick up the pieces to bring healing and restoration.

La Esperanza Church in North Miami Beach, showed *Grace Card*, a Christian film about grace and forgiveness that tackles prejudice, loss, and grief.

Curtis Powell of Miami Bethany Church sent two groups into the community. One

visited their neighbors to offer prayers for peace, and distribute literature. A second group marched to the Northside Police District with Bethany's Pathfinder drum corps beating drums for justice, peace, and healing.

Everton A. Ennis, D.Min., pastor of New Jerusalem Praise and Worship Center in Douglasville, Georgia, hosted a community prayer walk and a community town hall meeting that included area clergy, civic officials, and law enforcement officers.



Drake Barber (left), pastor of Shiloh Church in Smyrna, Georgia, prays over law enforcement officers during a community Town Hall meeting sponsored by Everton Ennis (right), D.Min., pastor of New Jerusalem Praise and Worship Fellowship Center in Douglasville, Georgia.

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Georgia-Cumberland Conference pastors attend the launching of ICIP (One Congregation One Precinct): Victor Maddox (left); Rafael Morales; Leroy Sewell; Samuel Bulgin, D.Min.; two officers; Mateus Nanbu; Ricky Holmes, D.Min. (back row, left); Robert Abdul-Karim; Daniel Serban; Jessie Lopez; Edson Patrice; Harold Cunningham; Dúane Schoonard; Matthew Smith; and Neil Reid, D.Min.

### Oakwood University President Leslie N. Pollard Makes a Call to Action

Leslie N. Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., M.B.A., used Facebook in a live message to ask one question — “What can



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**Alfonzo Greene II, associate pastor of Huntsville First Church, Huntsville, Alabama, prays for the safety of black males during church service.**

be done to ensure the safety of our black men?” He proposed a “Call to Action,” grounded in the faith perspectives of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and consistent with the aims of biblical passages such as Micah 6:6-8, Isaiah 58:1-14, Proverbs 31:8-9, and Revelation 14:6-12.

The Facebook live “Call to Action” specifically invited Oakwood graduates who are practicing law to come together on a conference call and brainstorm solutions that can end the violence, and be a redemptive force for justice. Three hundred individuals participated on the conference call.

Southern Adventist University used their Facebook page to express their grief and to promote Pollard’s “Call to Action.”

### “Where Do We Go from Here?”

Ron C. Smith, D.Min., Ph.D., president of the Southern Union, is calling for a Union-wide day of prayer on August 12, 2016.

Leslie D. Louis, president of the Carolina Conference, stated, “As brothers and sisters in Christ of the Carolinas, our hearts grieve with all those who have suffered such incompressible loss of loved ones. To heal the deep-seated wounds of racial injustice, as well as the seeds of all hatred and violence planted only by the arch enemy of mankind, we plead for many more circles of heartfelt prayer, and a passionate quest for the peace of Christ to embrace our communities.”

Mervyn A. Warren, Ph.D., D.Min., former dean of religion and provost at Oakwood University, reminds all of the

query asked by Martin Luther King Jr., Ph.D., half a century ago, when King asked, “Where Do We Go From Here?” His question was accompanied by two alternatives: “Chaos or Community.” He spoke it to all as the *crucial question* not only for then, but also for all crises — present and future.

Long before King, Jesus Christ’s Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5:1-7, 29, laid out the ethical blueprint for human relations and social justice by calling His children to love.

Of course to many people, the word “love” suggests a soft touch that is out of place amid guns, angry voices, and death. But, the “love” created by Jesus Christ and taught by Martin Luther King Jr. *is an active principle that seeks the best for everybody, including yourself.* Such a principle translates into: 1) Love that *respects* all lives; 2) Love that *prays* and *fasts*; 3) Love that *strategizes* on behalf of the community (“wise as a serpent and harmless as a dove,” Matthew 10:16); 4) Love that *engages non-violent direct action* (peaceful demonstration); 5) Love that *votes*; 6) Love that *actively involves itself in the community*; 7) Love that *trusts* in Divine providence.”

In a statement posted on his church website, Joel Honore, pastor of Stone Mountain Church, says, “We can make a real difference.” He continues, “Each day we have an opportunity. Each day we have choices .... Each one of us has a responsibility to defuse the fears that are plaguing our society and killing our nation. Where are we going? You decide.” 📌

## NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

### *Recommendations*

In a statement from the North American Division, Dan Jackson and Alex Bryant, NAD president and executive secretary respectively, addressed the question, “How will we personally and corporately respond?”

#### **We believe that . . .**

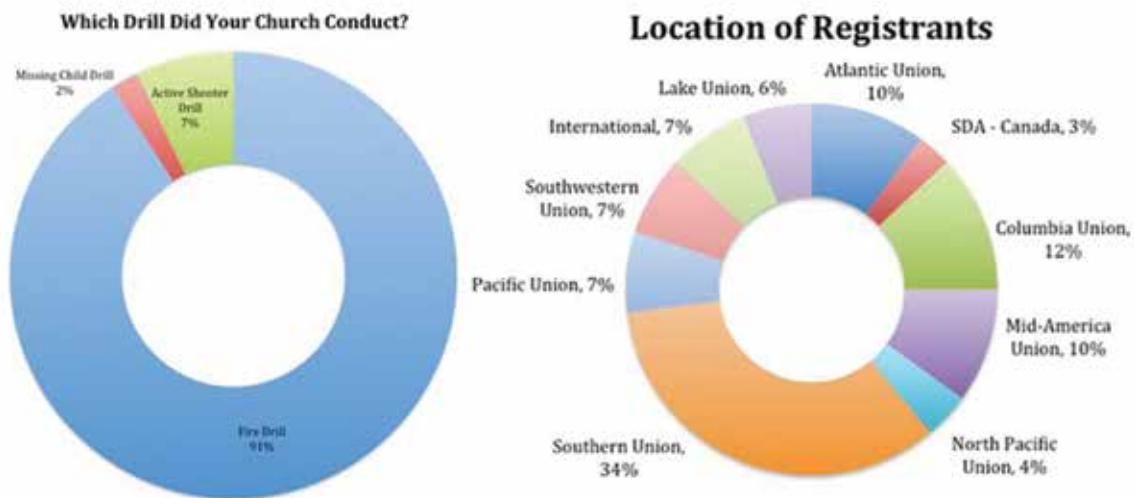
- Now is the time to listen, to hear, and to understand the cry of those living in fear.
- Now is the time for the men and women of the North American Division to stand up and link arms together, in peace and love, to say “NO” to racial inequality; and demonstrate that love is stronger than hate.
- Now is the time for our local congregations, for our state and regional conferences, for our educational and medical institutions to pray together, to engage in creative thinking together, and then to work together to strengthen what we have in common and bring the hope and healing compassion of Jesus to our communities.

*“We pray for peace and compassion to guide our way forward as we acknowledge and seek to heal the hurt and fear that pervades this country. We pray, once again, for the day when all of God’s children, of all races, treat each other with love and respect rather than bias and hate.*”

*“There is neither Jew nor Greek, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus,” Galatians 3:28, NIV.*

**See full statement at [www.adventistreview.org/church-news/story4181-nad-state-ment-on-shooting-deaths-in-louisiana-minnesota-and-texas](http://www.adventistreview.org/church-news/story4181-nad-state-ment-on-shooting-deaths-in-louisiana-minnesota-and-texas)**

# Southern Union Churches Participate in ARM Safety Sabbath



Safety Sabbath was created by Adventist Risk Management, Inc. (ARM), to help keep churches safe with training resources and yearly safety drills held on the fourth Sabbath of March. Fire, missing child, and active shooter drills were options for churches to implement.

More than 280 registrants throughout the North American Division (NAD) participated in Safety Sabbath 2016. ARM received 8,000 page views of the entire Safety Sabbath website. Of the three drills offered — fire, missing child, and

active shooter — the active shooter drill page received the most views, reaching more than 2,500 views.

Ninety-three churches in the Southern Union participated in Safety Sabbath 2016 by registering to hold one of the three drills at their church. The Southern Union had the highest participation in Safety Sabbath of all the nine unions in the NAD.

Of the registered NAD churches that reported participating in Safety Sabbath, 91 percent conducted a fire drill, seven percent conducted the active shoot-

er drill, and two percent conducted the missing child drill. Thirty-four percent of the registered participating groups were located in the Southern Union.

Churches are encouraged and welcomed to conduct emergency drills anytime. The official 2017 Safety Sabbath date is March 25. For more resources on emergency drills and the Safety Sabbath campaign, visit [SafetySabbath.com](http://SafetySabbath.com). 📍

BY ANNA BARTLETT AND IRISENE DOUCE

# New Believers Flourishing



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The evangelistic initiative Revelation of Hope kicked off the summer of 2015 at the Lumber River Church in Pembroke, N.C. This amazing initiative sparked four requests for baptism out of the 25 attendees at the meetings, along with other new attendees joining in on their weekly church services. Immediately following the initiative, Scottie Deal, pastor of Lumber River Church, started a new beginners class to condition this desire for baptism using the North American Division (NAD) four-part New Beginners' Sabbath School lesson.

After the evangelistic meetings were over, Deal arranged a weekend retreat to Nosoca Pines Ranch in Liberty Hill, S.C., for their local church members, visitors, and especially the three new attendees who had been coming as a result of this initiative. To Deal's surprise, all three of the new attendees came. Each day they enjoyed worship in the log cabin, nature walks, recreation, and tasty meals. During this time, Deal shared with

the new attendees the benefits of being part of a Seventh-day Adventist church family. He also used this opportunity to notify them of his transition as a student to Southern Adventist University, but assured them that he would be back at the church every other Sabbath.

The church also held Heroes of Our Faith seminars in October. The three new attendees were there every single night, and even expressed the desire to be baptized. After setting a date, Deal was approached by another individual who had been attending the October meetings, and had the desire to be baptized as well. During Deal's sermon, entitled "Who Will Stand for Jesus?" on October 17, 2015, all four new attendees took their stand and were baptized.

All of the new members are still active. One of the baptism candidates, Judy Pardon, started donating her time in Lumber River's community center while attending the Revelation of Hope series. Prior to the series, Deal

had been praying for a volunteer. After being baptized, she has worked two to three days every single week. Every Wednesday she hands out literature in the community, and once a month she takes women to visit their loved ones in prison. She truly is a servant of God.

Because Deal's studies at Southern often take him away from home, he turned his Wednesday night Bible study meetings into evangelistic evenings, using the Amazing Facts "Here We Stand" 10-part DVD series. The DVDs are a great way to introduce new believers to the fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The videos, along with the weekly study, appeal to their desire to learn. Church elder Ron Klein has been faithfully visiting these new members, and has been nurturing them in the new beginners Sabbath School class. This class is preparing them for an upcoming transition to the adult class. During this preparation, members are helping one of the new attendees learn how to read!

The Lumber River experience proves that God rewards intercessory prayer, vision, service, and perseverance. Please pray for these new members as they are sharing the joy of their new found faith and church family, because it is met with opposition from their families and former church leaders. Fortunately, they have the assurance that they have a pastor and church family who love them. ●

BY SCOTTIE DEAL AND ABBY KING

## "The Blessed Hope" Unveiled at Mount Pisgah Academy

During alumni weekend at Mount Pisgah Academy (MPA) in Candler, N.C., on Sabbath afternoon, April 16, 2016, many gathered in the administration building hall for a special dedicatory ceremony at the unveiling of a print of Nathan Greene's "The Blessed Hope," a painting of Jesus' Second Coming.

Leslie Louis, Carolina Conference presi-

dent, opened the ceremony with prayer and a statement of hope. Louis hoped that the painting would change lives.

"Seeing this picture will help students be so homesick for Heaven that they will be even more committed to remaining faithful to Him, and will long to hear Him say, 'Welcome Home,'" Louis said.

Rick Anderson, MPA principal, gave the

history of the generous gift. He explained that MPA was contacted by the North American Division (NAD) Education Department, as was every academy, and given the opportunity to receive a large Nathan Greene print of "The Blessed Hope," thanks to generous, private donations through the NAD Education Department.

Louis and Katie Woodcock, MPA student

association president, unveiled the picture. Those in attendance responded with reverent applause, smiles, and tears. The staff and student double quartet sang “Lift Up the Trumpet, and Loud Let it Ring: Jesus is Coming Again!” — a fitting song for the occasion.

Nancy Wilson, MPA alumna and wife of Ted Wilson, General Conference president, shared thoughtful words to those gathered. She reminded everyone that God doesn’t lie (Hebrews 6:18), and that He has promised to come again (John 14:1-3). She also encouraged them to remember the reality of the soon Second Coming of Jesus (1 Thesalonians 4:13-18).

“Nothing in this life matters,” she said. “The only thing that matters is that we remain faithful.”



PHOTO BY: STELLA BRADLEY

Leslie Louis and Katie Woodcock unveil Nathan Green’s “The Blessed Hope” painting in the administration building.

Wilson then told about some of the people that Nathan Greene used as models for the picture, which took more than a year to paint. Stories included the little girl rising from the grave, the couple receiving the in-

fant, an elderly couple, and others. Each of these depictions represents real people and real hope. She concluded by reminding the group that “despite all of the pain, challenges, and disappointments in this world...we will see [this scene] for ourselves — very soon, I believe.”

Bethany Sheridan, student association pastor, closed the ceremony with a prayer.

The print, which is continuously illuminated, causes students, parents, staff, community members, and campus visitors to pause as they enter the MPA administration building. It serves as a beautiful reminder of the ultimate goal of Heaven, and why MPA exists. ●

BY STELLA BRADLEY

# Prison Ministries Brings Hope to South Carolina Inmates



Lieber Correctional Institution church plant leaders



2015 baptisms



2016 baptisms

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Every Sabbath, Seventh-day Adventist congregations in South Carolina hold services to worship the Lord — even in prison.

The Lord has greatly blessed the work of prison ministries in the correctional institutions of South Carolina, which has resulted in the growth of prison worship groups, and in the salvation of incarcerated souls. Recently the group in Lieber Correctional Institution in Ridgeville, S.C., was approved as a church plant by the Carolina Conference. Several other correctional institutions in South Carolina also have inmates who worship together, including Broad River, Evans, Tyger River, MacDougall, and Perry.

Larry Barker, coordinator of South Caroli-

na’s prison ministries, has traveled to churches around the United States as he shares about the ministry’s work. He also coordinates volunteers from Seventh-day Adventist churches in the Carolinas to visit the prisons. These volunteers fellowship with the inmates by worshipping with them on Sabbath, as well as feeding them special meals on Independence Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

Barker, who rededicated his life to the Lord after going to prison four times, began to minister to his fellow inmates while still incarcerated. Jim Wetmore, coordinator of prison ministries for the Carolina Conference, visited Barker in prison and asked him to become involved in prison ministries. Barker was released from prison in 2000, and in 2001

became the coordinator for South Carolina prison ministries.

Through God’s leading, the work of volunteers, and inmates sharing the message, 70 inmates have been baptized, and more than 120 attend church services regularly.

The ministry also impacts the inmates’ families as they witness the positive changes in the lives of their incarcerated loved ones. Some have started to ask questions about Seventh-day Adventist beliefs, and have visited local churches.

As inmates spread the word of the love of Jesus, the Good News continues to bring hope to South Carolina prisons. ●

BY CARIN BARTLETT

# Jewish Congregations Minister to Holocaust Survivor

**B**eth-El Shalom Congregations in St. Petersburg and New Port Richey welcomed Jerry Rawicki, a Holocaust survivor, who shared God's miraculous hand of protection in his life.

When Jeff Zaremsky, the leader of Beth-El Shalom, learned that Rawicki had survived the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, he told him his first thought was, "No one survived the Warsaw Ghetto uprising." And the truth is, almost no one did.

Rawicki survived by one miracle after



Holocaust survivor Jerry Rawicki (seated) is pictured with Jeff Zaremsky who leads the Beth-El Shalom congregations in St. Petersburg and New Port Richey.

another. His powerfully moving story brought tears to him and many in the congregation. A documentary of his story can be seen at: <https://youtu.be/w9es0TQkj8s>.

Rawicki said this experience moved him toward a belief in God. He asked Zaremsky about the Adventist faith, and readily accepted the Jewish Heritage Scripture Studies and Rachel Hyman's CD with songs of the Holocaust. He is reading the studies and enjoying the CD. 🕊

BY JEFF ZAREMSKY

# Kissimmee Church, School Experience God's Generosity



Members and guests gathered on the Kissimmee Church and Osceola Adventist Christian School campus to celebrate the completion of structural improvements, and express gratitude to individuals who gave their professional skills, financial support, and encouragement.

**F**ar beyond wood, nails, brick, and mortar — beyond the sweat, physical determination, and financial commitments of its members — the driving force behind Kissimmee Adventist Church and Osceola Adventist Christian School is the divine mandate to share the message of salvation to the community and the whole world.

For the last five years, with God's guidance and provisions in every aspect of a building project, church members have worked to improve structural shortcomings on the campus that jeopardized steady growth.

By God's grace, more than a dozen major exterior improvements have been

completed. These include retention pond rejuvenation, transfer to city sewage, installation of portable modules to serve as the new church school building, additional Sabbath School classrooms, a new church office, increased water supply for future expansion, enlarged entrance, paved driveway and parking lot, new landscaping and sidewalks, and lighting around the campus.

Interior upgrades were made to improve a new environment where church ministries can be effective: painting, ceramic flooring, ceiling tiles, a state-of-the-art sound system, and carpeting in the children's classrooms.

In light of all these changes, church leaders express deep gratitude to members and friends for thousands of hours of unselfish labor; the availability of heavy equipment to assist in physical efforts; donations of a 6,000-square-foot school building, two school classroom portable buildings, and an office portable building; the generosity of Florida Hospital Kissimmee; and logistical and financial support from Florida Conference and the Southern Union Revolving Fund. 🕊

BY RONALDO DA CUNHA



# Two Port Charlotte Couples Share 60th Anniversary



Lee and Barbara Huff (left) and Don and Betty Pierson celebrated 60 years of marriage on the same day.



Lee and Barbara Huff were married June 17, 1956, in Decatur Church, Ill.

On June 17, 1956, two couples were married who now, 60 years later, are members and leaders of Port Charlotte Church.

Don and Betty Pierson and Lee and Barbara Huff lived in the Emmanuel Missionary College (EMC, now Andrews University) trailer court at the same time after they were first married. The couples had no significant contact with each other until they retired and moved to Port Charlotte, Fla., in 2000, where each couple's married children and grandchildren were living.

Don Pierson and Betty Collins met in 1954 while attending EMC. They were married in the chapel at Cedar Lake Academy in Michigan. Lee Huff and Barbara Hogrewe met at Sunnydale Academy in Centralia, Mo., and were married in Decatur, Ill., in her home church.

After college, Don Pierson worked in various business-related and treasury jobs for the denomination. His appointments included positions in Nigeria, Ghana, England, and the Ivory Coast. In 1982, he went to the retirement department of the North American Division (NAD) where he spent the last 18 years of his career.

During their time in Africa, Betty Pierson

served as the hospitality hostess to visitors, often cooking native foods from scratch. Besides other secretarial jobs through the years, she retired from NAD as a recording secretary.

After seminary training, the Huffs began their pastoral ministry in Michigan. They also pastored churches in Wisconsin, Texas, and Colorado. In 1986, Lee Huff was called to serve as Minnesota Conference president. After conducting several evangelistic series in Ukraine, he became president of the Euro-Asia Division in Moscow, Russia. From this job, he retired.

While in Moscow, Barbara Huff was an administrative assistant, concentrating on communication. In Minnesota Conference, she was communication director, as well as the first women's ministries director. For a few years after retiring in Port Charlotte, she worked as a reporter for the local daily newspaper.

Though retired, the two couples are active in Port Charlotte Church. Don Pierson has been church treasurer and a board member. Betty Pierson works in the Primary Sabbath School Department. Lee Huff is head elder and administrative board chairman. Barbara Huff has been Sabbath School superintendent, newsletter editor, and Vespers co-coordinator.



Don and Betty Pierson were married June 17, 1956, at Cedar Lake Academy, Mich.

The Piersons have two children, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. The Huffs have one child and three grandchildren. Both couples have lost one adult child. ●

BY BARBARA HUFF

# Ellijay Students Experience Unforgettable Safety Day



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It was an exciting day for the students and teachers of Josephine Edwards Christian School in Ellijay, Ga., as they learned first-hand about fire trucks, patrol cars, and the Air Life Georgia helicopter on safety day this past April.

It started as any other Thursday at the Josephine Edwards Christian School in Ellijay, Ga., this past April — all except a sign saying, “Welcome safety officers. Thank you for coming.”

At 1:05 p.m., the fire alarm sounded, and students, teachers, and volunteers all filed out for another fire drill. These happen several times a year, so nothing exciting was expected, but the school safety officer had arranged for Gilmer Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to have a fire truck and firefighters present on fire safety. When they got outside, Firefighter EMT (emergency medical technician) Marshal Rhodes and Firefighter EMT Jeff Satam lit the fire truck lights and sounded the sirens from two Gilmer County’s EMS vehicles.

The children were then treated to a fire safety presentation, with Satam slowly donning his fire equipment and sharing what happens if a firefighter becomes still for too long: His personal alarm begins blaring, which enables other firefighters to find him.

After the firefighter presentation, the students divided into two groups; one went to the ambulance, while the other stayed with “Fireman Jeff” for a fire truck tour. At the fire truck, students were shown rescue and safety items stored on the truck. They even got to blast some water from a hose (with help).

The other students sat in the back of the ambulance while one child was strapped to the gurney and hooked up to the heart monitor, demonstrating how equipment works. Paramedic Keith Elrod explained what happens when a person is in need of emergency medical attention.

Elrod, assisted by Firefighter Paramedic Cheryl Dawson, also opened up a needle to show the children. When he did, the heart rate of the student on the gurney went up very fast, causing great amusement.

The students also visited a patrol car brought by Officer Humphries from the Gilmer County Sheriff’s Department. He let them turn on the blue and red lights and said that the front seat of the car was the only place they ever wanted to be, though

some of the younger students insisted on getting in the back.

As the students were beginning to wind down from all the excitement, the command went out to gather at the back of the fire truck. As they did, a helicopter was seen circling, flying lower and closer. Air Life Georgia made an appearance with the helicopter landing on the school’s ballfield.

Upon landing, the three Air Life occupants, Jim McGrath, pilot, Lori O’Neal, registered nurse, and Tommy Benefield, paramedic, waved the children over. They enjoyed a mini-tour of what being airlifted with emergency medical is like.

Students and adults alike enjoyed how special Gilmer EMS and Air Life Georgia made them feel, all the while becoming educated on how to handle certain situations should there be need of emergency assistance.

One young student told their mom, “This was the best day of my life!”

BY AUTHOR JEFFREY SKAGGS

# Conference Offers Next Step, Professional Growth

Georgia-Cumberland Conference hosted its first Next Step professional growth seminar at Cohutta Springs Conference Center on May 25, 2016. Guest speaker Neil Nedley, M.D., a practicing physician in internal medicine and author of several books, spoke on the importance of emotional health as leaders, and how to handle stress. “We don’t recognize the power of our brain,” said Nedley. Approximately 150 attended the seminar.

The conference found a need for leadership training as the result of a survey that also included a list of 20 topics to help in developing Conference employees.

“Ultimate focus is to grow disciples in the Conference, grow employees to be



Neil Nedley, M.D., spoke this past May for The Next Step, Enriching Your Journey, a professional development training free to Conference employees.

PHOTO BY: ARTHUR HARPER

more passionate about discipleship,” said Kevin Kossick, vice president for education and chair of the Conference’s coaching and leadership committee. “Anything we can do to help them have skills to fulfill that mission is important.”

John Stickland, pastor of Wimbish Road Church in Macon, Ga., says of leadership training, “It is very important. I hope more of our leadership attends these conferences. It’s like counseling for the counselors.”

Connie Reynolds, teacher at Ooltewah Adventist School in Tennessee, says, “It is important as teachers to see how we can create a safe environment for kids to learn and discuss.”

BY ARTHUR HARPER

# Prayer Answered by Visit to Barber’s Chair

An elder at Wimbish Road Church in Macon, Ga., was getting a haircut one day, when his barber, Darnell, exclaimed, “My fiancée has a homeless ministry, and she goes out every Saturday to feed the homeless in Otis Redding Park.”

“You must be kidding,” the elder responded. “I would like to know more about that.”

Darnell mentioning his fiancée’s homeless ministry was an answer to prayer. This church elder had been asking the Lord to show how his church could reach out to the homeless. Latrice, the barber’s fiancée, invited the elder to visit. He accepted, and served with them a few times.

God impressed the elder to ask his church board to approve the church’s participation in this ministry. They agreed. As a result, the Adventist Feeding Ministry was born at the Wimbish Road Church. The fourth Sabbath of every month, volunteers prepare delicious, healthy meals and navigate to the



Members of the Wimbish Road Church in Macon, Ga., spend the fourth Sabbath of each month ministering and feeding the homeless in their community. It all started when Aubrey Duncan visited his barber for a haircut.

CONTRIBUTED BY: AUBREY DUNCAN

Otis Redding Park, where 50 to 80 men, women, and children are fed.

They are fed physical and spiritual food. Under the able direction of Warren Massingale, the Adventist Feeding Ministry ministers to the children of God. Truth-filled literature is distributed, prayer is offered, and mini sermons extolling God’s love are

presented.

It has been more than one year since that memorable visit to the barber. God has indeed been blessing as volunteer numbers increase.

BY AUBREY DUNCAN

# God Pours Out Blessings on Acts of Peace Ministry



PHOTO BY: REBECCA GRICE

Acts of Peace leaders, along with other representatives from various Montgomery compassion agencies, proudly hold a copy of the \$15,000 check from the North American Division.

Nine years ago, four friends, Bernell and Amy Mapp and Paul and Yantha Corbier, knelt to pray, and were motivated to begin an inner city ministry called Acts of Peace. Remembering the Bible story about the two fish in John 6:1-14, Amy Mapp says, “We offered God two fish and five loaves, and the ministry prospered. Five years later, it took off! However, when our Montgomery, Ala., First Church adopted and executed a culture of evangelism in every program of the church, we witnessed an explosion!”

During the last two years, Acts of Peace ministry has fed more than 5,000 hungry people, and 3,300 of those were fed on a street corner. Another 4,000 drove their cars through the church’s parking lot as volunteers loaded their trunks with food from a mobile pantry set up at the church. The approximate retail cost of that food was \$428,000. Acts

of Peace operates on a \$10 to \$12,000 yearly budget, but no funds come from the church; God pours out blessings! The blessings include a local university donating food without being asked; Acts of Peace being named the poster child for the Montgomery area Food Bank, and as a result, the Food Bank sending other agencies to Acts of Peace to be trained; three 18-wheelers of free food having been received; plus, law and Job Corps students volunteering to help. Because of this, Montgomery First Church has been named the “Model Compassionate Church” in the Gulf States Conference.

The church has applied for and is being awarded a \$15,000 North America Division compassion grant. Every cent of the grant money is allocated to serving the poor. Twelve mobile pantries are scheduled, along with serving 3,500 meals to the homeless on the streets, during the next year. Amy Mapp quotes from a

verse in Malachi 3:10, “And prove me now...if I will not open the windows of heaven...and pour you out a blessing.” She concludes, “Our storage room is bursting at the seams.”

One inspired writer said, “Every act, every deed of justice and mercy and benevolence, makes music in Heaven. The Father from his throne beholds and numbers the performer of them with his most precious treasures. ‘And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts when I make up my jewels.’ Every merciful act to the needy, or the suffering, is as though done to Jesus. Whoever succors the poor, or sympathizes with the afflicted and oppressed, and befriends the orphan, brings himself into a closer relationship to Jesus,” *Review and Herald*, August 16, 1881. 📖

BY REBECCA GRICE AND AMY MAPP

# Bass Memorial Church Women's Ministries Program Experiences Major Revitalization

This year the women's ministries group at Bass Memorial Church in Lumberton, Miss., had a major revitalization under the direction of Valynda Bailey. With the new name, Women of Spirit II, Bailey coordinated monthly programs designed to touch women's hearts socially, emotionally, and spiritually. Every event included a tasty buffet dinner, an inspiring devotional thought, and special speakers to motivate and encourage. Each month, Bailey's army of volunteers (led by her righthand man, Ray Bailey) not only cooked delicious food, but also transformed the fellowship hall into a beautifully decorated space where the women could socialize and learn how to impact their church and community. It also provided an opportunity for members to invite their community friends, neighbors, and co-workers to a church event.

The October 2015 event focused on breast cancer awareness, and two breast cancer survivors shared their testimonies. In November the women heard from speakers Beth Bunch and "Ms. Julia" on "Being Thankful," and how to decorate for the holidays. For the Christmas event, the women gave monetary contribu-

tions, and assembled personal care baskets with donated items to help support the Light-house, a local non-profit in Hattiesburg, Miss., dedicated to providing children and their mothers a safe home. Women of Spirit II also helped sponsor Christmas for a family.

February 2016 included a "Trip to Paris," along with music by the Bass Memorial Academy AmBassadors women's group, and speaker Debbie Dale shared how to "Live Like Sandy." Margo Buisson added to the evening by signing "The Lord's Prayer." In April, instead of showers, the women enjoyed some April flowers while wearing garden party hats. A representative from a local nursery came to show how to easily create beautiful garden planters. The main speaker for that evening was Melinda Spiers, who shared her struggle with cancer, and how to "Never Walk Alone."

The monthly meetings came to an exciting climax in May with a Bridal Revue Extravaganza! The women dug out their wedding dresses, pictures, and stories for a fun fashion runway show and a charming slideshow of memories. After a special devotional by the pastor and his wife, Russell and Chloe Mur-

nighan, focused on the marriage relationship between Jesus and the Church, the fashion show began. Ina McFarland acted as emcee for the evening, and related wedding stories and details. Twenty-two dresses were worn that night, modeled by the brides themselves and girls from Bass Memorial Academy. At the end of the evening, Evelyn Brown (the first of those present to be married) and Chloe Murnighan (the most recently married) presented Joni Giem with a special gift for her wedding this past June, and advised her on how to have a successful marriage. It was a fabulous way for the women to end a year of ministry and fellowship. 📌



In May, the meetings came to an exciting climax with a Bridal Revue Extravaganza!

BY JONI GIEM

# Athens Church Member Leads Couple to Find Spiritual Direction

*A member of the Decatur, Ala., Church shares her personal story.*

As my husband, Calvin, and I struggled to find our faith and spiritual direction, he met a friend by the name of Harold Reid. As the days went on, they became very good friends. One day, Harold asked my husband if he knew about God and the Bible. Calvin admitted he knew very little about the Bible, so Harold began Bible studies with us, and helped us learn God's word. Months passed, and Harold asked us if we knew about the Sabbath or Seventh-day Ad-

ventists. We had never heard of or knew anything about the Sabbath because all we had ever known was Baptist churches and Sunday worship. Harold told us we needed to find a Seventh-day Adventist church.

The next day, I got on Google and looked for a Seventh-day Adventist church. There are two churches in Decatur, but only one came up — the church for us! The next Sabbath, we went to it. We sat in the parking lot for about 30 to 45 minutes, trying to decide if we were really going to go in. The Lord had better plans for us. We got out of the car,

and went in to the church. I remember all the smiling faces, and that the love that was in that church was from God.

We joined the church December 13, 2014. My husband and I have learned so much with the help of Harold and our friends pushing us to do better, and live for God and His Word. Our lives have been a blessing from God. We give Him all the glory, honor, and praise. We gave our lives to God. We were baptized on April 2, 2016. 📌

BY PEGGY SMITH

# Teachers Roger Wiehn, Ron Blair Retire

**R**oger Wiehn started his teaching career at Taylor Mill Adventist School in 1976, and has worked throughout the Southern Union since that time. Wiehn has been dedicated to Adventist education, and the majority of his career has been spent working in multi-grade classrooms in Taylor Mill, Ky.; Ridgetop, Tenn.; and Manchester, Ky. He and his wife, Ruth, plan to retire in the Manchester area and help at the school.

Ron Blair began teaching in 1975, and has taught in California, Hawaii, Colorado, and Tennessee. He has served as a teacher, mentor, and principal. The last four years were in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. He has served on numerous committees and boards. His colleagues admire that while he has taught a long time, he still loves it, and his students love his stories. He and his wife, Bonnie, live in Greenbrier, Tenn.



Roger Wiehn



Ron Blair

The Kentucky-Tennessee Conference wants to thank both of these educators for their service and dedication to teaching. It is their hope that God will continue to lead

and guide in their lives as they begin a new chapter. 🙏

BY STEPHEN BRALLEY

# Heaven's Floodgates Open at ER

**T**he call came from Keith DiDomenico at sundown on Friday. A friend from church was in severe pain and waiting at the Vanderbilt Emergency Room (ER). Sally Morgan and Chuck Young headed to the hospital. On the way, the two asked the Lord to be with them and to guide them to anyone else there that needed prayer.

Before they even entered the ER, a woman walked right up to them. She said that the Lord told her that they were the very ones sent to pray for her and her husband. She told Young that she and her husband were spirit-filled, spoke in unknown tongues, and loved the Lord. Young said they would love to pray for them, but he would pray in a known tongue if that was okay with them. They laughed and said

that would be great. DiDomenico walked up and together they all prayed.

When DiDomenico, Morgan, and Young entered the ER to anoint their friend in the waiting room, others from the church were there and joined in. When it was time to leave, a man in a wheelchair asked them to pray with him for sins in his life and for healing. And then, before they could leave, an entire Egyptian family asked for prayer. Their English was not good, but God's universal language of love spoke loud and clear that Sabbath evening at the Vanderbilt ER. What began as an anointing for healing of one person, opened Heaven's floodgates for others who needed prayer. God is so good! 🙏

BY CHUCK YOUNG



Sally Morgan and Chuck Young

# LAA Seniors Share Christ Abroad

The 2016 senior class of Louisville Adventist Academy (LAA), Louisville, Ky., proudly made history this spring when they embarked on the school's first-ever foreign mission trip. Partnering with Youth With a Mission ([www.ywamsanpedro.org](http://www.ywamsanpedro.org)), they spent 10 days in Santo Domingo and San Pedro de Marcoris, Dominican Republic.

First the seniors presented a skit about David and Goliath to overjoyed students at a small Christian school. They colored with them and distributed much-needed shoes and toys. Next, the class painted the entire interior and exterior of Iglesia Adventista Segundo Villa Faro. The class donated new chairs to replace the church's broken-down benches. The appreciative congregation invited the students to lead a brief worship service, including music by the students, and a sermon by class sponsor Kristianne Roberts.



LAA students stand with the young boys after helping them to color.

The students distributed Bibles door to door, and prayed with neighborhood residents. At a large public school, they shared Bible stories with about 20 students. The students also fed, played games, and shared Christ with a group of impoverished young boys. Hannah Roberts enjoyed the boys' fun and giv-

ing spirit even though they didn't have many material possessions.

Besides doing mission work, the travelers visited beautiful beaches in Boca Chica and Juan Dolio, and did some sight-seeing.

Mia Hunter observed that "strangers on the road would call each other 'Brother' and treat each other

like family. Everyone keeps their door open and [they] are willing to help everyone in need." The seniors' participation in mission ministry was life changing, and taught them lessons about not taking even simple things for granted. ●

BY MELLANIE HUNTER

# Haircut Leads to Divine Appointment

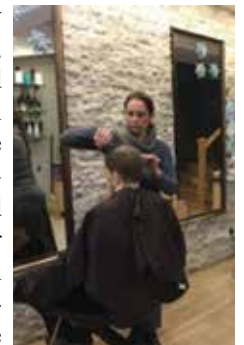
Stewart Lozensky needed a haircut, but the place he had found online had a very long wait, so he decided to go to a nearby small town. When he arrived at the location, he waited for the next available stylist. The woman he met was upbeat and had lots of energy.

As they started to talk, she asked him what kind of work he did? He told her that he was a pastor, and she asked, "What do you think of what is happening in Europe with England breaking from the EU?" He asked, "You mean the beast power?" She said, "Yeah, you know it's prophesied.

And, what about the Catholic Church, and the fact that they don't teach truth?" When Lozensky heard that, he wondered if he should mention to her about the Sabbath change.

Her next question really blew Lozensky away. She asked, "And what about this Sunday/Saturday thing? Which day is the right day to worship?" He told her that he felt it was Saturday. She said, "So do I." They talked a little bit more, and then the haircut was finished. On the way to the cash register, Lozensky mentioned to her that he had some young people at his

church who enjoy teaching the Bible, and that he could have them visit with her. She eagerly gave Lozensky her contact information, and thanked him for their visit. She said, "I'm glad I met you." Truly, this was a Divine appointment. ●



BY STEWART LOZENSKY

# Gethsemane Members Celebrate “Let’s Move Day”

The Gethsemane Church in Raleigh, N.C., celebrated “Let’s Move Day” on September 22, 2015. The pastor of Gethsemane Church is Larry Johnson. The health team leader is Stacy Fisher. Fisher started coordinating this event at the beginning of the year. Let’s Move Day is a nationally recognized day set apart by Michelle Obama to help combat childhood obesity. All North American Division churches have been invited to assist in reducing childhood obesity by participating in Adventist InStep for Life (which keeps track of miles logged in exercise monthly by church communities), and by celebrating Let’s Move Day annually.

Fisher is a registered nurse who has been the health ministries leader at Gethsemane intermittently for many years. Her most recent term of office has been three years. She works well with members of the various auxiliaries at Gethsemane to provide seminars on healthier eating and blood pressure checks, and lectures on other wellness topics as desired by the ministries of the church.

Since the beginning of the year, Fisher planned and gathered ideas for the annual Let’s Move Day program. However, in the midst of planning, the members of Gethsemane experienced a church fire in June 2015, and started meeting each Sabbath at another local community church. The fire placed a damper on the enthusiasm of many, and it was hard for the health ministries team to move forward with plans, as some of the members had scattered to other churches. Fortunately, with modern technology of email and phone calls, Fisher was able to make arrangements, and many members volunteered to provide certain items to make the day successful. Despite busy schedules allowing only one face-to-face meeting of the team, nevertheless everything came together on the big day.

In an effort to broaden the participation of the Let’s Move Day program, Fisher de-



Children have fun during the celebration of the “Let’s Move Day.”

cid to include other churches. She invited Umoja Church and Imani Church to join the day’s celebration. The Pathfinders and Adventurers were also invited to participate.

The day of the event was a clear, sunny day in Raleigh. The members began arriving at Spring Forest Park early in the morning to make sure the reserved shelter was available. The Pathfinders and Adventurers Clubs met at 10:30 a.m., to perform their usual program, and to complete their walking program. The Let’s Move Day program started at noon and lasted until 5 p.m.

The children who attended the event rode their bikes, walked with their parents, or played on the playground close to the reserved area. The members were able to purchase healthy vegan sandwiches and other snacks prepared by Janice Greenidge. They also had the options of enjoying some of the water, lemonade, and slices of watermelon donated by several members. The cost of the vegan items was cheaper than many food items at fast food restaurants.

Many commented on how wonderful it was to fellowship with one another outside

of church at a local park. One of the members who had recently suffered a stroke came out with her walker, and was able to have fun chatting and laughing with others.

The health team members distributed a booklet entitled *Forks Over Knives*, to public citizens also using the park. This event was extra special because there were more participants, a different venue, warmer weather, and parking closer to the activities.

Fisher thanked God that so many people were able to come to the program. She states, “The program was very exciting and encouraging.” Plans are being laid for this year’s event. The North American Division has set aside September 18, 2016, for the next Let’s Move Day. The health team is exploring tips to improve the event for this year.

Fisher continues to encourage the church members to report their exercise mileage, and is grateful to all the members of Gethsemane who assisted the health team last year. ●

BY TAJUANA D. LORDEUS



# New Haven Korean Church Holds Health Seminar



New Haven Korean Church health seminar attendees

**N**ew Haven Korean Church in Duluth, Ga., accomplished what seemed an impossible task to the members barely a year ago.

Earlier this year, May 13-15, the church held a health seminar at Cohutta Springs Conference Center in Crandall, Ga. The goal was to have 120 people attend, and 120 actually attended, with 80 percent of those not Adventists. The church planned and prayed for this event for an entire year.

The city of Atlanta has a Korean community of about 120,000 Korean Americans. Many came to this area because of the beautiful weather and affordable cost of living. Also, the Korean center is convenient and attractive.

Many, if not all Koreans, already have affiliations with various local churches. Don Kim, pastor of New Haven, endeavors to create a healthy, safe environment in the church so everyone will always feel welcomed and comfortable. The members enthusiastically responded to their pastor's

leadership by making contacts, and building relationships with people in their neighborhoods.

As a result of these relationships, many accepted the invitations to the weekend health seminar. For two nights and three days, the participants enjoyed and appreciated excellent presentations by Grace Oh, M.D., and J. M. Kim, M.D. Their relevant health messages with personal spiritual testimonies were blessings to all. Their Christian humility and love for Christ were appreciated and well received.

Andrew Ahn, a retired pastor, and his wife donated a significant amount of money for this seminar. Their kindness and love for people are already well known, and they are considered angels to some of these people.

There were significant take-aways and lessons learned from this event: the majority of the attendees were not Adventists; biases and wrong impressions about the Adventist Church were corrected, and



Grace Oh, M.D., ophthalmologist, was one of the health seminar presenters.

vanished; and all committed to attend next year's event.

It was a small, baby step for New Haven Church, but it was a giant step in the right direction of kingdom-building for this small congregation. The members have already started to pray, and are making preparations for next year's event, where their goal is 200 souls! 🙏

BY DON E. KIM

# New Covenant Church Holds Health Fair



Patricia Hopson (right) gets her blood pressure taken during the New Covenant Health Fair.



Patricia Hopson, 42, was glad that she went to the community health fair sponsored by New Covenant Church in Memphis, Tenn., this past May.

She learned about it from her twin sister who lives in the apartment complex next door to the Memphis Church. Colorful flyers were shared with those residents and others in nearby neighborhoods, inviting them to come.

While there, Hopson had her blood pressure (BP) and glucose levels checked. The results were good, and, “I got info on the sickle cell trait because my daughter has it,” she noted. She also shared that high blood pressure runs in her family.

The Health Fair, which was months in planning, drew more than 150 participants, seven of whom came with Hopson. She said the younger children with her included her daughter, a nephew, and a greatniece, who had dental screenings and their faces paint-

ed. Will she come to next year’s fair? Yes! “Steps to a Healthy, Happy, and Hopeful Life,” coordinated by Lena Nune, was the theme of the four-hour fair.

Due to the prevalence of diabetes and high blood pressure in the black community, there were educational lectures for adults covering those conditions, as well as covering the topics of nutrition, heart attacks, strokes, mental health, and dental health. Participants could make healthful choices that also included blood pressure checks, glucose screenings, eye screenings, mammograms, dental screenings, and well-children screenings. Also, doctors sat at a table available for personal consults.

Free food included veggie hummus wraps, and all-natural, made-from-scratch fruit cups. Along with the face painting, there were two bounce houses, soccer, and other games for children.

In addition to gift bags that included a

toothbrush, bandages, a copy of *Happiness Digest*, *Steps to Health*, and other educational pamphlets, the registered participants were eligible for periodic giveaways.

Meanwhile, New Covenant’s health ministries team is following up on the Health Fair with a six-week program called “Creating a New You.” The program, scheduled for the fall after school starts, will help participants build a healthy lifestyle through weekly classes and screenings. 📍

BY CAROLYN GAUSE-DAVIS

# ADU Student Receives Newman Civic Fellows Award

**A**dventist University of Health Sciences (ADU) nursing student Robert Down has received the Newman Civic Fellows Award. This is the second year an ADU nominated student has earned this award from Campus Compact. These fellows are selected because of their commitment to better their local community while creating positive social change.

“Since coming to ADU, I have become passionate about our local community,” said Down. “While I know it is unrealistic to think I can end poverty, homelessness, or human trafficking by myself, I am committed to helping those most at risk with the work I do every day.”

For nearly two years, Down has participated in efforts designed to serve and encourage vulnerable populations, including serving the local community as a health worker at health fairs, participating in international medical mission trips, and advocating at the Florida Nursing Association for health care for at-risk populations.

Most recently, he has been working with the American Red Cross as a disaster team lead, and responded to the terrorist attack in Orlando, Fla., by working at the Emergency Operations Center as well as the Family Assistance Center.

Passionate about providing care for the homeless, Down has teamed up with ADU and Florida Hospital to explore the idea of “street medicine,” where a team would meet up with individuals in public areas and administer aid.

With a background in information technology, Down cleverly paired his software development skills with his nursing skills to improve patient care. He helped create an open source electronic medical records (EMR) system that provides quality EMR to community providers around the globe who cannot afford corporate systems.

“Robert is a committed leader. He responds to needs he sees in others, and col-



ADU nursing student Robert Down proudly accepts the Newman Civic Fellows Award from David Greenlaw, D.Min., president of ADU.

laborates on ways to improve quality of life,” explained David Greenlaw, D.Min., president of ADU. “His dedication to action and advocacy to serve makes him an exemplary young man, and we are proud to have him here, living out our mission, at ADU.”

Campus Compact is a national coalition of nearly 1,100 college and university presidents who are committed to fulfilling the civic purposes of higher education. Down was given this national honor for being engaged within the central Florida community, and representing the next generation of civic leaders.

Through service-learning courses and other opportunities for community engagement, ADU is developing students’ public

problem-solving skills, such as the ability to analyze community needs, the willingness to participate in public processes and debate, the commitment to raise awareness about challenges, and the ability to inspire others to become part of solutions.

“There are so many great things the students here at ADU are doing to help our community; to be selected for the Newman Civic Fellowship is truly a moment of pride and honor,” stated Down.

Robert Down is one of those Adventist University of Health Science students making a difference. ●

BY MEGHAN BRESCHER

## Fair Brings Health Awareness to Community

Oakwood University, the Breath of Life Ministry, and the South Central Conference of Seventh-day Adventists partnered to bring the “Breathe and Stand Out” Health Fair to the Huntsville, Ala., community on Sunday, May 15, 2016. Held on the campus of Oakwood University in Huntsville, the event hosted cooking demonstrations, food tasting, fitness testing, and free health screenings provided by Huntsville Hospital Mobile Medical Unit, as well as games and inflatables

for the children.

Huntsville Hospital’s Mobile Medical Unit was the main feature as they provided free medical care via biometric testing to the participants. The testing included BMI (body mass index), blood pressure, heart rate, glucose, and cholesterol measurements. All of this was provided free of charge as a service to the community. One hundred participants were served by the mobile unit.

“Ministry must reach beyond the four

walls of the Church,” said Carlton Byrd, D.Min., Oakwood University Church senior pastor. “This Breathe and Stand Out Health Fair is our gift to the Huntsville and northern Alabama area,” said Leslie Pollard, D.Min., Ph.D., M.B.A., Oakwood University president. “We want to have a healthy community, as well as a healthy campus.”

BY SHIRNA GULLO

## Oakwood University Approved to Offer Distance Education

Oakwood University has been approved to participate in the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA). NC-SARA is a voluntary, regional approach to state oversight of postsecondary distance education. The SARA agreement allows students to take online courses in a variety of states. According to Leslie Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., M.B.A., Oakwood University president, “We cannot overstate the significance of Oakwood’s receipt of approval to participate in NC-SARA. Our team of online leaders has been working and praying for this approval. This new footprint expands our ability to deliver our educational products to the broadest possible audiences within the United States.”

Students in the following states are now

eligible to take online classes at Oakwood University: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wyoming. “NC-SARA allows Oakwood University to make its academic programs more widely available through Oakwood Online University,” said Karen Benn-Marshall, Ed.D., vice president for academic administration.

All institutions that are a part of the SARA initiative are governed to make sure the

courses and programs offered are high-quality opportunities that can help students reach their goals. SARA is overseen by a National Council, and administered by four regional education compacts.

For more information concerning Oakwood Online University, please call Keith Burton, Ph.D., coordinator, at 256-726-7883, or send an email to [kburton@oakwood.edu](mailto:kburton@oakwood.edu).

BY GEORGE JOHNSON JR.



## Oakwood to Host Open House Event

Oakwood University is opening its doors to potential students to meet and fellowship with current students, administrators, and employees during Oakwood Live! (formerly known as College Days), on October 5-9.

Oakwood Live! is an event that immers-

es prospective students into life at Oakwood University. During the event, guests will meet people from all over the world, and participate in an array of activities that will allow them a chance to explore the unique qualities of an Oakwood University education. This annual event is offered

to high school seniors and college transfer students. For more information about Oakwood University or the Oakwood Live! event, call 256-726-7356.

BY STAFF REPORT

# Accounting Students Selected as Finalists in Global Competition

A group of Southern Adventist University students was accepted as a finalist in the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) competition, and presented its work at the organization's June conference in Las Vegas, Nevada.

As part of a course taught by Julie Hyde, Ph.D., School of Business professor, students are required to prepare a video offering solutions to a management accounting problem selected by IMA, and published annually in the August issue of *Strategic Finance*. Out of 28 video entries, Southern's team was chosen as one of four finalists, and earned the privilege of presenting its solutions in front of 70 judges and accountants in Las Vegas. The American University in the Middle East, located in Kuwait, won the competition; other finalists included Brigham Young University and Southern Indiana University.

"I'm very proud of our students," Hyde said. "I knew they could compete



The group representing Southern Adventist University at IMA's competition in Las Vegas include Professor Julie Hyde (left), Katherine Pohle, Olivia Bragg Donesky, Karina Hernandez, and Tiffany Whitney.

at this level, and I'm happy to see them do so well in a field of students from highly-ranked accounting programs."

Student participants left the event thankful for their training at Southern and optimistic about the future.

"This experience has taught me that the sky is the limit," said senior accounting

major Olivia Bragg Donesky. "During my four years at Southern, I've had some great professors that have helped me become a better presenter, a better analyst, and a better leader. All were needed for this competition." 📍

BY ELOISE RAVELL

# Campus Adding Electric Car Rental, Charging Stations

Southern Adventist University is partnering with outside transportation and power agencies to host electric car rental and charging stations on campus beginning this fall. Green Commuter, a new California-based company, will provide one or two cars to rent and charging stations with the capacity to handle at least eight vehicles so students with their own electric vehicles can charge them.

Southern was approached to be a part of this project because of its proximity to Chattanooga — a city whose reputation as a technology hub with eco-minded residents continues to rise — and its concentration of students.

"You've got a lot of people here on campus who have licenses; they just don't have a car," said Marty Hamilton, associate vice president for financial administration.

Approximately 20 charging and rental stations are being constructed throughout the Chattanooga area, with each station containing two to six vehicles. A trip from Southern to downtown Chattanooga is estimated at \$8. Sierra Emilaire, junior English major, has been without a car during her three years at Southern, and sees great value in the independence this new setup brings.

"Knowing that students will be able to rent cars puts my heart at ease," Emilaire

said. "Now I won't have to shuffle through my contact list when I need something!"

Along with accomplishing the immediate and primary goal of helping students, this electric car program also aids in Southern's attempt to become better environmental stewards — one of several bold initiatives outlined in the University's Vision 20/20 strategic plan. Similar steps toward that goal in recent years have included increased recycling efforts, a large solar panel installation, forest trail expansion, and the growth of Southern's campus farm. 📍

BY ELOISE RAVELL



**COYLE, JERRY R.**, 85, born Nov. 30, 1930 in Lincoln, NE, died March 20, 2016 in Maryville, TN. While attending Platte Valley Academy, he joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He then went to Union College in Lincoln, NE, graduating with a bachelor's degree in 1954. In 1955, he received his master's degree in religion from the seminary in Washington, D.C. Then he served as pastor/teacher in Fergus Falls, MN, and Blackberry, MN.

On Aug. 18, 1957, he married Virginia Durichek in Minneapolis, MN. They then pastored districts in St. Paul, Lambertson, and Duluth, MN. Following that, they moved to St. Joseph, MO, and Charlotte, NC, and then back to Hutchinson, MN, and Minneapolis, MN. Their next pastorates were all in Illinois: Downers Grove, Waukegan, Round Lake, Rockford, Elgin, and DeKalb.

The Coyles retired in 1996, and soon moved to Crossville, TN. Jerry then pastored in Pikeville, TN, for one year. In 2014, they moved to Maryville, TN. Jerry is survived by his wife of 58 years, Virginia; one daughter, Sharon (Don) Johnson of Seymour, TN; one son, Larry of Benton Harbor, MI; and two grandchildren. The memorial service was conducted by Pastors Ed Santana and Jeremy Arnall in Maryville.

**DRISKELL, ORVAL LEWIS**, 89, born March 19, 1927 in Klamath Falls, OR, died April 22, 2016 in Seaford, DE. He was a member of Ridgetop Church in Ridgetop, TN. He served in the U.S. Army in 1945 during World War II.

He graduated from Walla College in 1948 with a business degree. From 1948 to 1950, he worked for Pitney Bowes in Helena, MT. In 1950, he began 43 years of service in various positions in the Seventh-day Adventist publishing houses: Pacific Press, Southern Publishing, and Review and Herald. During his publishing house years, he moved to Portland, OR; Mountain View, CA; Omaha, NE; Nashville, TN; and Beltsville and Boonsboro, MD. He retired in 1993.

In 2004, he moved to Greenbrier, TN, and in 2010 he moved to Seaford, DE, where he lived nearly six years with his daughter, Kathleen Shaban.

He is survived by three daughters: Karen (Russ) Edwards of Dumfries, VA, Kathleen Shaban of Seaford, DE, and Barbara Burks of Greenbrier, TN; eight grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 41 years, Arlene Babbitt Driskell; one brother, Percy A. Driskell; one sister, Hazel Driskell Carman; one nephew, Danny Carman; and one grandson, Scott Matthews. He has left the family with many great memories of a man who truly loved and served the Lord.



**FILLMAN, PASTOR ORVIN M.**, 93, born Nov. 3, 1922 in Oklahoma, died peacefully in his sleep on Feb. 2, 2016. He received his theology degree from Union Adventist College in Lincoln, NE. As an ordained minister, he served in Minnesota, Wyoming, Florida, and California.

He is survived by two sons: T. Orvin and Jere Fillman; and grandchildren: Tiana Fillman, Birgitta Thorman, and Anders Fillman. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Dita Jean; and his wife, Ruby Ann. The service was held Feb. 6, 2016 in the Gospel Chapel of the Collegedale, TN, Church.

**HEROD, ROBERTA GOODLET**, 88, born March 24, 1927, died March 6, 2016, in a local hospital. She was a longtime employee of Southern Adventist University, having worked at the Southern Mercantile, the Campus Kitchen, and retired from the Village Market. She was the daughter of the late William and Caroline Goodlet, and was preceded in death by five brothers and three sisters.

She is survived by her husband of 68 years, James Vernon Herod; one daughter, Carolyn (Orville) Shupe of Chattanooga, TN; two sons: Dwight (Janita) Herod and Douglas (Donna) Herod of Collegedale, TN; seven grandchildren: Jodi Steele, Courtney Herod, Amanda Mason, Jason Herod, Lori Akins, Chris Cramer, and Jeff Cramer; 11 great-grandchildren; many nieces; and nephews.

The service was held March 10, 2016, in the Heritage Funeral Home chapel with Pastor Dwight Herod and Dr. Gordon Bietz officiating. Burial followed at the Chattanooga National Cemetery with her grandsons serving as pallbearers.





**HULSEY, WILLIAM J.**, 90, born and raised in Okeechobee, FL, died at his home on Feb. 23, 2016 in Collegedale, TN.

Collegedale Casework, Inc., formerly Collegedale Cabinets, Inc., was owned by him. Enjoyment for him was real property, residential, and commercial development in Collegedale, Ooltewah, and Chattanooga. He contributed in serving as Adventist Church Building Chairman at Collegedale, Ooltewah, McDonald Road, and Collegedale Spanish Adventist churches. He was also blessed to be a longstanding board member at Southern Adventist University, his alma mater, and founding board member of its "Building" Committee of 100.

He also was a founding board member of worldwide 3ABN (Three Angels Broadcasting Network). Locally, he graciously served as founding chairman of The Samaritan Center in Ooltewah, TN, and as the Collegedale City Mayor and Commissioner.

He was predeceased by his parents, Harry W. Hulsey Sr., and Nevie Stratton Hulsey; and two sisters: Vivian Waldron and Sally Snedgen.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Myrtle; two daughters: Donna (John) Harold, and Barbara Rodgers; one son, Steve (Cynthia) Hulsey; one brother, Harry (Berneice) Hulsey Jr.; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; cherished nieces; and nephews.

A private graveside service was held on Feb. 26, 2016, and a memorial service was held at Collegedale Church on March 6, 2016.

**VAN DUINEN, CATHERINE A.**, 91, born Aug. 5, 1924 in Lyons, OK, died March 10, 2016 in Ormond Beach, FL. She was an Adventist for 75 years, and a member of the Florida Living Church in Apopka, FL, for three years.

She began denominational service in 1958, teaching eight students in six grades in a church member's living room in Cross Plains, TN. Eventually, a school was built, and she taught there for three years.

In the following years, she taught at Madison Academy, Madison, TN; Forest Lake Education Center, Apopka; Orlando Junior Academy, Orlando, FL; Hendersonville, NC; and Fort Pierce, FL.

In 1980, she was hired by the Michigan Conference to be assistant to the director of education. She held this post until she met and married Don Van Duinen, and became principal of the Niles Church School, Niles, MI.

In 1984, they moved to Jacksonville, FL, where she taught 7th and 8th grades, and Don was the principal. In 1988, they moved to New Port Richey with retirement in mind, but due to a teacher's health collapse, she taught for most of a school year. Then she truly retired with 30 years of service in the Adventist School System.

She is survived by her husband, Donald; three sons: Larry Thrall of Sebastian, FL, Jack Thrall of Cosby, TN, and Dennis Thrall of Marion, NC; two daughters: Donna Lampe of Daytona Beach, FL, and Kathy Schmoling of Morristown, TN; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The service was conducted by Jack Clarke, Don Weatherall, and Jim King at the Florida Living Church.



**ZORRILLA, RICARDO E.**, 85, born in June 2, 1930 in Mexico City, Mexico, died Aug. 24, 2015 in Zephyrhills, FL. He served the Northern New England Conference as Stewardship and Trust Officer. While in that capacity he was instrumental in building a Retirement Village in Brunswick ME, a professional building complex next to Parkview Memorial Hospital, and purchased a piece of prime land next to the Conference Office where a Community Service Center was built.

After Northern New England, he was instrumental in building a retirement center next to Kettering Hospital, Kettering, OH, and served as a consultant in the area of retirement homes and assisted living centers for conferences in North America.

He was a member of the Wesley Chapel Church since 2001, and served as head elder for many years. Under his guidance, the church was able to build a sanctuary and have the debt paid in full. He was in the process of arranging for a community service building addition at the time of his death.

He is survived by four daughters: Belinda Fries of Zephyrhills, Gwen Barfield of Franklin, KY, Marisa Reeves of Leland, NC, and Denise Mitch of Freeport, ME; one brother, Emileo of Mexico City, Mexico;

six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The service was conducted by Mitch Barfield at the Wesley Chapel Church. Interment was at the Bushnell VA Cemetery in Bushnell, FL.

**ALBRITTON, DORIS MATCHETT**, 89, born Dec. 29, 1926 in Bradenton, FL, died Jan. 24, 2016 at Mayo Clinic Health Systems of Waycross, GA, after an extended illness. She was the daughter of the late Horace Matchett and Mabel Matchett Houghtaling, and grew up in Terra Ceia, Palm View, and Palmetto, FL. She resided in Palmetto, FL, until 1980, when she moved to Waycross with her daughters. She was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She loved to cook and worked as a school lunchroom manager (elementary, high school, and head start) from 1958 until 2002. She served her church for many years as chairperson over fellowship lunches and any meals served at the church, making sure the food was hot when ready to serve, and cleaning up afterwards. Another passion was making sure children went to church summer camp. She is preceded in death by her husband, Curtis Wayne Albritton; and foster sister, Sue Whitney. She is survived by three children: Joyce (Joe) Melton, Janan Albritton, and Jacki (David) Roundtree, all of Waycross; one brother, Ronny (Gloria) Tallman of Sarasota, FL; three grandsons: Dawson, Nolan, and Steven Roundtree; several nieces; nephews; and her God-given family, to whom she devoted her life and love. The funeral service was held Jan. 27, 2016, at the Waycross, GA, Church. Burial followed in Hoboken City Cemetery in Hoboken, GA.

**ANDERSON, HOWARD M.**, 90, born Sept. 2, 1925 in Greeneville, TN, died May 12, 2016 in Apopka, FL. He was a member of the Florida Living Church in Apopka. He worked as a telegrapher for 42 years. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Marjorie; one son, Kenneth (Judi) Anderson of Arnold, MO; one daughter, Nancy Lawhorn of Crystal River; one step-son, Wesley (Jann) Hall of Apopka; one step-daughter, Reba (George) Crawford of Apopka; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor Jim King at the Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home in Altamonte Springs, FL. Interment was at Woodlawn Memorial Park in Gotha, FL.

**ANDERSON, VERNON LEROY**, 91, born June 14, 1924, died at his winter home in Texas on Feb. 24, 2016. He was born to Willie and Naomi Anderson in Anoka, MN. Vernon was a member of the Crossville, TN, Church. Vernon was a faithful lifetime member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He married his lifelong partner, Joan, in 1953, and together they raised their family as dairy farmers in Minnesota. Vernon was an independent, quiet, and faithful husband and father. He honored God with his steadfast-

ness and recognized God's hand in all things. His joy came from working with his hands and his commitment to God and family. He spent his retirement years in Crossville, TN. His final years brought him to Texas for the winter and Minnesota for the summer. Vernon is survived by Joan, his wife of 62 years; his children, Steve, Jeff, Ken, and Sylvia; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and his brother, Gordon Anderson.

**BERNAL, MERCEDES P.**, 106, born Aug. 29, 1909 in Trujillo, Peru, died Feb. 9, 2016 at her home in Collegedale, TN. She was the daughter of the late Manuel and Rosa Pereda. She was a member of the Collegedale, TN, Church. Her husband, William Bernal, preceded her in death. She is survived by her son, Norman Bernal of Atlanta, GA; daughter and son-in-law, Hazel and Wolfgang von Maack of Chevy Chase, MD; one brother, Adam Pereda of Lima, Peru; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. The graveside service was held on Feb. 21, 2016 at Collegedale Memorial Park with Pastor Cherie Smith officiating.

**BISHOP, WILFRED J.**, 94, born March 5, 1922 in Caribou, ME, died April 2, 2016 in Altamonte Springs, FL. He was a member of the Florida Living Church in Apopka, FL. He lived in Madison, ME, for many years. Then he moved to Hartford, CT, and worked at the Hilton Hotel as a boiler operator. After retiring, he spent some time in Maine, and then spent approximately 25 years in Florida. He liked to keep his hands busy, so he took to weaving small baskets, drawing, coloring, and carving. He was an avid carver, and gave many pieces to his friends and relatives. He is survived by one son, Michael (Donna) of Madison, ME; one daughter, Linda (Earl) Garland of Norridgewock, ME; one daughter-in-law, Marcia Bishop of Madison, ME. He was predeceased by two sons: Joey Bishop and James Bishop. Interment is in the Veterans Wall at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL.

**BURTNETT, FRANK CLAYTON**, 83, born May 9, 1932, died April 3, 2016 in a local hospital. He retired from Parkview Memorial Hospital in Brunswick, ME, as director of human resources and purchase officer, and was a veteran serving in the U.S. Army. He was also a member of the Collegedale, TN, Church. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Dana Burtnett, and one son, Steven Burtnett. He is survived by his loving wife, Helen Burtnett; one son, Douglas (Rae) Horton; one brother, Larry (Clara Belle) Burtnett; and granddaughters: Marie and Shannon Horton. The funeral service was held at the Collegedale,

TN, Church with Elders Erling Odell and Leclare Litchfield officiating. The burial followed at the Collegedale Memorial Park.

**BUTLER, JAMES ARLEIGH**, 93, born Feb. 6, 1922, died Jan. 4, 2016 in Jackson, MS. He was a lifelong resident of Florence, MS, and a member of the College Drive Church in Pearl, MS. In his early working years he owned a plumbing business, and the last 35 years before his retirement, he was employed by Honeywell Corporation. "Jim," as he was known by family and many friends, is survived by his wife of 71 years, Sybil Butler; one daughter, Dianne Butler Kroll of Arden, NC; one son, Bill Butler of Pearl, MS; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. A graveside service was held at the Wesleyanna Cemetery in Star, MS.

**CLARKE, ROBERT LEWIS**, 77, died April 11, 2016 in Lenoir, NC. He was the son of the late Fray Lafayette and Clara Hartley Clarke. He was a member of the Morganton, NC, Church. He served in the United States Air Force and was stationed in Thailand during the Vietnam War. He is survived by his wife, Mary; two daughters: Sandra Clarke Bost and Jacqueline "Jackie" Clarke Worley; one sister, Sylvia Beane; one step-daughter, Debbie Laws; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Mable Clarke; and one brother, Roger Clarke. Pastors Rick Mercer and Barry Mahorney officiated at the funeral. Interment was at the Smyrna Cemetery with full military honors.

**CLOSSER, CHARLES G.**, 89, born June 13, 1926 in Frankton, IN, died March 14, 2015 in Apopka, FL. He was a member of the Apopka Church for more than 55 years. He lived in Indiana for many years until 1958, when he moved his family to Florida. He was an electrician by trade, and during the days of central Florida's rapid growth, he wired many new houses. He then worked for Florida Hospital East Orlando for 25 years. He could fix anything, and took it as a personal challenge to put things right. Even two days before he passed away, he was lying on his back with his head under a sink, successfully repairing a broken disposal. He always strove for his work to be effective and well done. He passed this passion on to his children, and taught them to be careful in little things. He worked hard all his life, but he was always up for an adventure like driving ambulances across the nation. He was a humble man who was generous of heart, and a sincere friend by nature. He is survived by two sons: Bruce (Linda) of Berrien Springs, MI, and



Milton (Judy) of Eustis, FL; one daughter, Sharla (Don) Bogar of Lakeland, FL; one brother, Franklin of Orlando; two sisters: Virginia Dunder of Cicero, IN, and Darlene Cox of Anderson, IN; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. His wife, Katherine, predeceased him. The graveside service was conducted by Pastor Ron Merchant at the Highland Memory Gardens in Apopka.

**COLE, JUDITH CARMA SWYGERT**, 75, born July 4, 1940 in New York City, NY, died May 3, 2016 in Lexington, SC. She was a member of the Columbia, SC, First Church. She married Gerald Lee Cole in 1958. She worked at Bell South for 28 years before retiring in 2016. She is survived by her sister, Virl Caughman; two daughters: Sharon Cole (Calvin) Eargle and Jocelyn (Tony) Seel; four grandchildren: Amanda (Chris) Zarlenga, Michael "Scott" Eargle, Erika Cody, KC (Makayla) Cody; and many great-grandchildren.

**CRAIG, CHRISTINE (CHRIS) URSULA**, 76, born Jan. 12, 1940 in Ambon, Indonesia, died Jan. 29, 2016 at her home in Dunlap, TN, surrounded by her husband, children, and grandchildren. She was the daughter of missionary parents, F. Karl and Charlotte Erlecke. Shortly after her birth, Chris and her mother were separated from her father and put in separate prison camps because of World War II. The family was reunited in the United States after the war when she was seven years old, and relocated to Glendale, NY, where her father was pastor of the German Brooklyn Church. She attended Greater New York Academy and then Atlantic Union College, where she met her husband, Bill Craig. They were married in 1960. After living in Stoneham, MA, for several years and having four children, Bill accepted a job at the General Conference in Takoma Park, MD, and Chris worked as a registered nurse at Washington Adventist Hospital. In the mid 1980s, Chris and Bill felt called to move to the mountains of Tennessee. She had a love for country life, gardening, sewing, and teaching piano lessons. Until the time of her death, Chris remained active in the Dunlap Church, serving as assistant treasurer, church pianist, and assisting with health evangelism and children's Sabbath School. She was preceded in death by her son, Billy. She is survived by her husband, Bill; two daughters: Jeanne Laughlin and Carolyn Kendall; one son, Brian Craig; and nine grandchildren.

**CREWS, THERESA MAE (GLEASON)**, 102, born May 31, 1913 in Belleville, MI, died May 3, 2016 in Hendersonville, NC. She graduated from Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital School

of Missionary Nurses in Hinsdale, IL, and practiced nursing in Illinois, Florida, California, and Maryland before settling in Orlando, FL, for more than 50 years where she raised her children and was active in Kress Memorial Church. She spent her last 20 years in her beloved North Carolina, where she was a member of Fletcher Park Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. John Edward Crews of Orlando; three sisters: Helen Mildred Case and Louise Anna Hadley of Hendersonville, NC, and sister Florence Elizabeth Litkey of Wisconsin Rapids, WI. She is survived by her three children: Jerry Roger (Elzine) Crews of Longwood, FL, James Jay (Molly) Crews of Tampa, FL, and Janet Gail Crews of Youngstown, OH; two grandsons: Scott Clark and Tyler Clark; two grandchildren: Boston and Ridley Clark; one nephew, Bruce Hadley; and one niece, B.J. Jones.

**DOUGLAS, ANDREW R.**, 64, born Oct. 16, 1951 in Tacoma, WA, died March 24, 2016 in Altamonte Springs, FL. He was a member of the Florida Living Church, Apopka, FL. He is survived by two sisters: Cam Douglas Koch of Chula Vista, CA, and Sharley Moorehead of California. The graveside service was conducted by Pastor Eric Doran at Woodlawn Cemetery in Gotha, FL.

**EDWARDS, BETTY**, 92, born April 7, 1924, died April 27, 2016. She was the wife of the late Charles H. Edwards Sr., and mother of Charles "Chuck" Edwards Jr., Toni Edwards, and the late Michael Edwards. The service was held May 4, at the National Cemetery in Chattanooga, TN.

**FOOTE, JOHN W.**, 82, born March 24, 1934, died April 5, 2016. He was a member of the Shelbyville Church. He was a 25-year member of the Kiwanis International. He was a 15-year Navy veteran serving during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He was also a maintenance supervisor for Gaylord Container in California. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Kathleen Foote; three sons: John Michael, Michael Lee, and Timothy Earl (Liz); three daughters: Michelle Mary (Arturo) Villegas, Valerie Renee (Steve Parker Jr.) Foote; and Kimberly Rae (Rick) Pfisterer; nine grandchildren: Heather and Jason Foote, Stephanie and Rebecca Villegas, John (Lisa) Breckner, Lane Parker, Darien and Daulton Wettstein, and Nikki (Tyler) Hulegaard; two great-grandchildren: Lilly Smith and John Rylen Breckner; one sister, Cora Lee Crandle; and four brothers: Rod Foote, Steven Foote, Gregory Foote, and William Brent Foote. He was preceded in death by his parents: Mary Evelyn Sibert and Preston Foote III; stepmother, Audrey Foote; three sons: James Michael, William Claude, and Kenneth Daniel;

one brother, Preston "Peck" Foote; and two sisters: Mary Frances Foote Tobias and Susan Foote Price.

**FORE, LOUIS**, 97, born April 16, 1918 in Bremen, IN, died quietly in his sleep on March 14, 2016. He was raised on the family farm in Bristol, IN, with his parents, two brothers, and one sister. He married Lydia Muttersbach on Aug. 18, 1940. They were married for 65 years. He was employed in Detroit at the Ford Motor Company and Parke Davis pharmaceuticals for a number of years before moving to Kalamazoo, MI, where he worked for a water softener company installing units and later became the accountant. The family moved to Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital, where he and his wife worked until their retirement. He worked in the maintenance department, caring for the pneumatic tube system in the hospital. They retired and moved to Collegedale, TN. Louis enjoyed telling stories, especially of his work on the farm. While living in the Chicago suburbs, he used to drive his car for ingathering. He'd play Christmas carols with a tape deck in the car and a speaker on the roof while his wife and others visited the same homes in "their territory" of Cicero for 15 years. Louis also enjoyed gardening and always had a prolific garden, regardless of where they lived. During retirement, he and Lydia invited several other couples to their house on Saturday nights for table games, laughter, and great food. He was a member of the Apison, TN, Church. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lydia. He is survived by two sons: Jerry of Collegedale and James of Apison; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren on the west coast; one niece and nephew in Indiana; one niece in Florida; and one granddaughter in Tennessee.

**FOX, LORRAINE D.**, 93, born April 5, 1922, died April 3, 2016 in a local health care center. A longtime resident of Hamilton County, she taught school in the Lenoir City and Chattanooga areas for many years. She later retired as a social worker from the Department of Human Services. She was a member of the Collegedale, TN, Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Archie G. Fox. She and her husband enjoyed traveling and camping together. She is survived by her first cousin, Esther Hayes, several nieces; nephews; and many friends. The service was held April 6, 2016 in the Heritage Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Cherie Smith officiating. The burial followed at the Collegedale Memorial Park.

**GREER, LOVIE M.**, 96, born Dec. 4, 1919 in Grenada County, MS, died March 7, 2016. She was

baptized into the Shiloh Church in Greenwood, MS, at the age of 16. She served faithfully for many decades as Sabbath School teacher, Dorcas leader, deaconess, usher, and choir member. For at least 50 years, she recited the memory verses each 13th Sabbath, and was Ingathering queen during the annual campaigns. Her philosophy in life was based on Ecclesiastes 9:10, "Whatsoever your hand finds to do, do it with all thy might." She instilled that philosophy in her eight daughters as well. Known widely for her expert cooking and hospitality, she kept the doors of her home open to anyone who sought a free meal, and also shared with them spiritually. The impact that she had on others is immeasurable. Her family believes that her youthful appearance, mental clarity, and culinary skills, which never diminished as she neared age 97, were evidences of God's favor for her faithfulness. Preceding her in death were her husband, Perry Greer; and daughters: Helen Davis and Naomi Dotson. Among those awaiting that glorious reunion when Jesus returns are daughters: Pearl (Eddie) Westbrook of West Point, MS; Lovie L. Greer of Memphis, TN; JoAnn Wade of Olive Branch, MS; Irene Greer of Memphis, TN; and Edith Greer and Marsha Jewel (Jimmy) Smith of Greenwood, MS; 23 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and 25 great-great-grandchildren.

**HAWKES, WILLIAM "BILL" EDWARD**, 70, of Mebane, NC, born Aug. 4, 1945 in Oxford, ME, died suddenly and unexpectedly at his home on Feb. 3, 2016. He was a loving, devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, cousin, uncle, and friend to many. He graduated from Fletcher Academy in Fletcher, NC, in 1963, and then graduated from Mountain Sanitarium School of Nursing in 1966. After entering the U.S. Army through the draft, he taught medics at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX. He served as a combat medic in Vietnam, where he received the Bronze Star Medal for his service. After his service to his country, he attended and graduated from Memorial Mission Hospital School of Nurse Anesthesiology in 1972, and worked as a nurse for 40 years. He loved the outdoors, and enjoyed hiking, back packing, camping, white water rafting, skiing, gardening, and the beach. He served as an elder in his church, and was a Pathfinder leader for many years. He loved the youth programs in the church. After retirement, he and wife, Elouise, went to the Native village of Savoonga, Alaska, through the church to work with suicide prevention programs; he had a passion for helping people and helped many disabled veterans get their benefits from the Veterans Affairs. He is survived by his loving wife, Elouise Hawkes; one son, William Hawkes Jr., of

Germany; one daughter, June Hawkes Shabazz; three step sons: Thomas Bugbee, James Clay Rhodes, and Brian Bugbee; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. The funeral service was held Feb. 7, 2016, at Five Oaks Church in Durham, NC. Pastors Dexter Richardson and Jerry Mobley officiated. His interment was at the Seventh-day Adventist Memorial Cemetery in Morganton, NC.

**HENLEY, MARJORIE**, born Jan. 14, 1940 in Colon, Panama, died March 21, 2016 in Ocala, FL. She was a member of the Silver Springs Shores Church in Ocala. She is survived by two sons: Michael Henley and Jerome Henley; one daughter, Loretta Henley of Ocala; two brothers; one sister; and eight grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor William Felder at the Silver Springs Shores Church in Ocala. Interment was at Forest Lawn Gardens in Ocala.

**HOOVER, MIZERIA "MITZY" JONES**, 92, born March 17, 1924 in Llanharan, Wales, peacefully fell asleep into the arms of Jesus on May 8, 2016 in Clinton, MD, surrounded by her family. She was a cherished mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. Her parents were Ernest and Florence Jones. She traveled the world as an Army wife while raising her six children. She settled in Tampa, FL, for 30-plus years. She loved and served the Lord through her church as a Seventh-day Adventist in Tampa, and particularly through her loving spirit and joy for life. She is survived by her brother, John (Jean) Jones; six children: Robert Hoover, David (Beatrice) Hoover, Paul (Patti) Hoover, Daniel (Cathy) Hoover, Susan Cheever, and Elaine (Kenric) Stephens; 16 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; nieces; and nephews. Interment was held at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton on May 10, 2016. She was predeceased by her brothers: Leslie, and Bernard Jones, and twin sister, Margaret Scott. A future memorial service will be held in Florida.

**KELLEY, OPAL GLADINE**, 83, born Oct. 15, 1932, died Feb. 10, 2016. She was a member of Pine Mountain Valley Church in Pine Mountain Valley, GA. She served as church Sabbath School secretary for many years, delivered Meals on Wheels, and worked at Callaway Gardens in the food department. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Edgar Kelley; and one son, Harold Kelley. She is survived by three daughters: Willa Stambaugh, Darlene Edwards, and Beverly James; two sons: Darrell and David (Rachel) Kelley; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

**KUTZNER, DR. WALDEMAR "WALLY,"** 80, born May 22, 1935 in Dabrowa, Poland, died Jan. 25, 2016 at his home in Ooltewah, TN, in the arms of his loving wife, Greta. He was the son of the late Adolf and Martha Kutzner. They immigrated to Canada just after he turned one year old. The family settled on a farm in a German-speaking community near Edmonton, Alberta. He was the second of three sons in a family of hardworking subsistence farmers. Education was very important to his parents. He and his brothers, Arno and Eric, attended the local one-room schoolhouse. He graduated from high school at Canadian Union College, where he was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church at the age of 18. While attending school to become a medical technologist in Edmonton, he began dating Greta Rossen. They were married on July 12, 1955. He hitchhiked his way to his first job as a med tech in Medicine Hat, Alberta, where Greta joined him six weeks later. After one year in this position, he announced that he wanted to pursue his dream of becoming a medical doctor. They took the bus to Walla Walla College (now Washington Adventist University) in Walla Walla, WA, and he began his pre-med training. Their daughter, Evonne, and son Mickey were born there. In 1960, he began his medical training at Loma Linda University School of Medicine. After graduating in 1964, the family moved to Hinsdale, IL, where he pursued an internship in family practice at the hospital, and where he delivered their son Donnie. His first medical practice was in Oshawa, Ontario, Canada from 1965 to 1972. Seeking a warmer climate and desiring to be closer to Arno's family, he moved to Collegedale, TN. His medical practice initially focused on emergency and clinic care in several rural counties around Chattanooga before settling into a private practice at the original medical center on the hill across from the Collegedale Church. He also served as the college physician for several years. Later, the practice was relocated to Swinyar Drive near Life Care Center of Collegedale, where he also served as the medical director. He retired from practicing medicine in 1999. He and Greta enjoyed living in the Greenbriar Cove retirement community for the past seven years. His greatest gift was the ability to unconditionally love and serve others. He always felt most fulfilled through interactions with his patients, church, community, and family. He is survived by his devoted wife of 60 years, Greta Rossen Kutzner; one daughter, Evonne Kutzner Crook; two sons: Mickey (DeAnn Chrispens) Kutzner, and Donald (Maria Holley) Kutzner; six grandchildren: Nikki Crook, Mindy Kutzner (Ryan) Shannon, Donnie (Jillian Graves) Crook, Emily Kutzner, Andrew Kutzner, and Adam

Kutzner; two great-grandchildren: Octavia Traugott and Asher Crook; one brother, Eric (Donna Emmerling) Kutzner; one sister-in-law, Agnes Hetke Kutzner; many other loved friends; and relatives. Proceeding him in death were his parents, Adolf and Martha Stefan Kutzner; and brother, Arno Kutzner. A celebration of life service was held in the Collegedale Church on Jan. 30, 2016.

**LAPORTE, TAINA**, 23, born Dec. 18, 1992 in Greenwood, SC, died Feb. 12, 2016. She was a member of the Lexington, NC, Church. She was active in Pathfinders and her church athletic program while attending the Columbia First Church. In high school she earned numerous awards in track and field; best offensive player, three-time state champion in high jump, MVP in field events, and many more. She was recruited by Ole. Miss in 2011, and earned many honors in the sport of Volleyball. She is survived by her mother, Maria LaPorte; her father, Jean LaPorte; one sister, Roberta; one brother, Richard; a host of relatives; and friends.

**LEE, MARILYN FRANCINE**, 65, born Jan. 16, 1951, died March 9, 2016. She was the daughter of AC and Francis McKee (both deceased), and mother of four children: Nick, Peter, Brooke, and Stefan Lee. She was the sister of Betty Waterhouse and Barbara Stanton (deceased). Marilyn was such an amazing woman, nurse, and dedicated mother. Per her request, she was cremated and her ashes were scattered in the Cherokee National Forest. A celebration of life service was held April 24, 2016 at the Collegedale, TN, Church.

**MADDOX, ELIZABETH CLARA FOLEY**, 82, born Oct. 25, 1933 in Escambia County, FL, died Feb. 14, 2016. She was the only child of James Maddox and Cressie Foley. She graduated from Enterprise Academy in 1950, and married Dean Weis a short time later on June 25, 1950 in Enterprise, KS. She received an associate's degree in radiology technology from Hinsdale Sanitarium in 1970, while raising three daughters and one son. She went on to work at Hinsdale Sanitarium, White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles, CA, and Loma Linda University Medical Center in Loma Linda, CA. She lived in Southern California for about 30 years before she moved to Tennessee to retire. There she met Edward Denny, and they were married on Feb. 1, 2015. She had four children: Dianne Weis-Hickman (deceased), Janet Weis-Lewis (deceased), Connie Weis-Wightman, and Darwin Dean Weis; three grandchildren: Janette Lewis, Megan Wightman-Freese, and Kami Weis-David; two great-grandchildren: Jeffrey Bowens and Zoe

Freese; and another great-grandchild due to be born the summer of 2016.

**MAKATCHE, JODIE LYNN (CROOK)**, 54, born Dec. 8, 1961, died May 25, 2016. She was a physical therapist assistant at Centennial Medical Center for 26 years. She was a member of the Madison Campus Church in Madison, TN. She is survived by her loving husband, Richard Makatche Jr.; two children: Dakota Makatche and Savannah Makatche; her parents: Stewart and Martina Crook; two siblings: Marciann Robertson and Delby West; four nieces; and one nephew. A memorial service was conducted on May 31, 2016 at Madison Campus Church with Pastor Ken Whitmore officiating.

**MARQUIS, JOYCE HOWELL**, 92, born Oct. 15, 1923 in Greenwood, MI, died Jan. 17, 2016 in Fletcher, NC. She was a member of the Fletcher Church for nearly 70 years. She served in nearly every church office during the span of seven decades. Early education was in Battle Creek. She graduated from Cedar Lake Academy in the class of 1942, and graduated from Mountain Sanitarium School of Nursing in 1946. She worked as an R.N. at Washington Sanitarium and Hinsdale Hospital in the 1940s, taught in the Mountain Sanitarium School of Nursing, worked as O.R. supervisor and nursing supervisor at Mountain San and Fletcher Hospital (currently dba Park Ridge Hospital), VA Hospital in Asheville as floor supervisor, and the office of Dr. Joe Gardner in Hendersonville, NC. She is survived by two daughters: Judy (Mike) Cobb of Fletcher, NC, Sue (Brent) Yingling of Fletcher, NC; seven grandchildren: Jana (Tony) Livingston of Mills River, NC, and Wesley (Lila) Peterson of Fletcher, NC, Christy (Steven) Gusse and Sara (Bryan) Halverson of Loma Linda, CA, Brian (Amy) Cobb of New Brunswick, NJ, David (Annie) Cobb of Arden, NC, and James Cobb of Greenville, SC; and several great-grandchildren.

**MCKIBBIN, VIRGINIA**, died March 19, 2016. She was the wife of Rolland and mother of Cheryl (Yves) Monnier and Brenda (Bryce) Ruth. A memorial service was held April 9, 2016 in the Gospel Chapel of the Collegedale, TN, Church.

**MERRELL, HARRIET WIIK**, 81, of Morganton, NC, born in Wisconsin, died Jan. 31, 2016. She was the daughter of the late Thure Ferdinand Wiik and Helen West Wiik. She was a devoted member of Morganton Church where she was a Sabbath School teacher, a worship service song leader, and a master guide. She was an avid flower gardener. She loved to bake and decorate cakes

for the special occasions of family and friends. She loved to tell of going to Camp Meeting as a child with her parents to the Black Mountain area, and taking their cow with them so they would have milk. She is survived by her sons: Davy Wynn of Clarksville, TN, and John Allen Merrell of Morganton; one daughter, Tracy A. Merrell of Morganton; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one brother, Alfred Wiik of Hendersonville, NC; a host of nephews; nieces; and cousins. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by siblings: Geraldine Henon, Albin Wiik, Lois Dale, and Roy Wiik. The memorial service was conducted by Pastors Rick Mercer, Barry Mahorney, and Ted Brackett. Interment was in Morganton Seventh-day Adventist Memorial Cemetery.

**MURRAY, CAROLYN JANE**, 68, born in 1947 in Brooklyn, NY, died Feb. 28, 2015 in Arden, NC. She served as a ward clerk at the VA Medical Center, and was a veteran of the U.S. Army. She was predeceased in death by James Robertson. She was a RN and graduated from Mountain Sanitarium School of Nursing in 1946. She worked at Washington State Sanitarium, taught at Mountain Sanitarium School of Nursing, and acted as supervisor at Fletcher Hospital. She is survived by two daughters: Judy (Mike) Cobb, and Sue (Brent) Yingling both of Fletcher, NC; seven grandchildren: Jana Livingston, Wesley Peterson, Christy Gusse, Sara Halverson, Brian Cobb, David Cobb, and James Cobb; and many great-grandchildren.

**MYERS, WILLIAM DANNY**, 65, born March 19, 1951 in Stanley County, NC, died May 6, 2016 in Hendersonville, NC. He was a member of the Arden, NC, Church. He is survived by his wife, Natasha Myers; one son, Jeremy Myers; his mother, Patricia Ann Myers of Mills River, NC; one sister, Phyllis Cely of Mountain Home, NC; and twin granddaughters, Grayce and Elizabeth Myers.

**PARNELL, JACK L.**, 91, born Feb. 8, 1925 in Anniston, AL, died March 13, 2016. His love of flying combined with his education in mathematics and physics provided numerous awards and recognition for his contributions as a pilot. Receiving the FAA Wright Brothers Award, one of only 200 in the United States, was one of his proudest moments as a pilot. While he had a passion for flying and a love of education and knowledge, his most important contributions and lasting impact were from his roles as husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Ruth Parnell; one

daughter, Vicki Ballou; three sons: Mike Parnell, Steve Parnell, and Scott Parnell; nine grandchildren: Julie Ballou, Matt Ballou, Merrick Parnell, Halley Parnell, Graye Parnell, Meghan Parnell, Lauren Parnell, Mia Parnell, and Shaye Parnell; and one great-grandchild, Tyler Ballou. The funeral service was held March 18, 2016 at the Collegedale, TN, Church with Pastor Jack Blanco officiating. Interment followed in the Collegedale Memorial Park.

**PREWITT, OPAL C.**, died peacefully on Jan. 24, 2016. She was the last survivor of six children born in Warren County, KY, to Nelson and Beatrice Flora. She was a long time member of the Louisville, KY, First Church. She assisted her husband, Malcolm C. Prewitt, in his business as a residential builder until his death. She enjoyed being a homemaker, was an accomplished seamstress, and an excellent cake baker. She had a contagious smile and enjoyed a good laugh. Her greatest joy came from spending time with her family. She is survived by two daughters: Melissa (Kevin), and Lanah; two grandchildren: Nathan (Mirna), and Laura; one great-grandson, Harris; many nieces; and nephews.

**RANDALL, JON MAC**, 76, born July 5, 1939 in Nashville, TN, died at his home on Feb. 1, 2016 surrounded by his adoring family. He was the son of the late Orville Leo and Maude Mildred Randall. He lived in the Collegedale, TN, area for the past five years, after moving from Phoenix, AZ. He was a very active and an avid outdoorsman who loved biking, hiking, running, backpacking, and playing golf. In addition to his mother and father, he was preceded in death by his brother, Larry Gene Randall. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Dorothy Ann Randall; one son, Jon Michael Randall; one daughter, Kathy Lynn (Dennis) Schreiner; one brother, Dennis Lynn Randall; two grandchildren: Austin (Katrina) Schreiner and Kathryn "KD" Schreiner; and two great-grandchildren: Lyla Schreiner and Jakob Schreiner. A memorial service was held on Feb. 27, 2016 at the Collegedale Church.

**RECCHIA, ROLAND G.**, 79, born Jan. 20, 1937 in Philadelphia, PA, died April 24, 2016 in a local hospital. He was the son of the late Armando and Lucy Recchia. He was a 1955 graduate of Philadelphia Academy and was a United States Army veteran. He retired from Snap-On Tools after many years of service. He enjoyed volunteering for the Riverbend Festival in Chattanooga, TN. He was a member of the Collegedale, TN, Church, and was actively involved in SonRise pageants. His son, Gregory Recchia, and brother, Ugo Recchia, preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife of

55 years, Gloria M. Recchia; three children: Dan (Renee) Recchia of Ooltewah, Jim (Becky) Recchia of Clearwater, FL, and RuthAnn (Dwight) Gilmore of McDonald, TN; daughter-in-law, Cindy Recchia of Hallandale Beach, FL; one sister, Lillian Gray of Walnutport, PA; seven grandchildren: Jaclyn (Justin) Galbraith of Ooltewah, Philip (Molly) Recchia of Ooltewah, Marc Recchia of Chattanooga, Nathan Recchia of Ooltewah, Nevin Recchia of Ooltewah, Mitchell Gilmore of Chattanooga, and Danielle (Avery) Hamilton of Cleveland, TN; and two great-grandchildren: Olivia Galbraith of Ooltewah and Cameron Hamilton of Cleveland. The funeral service was held June 18, 2016 at the East Brainerd Chapel. The burial, with military honors, was held at Chattanooga National Cemetery on June 20, 2016. His grandsons served as both active and honorary pallbearers.

**RICHARDSON, MARGARET L.**, 79, born Oct. 1, 1936 in Tensas Parish, LA, the seventh of eight children of O.W. and Sallie Ashlin Watkins, died March 7, 2016 at her home in Bogue Chitto, MS. She was a member of the Summit, MS, Church. She retired from Southwest Mississippi Health Department Home Health Agency as the district supervisor. Home Health and surgery were her two favorite types of nursing during her 40-plus-year career as a R.N. She and C.L. shared Jesus' love, and epitomized hospitality in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, Missouri, and Alaska. They were a fixture at the Gulf States Camp Meeting beginning in 1958, and were there each year as long as health permitted. She served her Church from her baptism in 1957 to as long as she was able, ministering in the children's divisions, as Sabbath School superintendent and secretary, as women's ministries leader, church clerk, greeter leader, and anywhere else someone needed help. She was the much-loved bride for 58 years to C.L. Richardson, who she married Dec. 15, 1957 in the Natchez, MS, Church, he survives her; as does her daughter, Deborah Jo (David) Burg of Decatur, MS; two sons: Charlie (Kathy) Richardson of Columbia, LA, and Ronnie (Jeannine) Richardson of Bogue Chitto, MS; four grandchildren: Sabrina (Troy) Boyd of Grayson, LA, Kelly (Kit) Warner of Columbia, LA, Buddy (Chassity) Richardson of Bogue Chitto, MS, and Lee (Amber) Richardson of Grayson, LA; eight great-grandchildren; one sister, Jo (Richard) Allen of Jayess, MS; and a host of other family; and friends. She and C.L. were parents to 21 foster children as well. The service was held March 13, 2016 at the Brookhaven Funeral Home, Brookhaven, MS, and officiated by Pastors Robert Meneses and Roger Burke. A graveside service was at the Legion Memorial

Cemetery in Newellton, LA, that same afternoon, and officiated by Pastors Roger Burke and Elder Mel Eisle.

**RODGERS, GLINDA JOAN**, 75, born Dec. 24, 1940 in Friendship, TN, died March 24, 2016 in Jackson, TN, at the Jackson-Madison County General Hospital after a lengthy illness. She was the daughter of the late Mickey and Mary Climer Williams. She was a retired telephone operator with AT&T and South Central Bell in west Memphis. She was a member of the Dyersburg, TN, Church. She is survived by her husband, Gerald D. Rodgers; one son, Richard Rodgers; and two sisters: Sharon McClure and Patricia King. She was preceded in death by one son, Kenneth E. Rodgers.

**SALZWEDEL, CAROLYN JUNE**, 91, born March 27, 1924 in Howard City, MI, died Oct. 5, 2015 at Laurelbrook Nursing Home in Dayton, TN. She was the daughter of the late Frederick Adam Antor and Daisy Florence Franklin Antor. She was a graduate of Howard City, MI, High School, and was later employed as a cook in the public school system in Michigan. She was a very active member in the Graysville, TN, Church. For many years, she was a faithful leader in the children's Sabbath School division. She is survived by her three daughters: Kathleen (Joe) Ellis Hodges of Dayton, TN, Barbara (John) Ellis of Dayton, and Laura (Arny) Meert of Citrus Heights, CA; her brother, Frederick, (Clarice) Antor of Escondido, CA; her sister, Doris Sahlbom of Coral, MI; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson. The funeral service was held Oct. 12, 2015 in the Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton, with pastor Bud Schermerhorn sharing words of hope, comfort, and assurance. She awaits the call of her beloved Friend and Savior in the Chattanooga National Cemetery.

**SAYLER, DOROTHY VIOLET**, 89, born July 2, 1926 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, died April 27, 2016. She loved gardening, especially flowers, and birding also filled her heart with joy. She and her husband were involved with Wildwood Institute in Wildwood, GA, and later Uchee Pines Institute in Seale, AL. She is survived by her husband, Lorenz Sayler of Seale, AL; three sons: Stanley L. (Donna) of Denver, CO, Sterling F. (Sharon), and Sidney S. (Courtney) of Columbus, GA; one sister, Alice Cashett of Grants Pass, OR; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

**SELF, HELEN**, 86, born July 23, 1929 in Jasper County, GA, died May 6, 2016 in Morganton,

NC. She was the daughter of the late Wilfred Bernard Lynch and Annie Elizabeth Bowden Lynch. She was a very dedicated member of the Morganton Church. She had been active distributing literature, giving Bible studies, and visiting those in need. For a number of years, she had also been the church secretary. She loved to write in her journals, wrote poems, stories, drew pictures, and was very organized. She was the last survivor of seven children. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clemmie Woodron Self. Interment was in Burke Memorial Park.

**SOUVAL, PARIS A.**, 86, born June 17, 1929 in Salem, MA, died March 15, 2016 in Destin, FL. He was the son of the late John and Evangelia Souval. Though both his parents were Greek, he grew up in the United States. He graduated from Rutgers University, and began attending medical school in France. This was during the time of the Korean Conflict, and he had a medical deferment from the U.S. Army. He traveled by train to spend Christmas with family stationed in Turkey, but was detained en route, as the Army thought he was trying to avoid the draft. His father took him to Germany to enlist in the U.S. Army; however, intake was closed at the time, so he went to England and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. While in England, he met and worked with Dr. Herbert Harder, a pathologist in the U.S. Air Force hospital. Dr. Harder took him to George Vandeman's meetings in London, and as a result, Paris joined the Adventist Church. He went on to attend and graduate from Loma Linda University's School of Medicine. Paris and Dr. Harder remained lifelong friends. In 1962, he moved to the Atlanta area. A committee funded by Gene Anderson Sr., was formed to investigate the prospect of building a hospital in the Cascade Road area. The committee asked Paris to go to Dallas and look over the Parkland Hospital. While there in the Parkland Hospital emergency room, President Kennedy was brought in, and Paris was able to see the president before they cleared out visitors. Paris was kind to everyone, regardless of status, wealth, or rank. He numbered among his patients a CNN anchor, but he treated each one with dignity and concern. When Paris began his practice in south Atlanta in 1962, he had a number of African American patients. He insisted that there be no discrimination in his office, so everyone was given their appointments on time, and everyone waited in the same waiting room. Many of those African American families followed Paris every time he moved his office, and many of them were still patients when he closed his practice. Paris loved and respected his Greek heritage. He lived a full, active life. He was preceded in death by

one sister, Rita Gribble. He is survived by two sisters: Chrys Holley and Avra Souval; nieces and nephews and their children; and many loved ones and friends.

**SPEARS, JAMES DONALD "DON,"** 81, he was born on a little farm near Barsola, TX, to the late John Edward and Ola Mae Spears. died May 18, 2016 at a Chattanooga Health Care Facility. Don was always happy and loved God, his wife, Shirley, and his family, especially his grandchildren. He taught himself how to play the guitar and really enjoyed playing country, western, and gospel music. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Kenneth Edward Spears; and one sister, Marilyn Joyce Cotham. He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Shirley Spears; one daughter, Donna (Douglas) Herod; one son, Richard (Cynthia) Spears; his seven wonderful grandchildren and their spouses: Jon (Rebekah), Ben (Ashley), Matt (Jessica), Katrina (Austin), Joe (Kristle), Amanda (Charles), and Jason (Andrea); 13 great-grandchildren; one special brother, John Gary (Margueritte); one special brother-in-law, Melvin (Vera) Haining; one loving sister-in-law, Mildred Spears; several nieces and nephews; and other extended family and friends. A celebration of life service was held May 23, 2016 at the Collegedale, TN, Church. Pastors Dwight Herod and Jim Moon officiated.

**WALLACE, PRESTON L.**, 87, born April 7, 1928 in Salina, KS, died peacefully at home on Feb. 23, 2016. He graduated from Portland Union Academy (now Portland Adventist Academy) in 1949. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in music education from Pacific Union College in Angwin, CA. He taught music at Highland Academy in Tennessee and Napa Junior Academy in California. He received a master's degree in public health from Loma Linda University. He worked as a health educator at Madison Hospital in Tennessee and Weimar Newstart Health Center in Weimar, CA. Preston concluded his 35 years of ministry as a pastor in Maine. He was a second tenor in the Quiet Hour TV Gospel Quartet in 1950 before becoming a singing evangelist and pastor. He married Virginia L. Bauer on March 22, 1951, and was predeceased by her on Jan. 26, 1996. He was also preceded in death by his daughter, Joane L. Maize on Nov. 14, 1981. After the death of Virginia, Preston married Melody Newcomb. He is survived by his wife, Melody; one son, David (Nancy) Wallace of California; two daughters: Wanda (Robert) VanRaden of Pennsylvania and Shirley (Ernest) Buck of Michigan; one son-in-law, Lonnie (Kimberly) Maize of California; nine grandchildren; and

four great-grandchildren; one sister, Ruth Lodahl of Washington; one brother, Gerald Wallace of Montana; many nieces; and nephews. The memorial service was conducted at the Dowagiac, MI, Church.

**WILLIAMS, LOIS PADEN**, 88, born April 18, 1927 in Parkersburg, WV, died peacefully on Jan. 16, 2016. Lois was the youngest of five children. She graduated from Mt. Vernon Academy in 1946, and attended Emanuel Missionary College to receive training in accounting. She worked most of her life as a meticulous accountant. She was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church. She and her husband were diligent in supporting ADRA, missions, and 3ABN. She was a "people" person who loved to laugh, make quilts, crochet, do cross-stitch, paint, and write poetry. Her Christmas letter was often a poem about their year, set to the tune of a Christmas carol or a hymn. She taught organ, piano, and voice wherever she lived. She also loved doing puzzles; the Samaritan Center would give her the puzzles they received as donations, and she would put them together to make sure no pieces were missing. She was an avid Atlanta Braves fan! She was preceded in death by her husband, Mark Williams; her parents, Charles Marion Paden and Josephine Smith Paden; her three brothers: Marion A. Paden, Cecil Paden, and Leon Paden; and her sister, Ludivine (Ludy) Paden Strickler. She is survived by her three nieces: Linda Strickler (David) Johnston, Sharon Paden Wright, and Charlene Paden (Tom) Wilson; four nephews: Clifford Paden, Ken (Ann) Paden, Lindsay (Laurie) Paden, Stephen (Rose Ellen) Paden; and her dear friend, Faith Bennington Irwin.

**WILLSEY, VICKI JEAN PITTMAN**, 73, born Oct. 8, 1942, died April 7, 2016.

**YOUNG, GEORGIA WINGATE**, 88, born Sept. 17, 1927, died March 29, 2016 in Hopkins, SC. She was a member of the Lexington, SC, Church. She was the widow of Col. John H. Young Jr. She came from a musical family and loved to sing. For many years she belonged to a group called the Melodyaires. She was also a crusader for Christian education, Stop Smoking Clinics, Cancer Awareness, and many more. She was preceded in death by her brother, Ge. Bernard Wingate; sister, Louise W. Warr, and daughter, Ann Young. She is survived by her sister, Beverly Howard of Lexington; two sons: John H. (Mary) Young of Andrews, SC, and G. Charles (MyLinda) Young of Lexington, SC; one daughter, Jane Metts (John Michael) of Houston, TX; three grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren.

## Legal Notices

### **Regular Session of the Southern Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists**

Notice is hereby given that the next regular meeting of the membership of the Southern Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at the Hilton Atlanta Airport, located at 1031 Virginia Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia, at 4 p.m., September 18, 2016, for the purpose of electing a board of directors and the transacting of such other business as may properly come before the membership. The members of this association are the accredited delegates in attendance at the regular session of the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (unincorporated).

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Notice is hereby given that the next regular meeting of the 19th regular session of the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at the Hilton Atlanta Airport, located at 1031 Virginia Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia at 4 p.m., September 18, 2016, for the purpose of electing officers and the transaction of such other business as may come before the membership. The regular delegates to this session are appointed by the local conferences of the union on the basis of one for each 1,000 members or major fraction thereof, plus one for the organization.

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*Ron C. Smith, Chairman*  
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Notice is hereby given that the 25th Regular Session of the South Atlantic Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the River Oaks Praise & Worship Center in Orangeburg, S.C., on Sunday, September 11, 2016. This Session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing quinquennium and for transacting all other business which may properly come before the Session. The first meeting of the Conference Session is called for 9:00 a.m. The Organizing Committee will meet Saturday night, September 10, 2016, at 8:00 p.m. Delegates will be seated per Conference Bylaws.

William L. Winston, President  
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Larry E. Johnson, Treasurer

## The South Atlantic Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventist, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that the 25th Regular Session of the South Atlantic Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, Incorporated is called to meet at the River Oaks Praise & Worship Center in Orangeburg, South Carolina, on Sunday, September 11, 2016. The delegates of the South Atlantic Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are delegates of the corporation.

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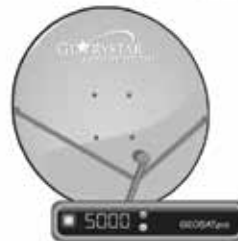


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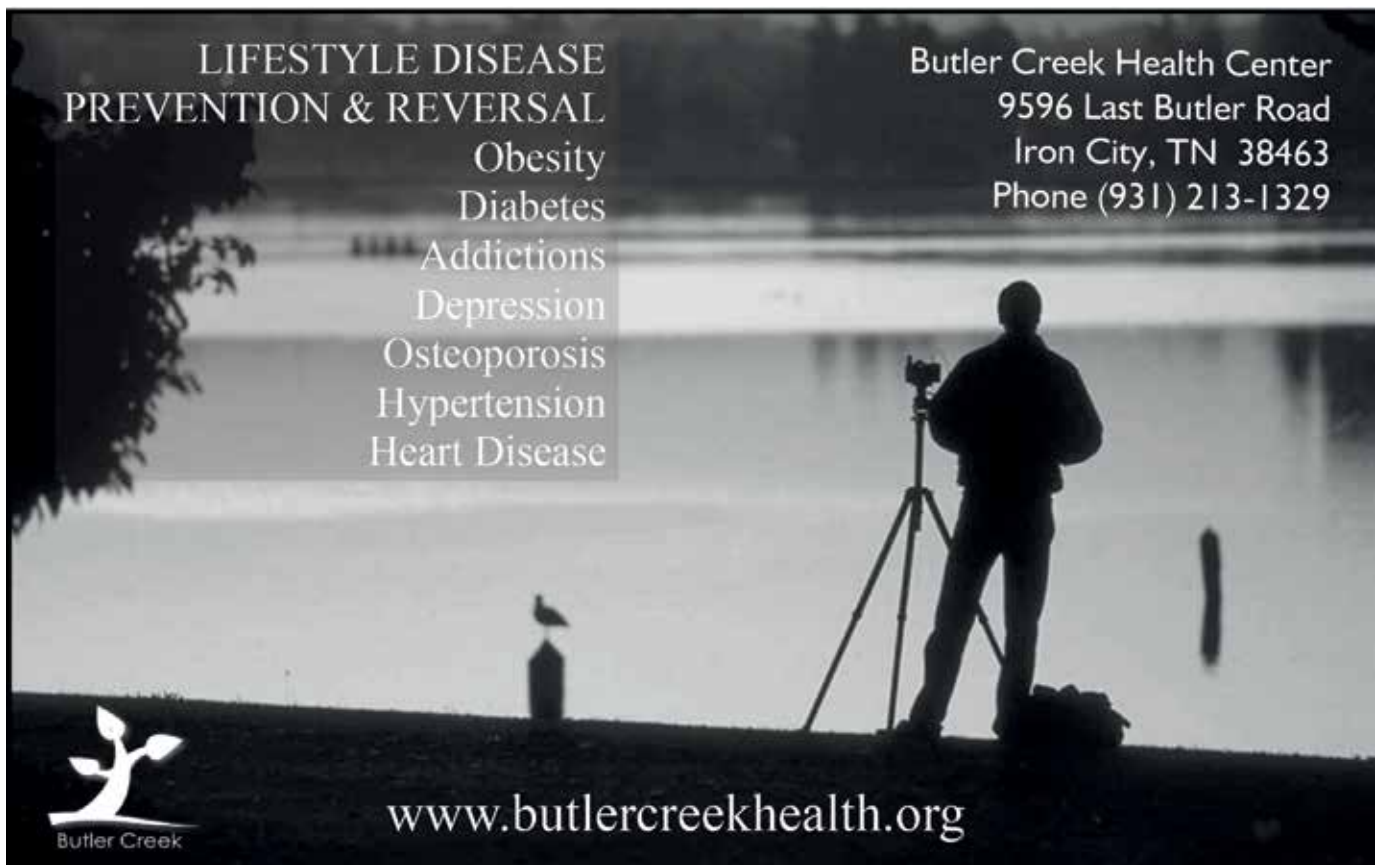
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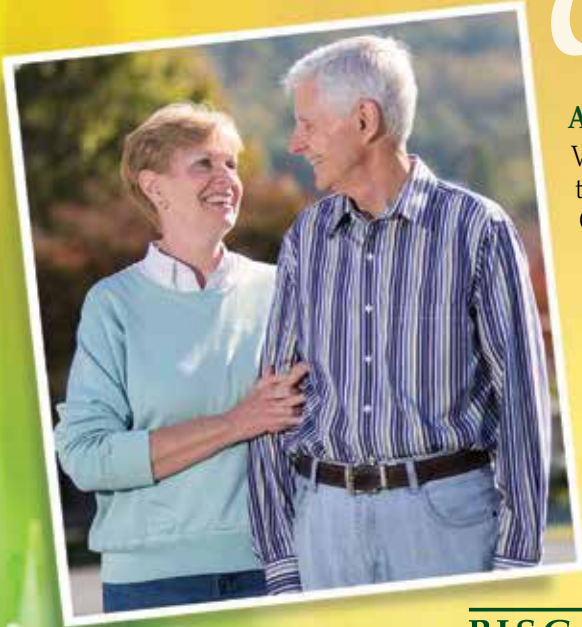
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## WEEKEND SPEAKERS



### DAVID SMITH, PH.D.

David Smith has been an educator for 40 years. From 1979 to 1981 he taught English at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska. From 1981 to 1998 David taught English at Southern Adventist University,

-serving as English Department Chair during most of that time as well as earning his doctorate from the University of Tennessee. In 1998, David left Southern to serve as President of Union College. Since 2011, Dr. Smith has been the senior pastor of the Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church, and is the newly elected president of Southern Adventist University. David enjoys public speaking, and has presented on a variety of topics to audiences worldwide.



### JOHN S. NIXON SR., D.MIN.

John S. Nixon is professor of theology and spirituality in the School of Religion at Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tennessee. Before joining the faculty at Southern, John served for

34 years in pastoral ministry. He served congregations in New York City, Los Angeles, and Washington, D.C., among others. He also served as senior pastor on three Adventist university campuses. While on the west coast, John served as Vice President in the Southern California Conference.

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### FRIDAY | OCTOBER 7

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ACLS  
Renewal

12:30PM-5:30PM

Golf  
Tournament

6:45PM

General  
Session

### SABBATH | OCTOBER 8

9:00AM

Sabbath  
School

10:45AM

Church  
Service

2:30PM

Afternoon  
Activity

5:45PM

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### SUNDAY | OCTOBER 9

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**SOCIETY OF ADVENTIST COMMUNICATORS 2016 ANNUAL CONVENTION - Oct. 13-15.** SAVE THE DATE — Celebrating 27 Years of Communication Excellence! Theme: "Keep Climbing." Hyatt Regency in Denver, Colorado. Join

Seventh-day Adventist communication professionals and university students from all around the North American Division for training, networking, and spiritual renewal opportunities. Additional details: www.adventistcommunicator.org.

**HOPE TRENDING: A CRASH COURSE ON HOW TO LIVE WITHOUT FEAR - Oct. 14-22.** A fresh new worldwide evangelistic event with Dr. Dwight K. Nelson. Talk to your local pastor about Hope Trending today, and visit hopetrending.org to learn how you can join this nationwide event and spread hope to your community.

**APOPKA CHURCH CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF SERVICE - Oct. 28, 29.** Guest speaker: Mike Cauley, president of the Florida Conference, and a musical concert by Charles Haugabrooks. All are welcome to attend the celebration! Details: www.apopkasdachurch.com/ or apopkasda@gmail.com or 407-889-2812.

**SUNSET**

	AUG. 5	AUG. 12	AUG. 19	AUG. 26	SEPT. 2
ATLANTA, GA	8:34	8:27	8:19	8:10	8:01
CHARLESTON, SC	8:14	8:07	8:00	7:51	7:43
CHARLOTTE, NC	8:22	8:15	8:07	7:58	7:48
COLLEGEDALE, TN	8:40	8:32	8:24	8:15	8:06
HUNTSVILLE, AL	7:44	7:37	7:29	7:20	7:11
JACKSON, MS	7:54	7:48	7:40	7:32	7:23
LOUISVILLE, KY	8:48	8:40	8:31	8:21	8:10
MEMPHIS, TN	7:59	7:52	7:43	7:34	7:25
MIAMI, FL	8:04	7:58	7:52	7:46	7:38
MONTGOMERY, AL	7:39	7:32	7:25	7:16	7:08
NASHVILLE, TN	7:48	7:40	7:32	7:22	7:13
ORLANDO, FL	8:13	8:07	8:00	7:53	7:45
WILMINGTON, NC	8:09	8:02	7:54	7:45	7:36



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Even when Evelyn Pearl Ward retired after years of service to her Church, one of her friends said, "She never stopped working for her Church." She was a deaconess, assistant treasurer, delivered meals to shut-ins, and was very active in prison ministries.

Recently, a check was presented to her local church with the designation from the donor that this money be "for the use and benefit of the poor fund." This generous gift represented a legacy from the Revocable Living Trust of Evelyn Pearl Ward, who passed away earlier this year.

Besides her local church, other beneficiaries of her estate are family members and other Seventh-day Adventists outreach ministries including Amazing Facts, Adventist Frontier Missions, ADRA, It Is Written, and Global Missions.

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**ELDERS' CERTIFICATION TRAINING** – Aug. 12, 13. Fayetteville Church. The session will be on Pastoral Duties.  
**CAROLINA CONSTITUENCY SESSION** – Aug. 18-20. NPR.  
**PATHFINDER/ADVENTURER COUNCIL** – Aug. 26-28. NPR.  
**MEN'S RETREAT** – Sept. 2-4. NPR.  
**HISPANIC CAMP MEETING 2** – Sept. 9-11. NPR.  
**ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL WORKSHOP** – Sept. 16-18. NPR.  
**HISPANIC WOMEN'S RETREAT** – Sept. 30-Oct. 2. NPR.  
**WOMEN'S RETREAT** – Oct. 7-19. NPR.  
**LE FALL CAMPOUT** – Oct. 14-16. Myrtle Beach, SC.  
**EASTERN CAROLINA CAMP MEETING** – Oct. 22. Greenville North Church.

**FLORIDA**

**COMPLETE CALENDAR ONLINE** – <http://www.floridaconference.com/events/>  
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**PLANNED GIVING CLINICS**  
 Oct. 1. West Palm Beach Spanish Church.  
**71ST REGULAR FLORIDA CONFERENCE CONSTITUENCY SESSION** – Oct. 9. Forest Lake Academy, 500 Education Loop, Apopka. Quadrennial business meeting for Florida Conference. Theme: "How God Has Led Us."

**GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND**

**SOUTHERN DEAF CAMP MEETING** – Aug. 10-14. Speaker Paul Kelly. Cohutta Springs Conference Center. Crandall, GA.  
**PATHFINDER LEADERSHIP CONVENTION** – Aug. 19-21. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.

**PRAYER MINISTRIES DAY** – Aug. 20. Waycross Church, GA.  
**ATLANTA BRAVES FAMILY GAME DAY** – Aug. 21. 1:35 p.m., Braves vs. Washington Nationals. Multi-generational event sponsored by Pathfinders, Youth, and Young Adults. \$5 from every ticket supports with Pathfinders, the Cohutta Springs Campership Fund, or Young Adult Ministries. You choose. Info contact Betza Roman, [broman@gccsda.com](mailto:broman@gccsda.com).  
**S'MORE CAMP (SINGLE MOM'S RETREAT)** – Aug. 25-28. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.  
**MEN'S RALLY** – Aug. 27. 3:30-6:30 pm. Collegedale Community Church, TN.  
**MARRIAGE RETREAT** – Sept. 2-4. "It's a Wonderful Life" theme, speakers Eric and Ann Marie Bates, musician Chad Mutchler. <http://www.gccsda.com/events/37856>. Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove, Asheville, NC.

**CONVERSATIONS YOUNG ADULT RETREAT** – Sept. 2-4. Open and honest conversations led by Don Keele, Jr., Limit 40. Registration deadline July 31. Historic Banning Mills, Whitesburg, GA.  
**ADVENTURER MINISTRIES CONVENTION** – Sept. 9-11. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.  
**HEALTH RALLIES** – Be inspired by the latest scientific research in support of God's natural laws.  
 Sept. 10. 2-5 p.m. Coalfield Church, Oliver Springs, TN.  
 Sept. 17. 2-5 p.m. Hixson Church, TN.  
**PATHFINDER DRILL INSTRUCTOR WEEKEND** – Sept. 16-18.  
**LEADERSHIP REBOOT** – Sept. 16-18. A training weekend for Adventist Christian Fellowship.  
**LET'S MOVE DAY** – Sept. 18. North American Division initiative to get as many people involved in physical activity as possible. Some events require pre-registration; details at [registration.gccsda.com](http://registration.gccsda.com).

**GULF STATES**

**PASTORS' MEETINGS** – July 17-20. Camp Alamisco.  
**YOUTH MISSION TRIP** – July 16-Aug. 3.  
**LITERATURE EVANGELISTS RETREAT** – Aug. 5-7.  
**PATHFINDERS/ ADVENTURERS LEADERSHIP TRAINING** – Aug. 12-14.

Camp Alamisco.  
**PRAYER SUMMIT 2016** – Sept. 2-4. Camp Binachi, Meridian, MS.

**KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE**

**MINISTERS' MEETING** – July 31-Aug. 3. Indian Creek Camp.  
**TEACHERS' CONVENTION** – Aug. 7-9. Conference Office.  
**50+ CAMP** – Aug. 9-14. Indian Creek Camp.  
**LE SUMMER RETREAT** – Aug. 11-14. Pennyrile State Park.  
**HIGHLAND ACADEMY BOARD** – Sept. 8. Highland Academy.  
**YOUNG WOMEN'S RETREAT** – Sept. 11. Paradise Ranch.  
**WOMEN'S RETREAT I** – Sept. 16-18. Indian Creek Camp.  
**YOUTH POWER EVENT** – Sept. 21-24. Manchester, KY.  
**WOMEN'S RETREAT II** – Sept. 23-25. Indian Creek Camp.  
**CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** – Sept. 27. Conference Office.  
**HISPANIC WOMEN'S RETREAT I** – Sept. 30-Oct. 2. Indian Creek Camp.  
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