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*President of the Southern
 Union Conference*

Jesus answered them, "Verily, I say unto you, whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed," John 8:36 KJV.

The Bible condemns drunkenness and alcohol abuse, but makes no specific references to drug abuse, eating disorders, workaholism, or most other addictions that concern us. Nevertheless, biblical principles such as the following can apply to the entrapped conditions of many.

- **Don't be controlled by anything.** It is possible to become enslaved, even by actions that are permissible and not bad in themselves. In stating his determination not to be mastered by anything, the apostle Paul mentions food and sex, both of which are good in themselves, but sometimes abused. In addition, he criticizes people who are sexually immoral, greedy, idolaters, drunkards, and in other ways mastered by behavior that they fail to control.

- **Do obey the law of God.** The Bible instructs us to be law-abiding citizens. It is wrong, therefore, to buy, sell, condone, possess, or use any illegal substance. Violence, drunken driving, criminal actions, and other illegal acts are wrong even if they are the actions of one who is addicted.

- **Don't assume that illicit drugs or other addictions resolve problems or reduce tensions.** Stress is one of the major causes of addiction. When pressures build some people use alcohol or other drugs to hide the stress and give a feeling of euphoria and a sense that all is well. Others get involved in work, hobbies, or recreational pursuits that distract them from stress. Temporarily these behaviors may help a person avoid responsible stress management, but ultimately the stresses cry for attention, and the developing addictions no longer provide relief. Instead the addictions create additional stress. People may try to escape from their problems through drugs, work, sexual fantasy, hyperactivity, compulsive eating, or other addictive behavior, but all of this fails to acknowledge the scriptural directive to bring our burdens to Christ, where we can face them squarely and deal with them directly.

- **Do keep the body pure.** The Holy Spirit dwells in the body of each Christian, and for this reason we must do whatever we can to keep our bodies free of pollutants, including drugs, excessive amounts of food, lustful thoughts, and immoral sexual behavior. Every human body was made by God, and the Christian body belongs to Him both because of divine creation and because of divine redemption. Scripture and common sense tell us, therefore, that we should take care of ourselves so that we can glorify God with our bodies.

- **Do practice temperance, self-discipline, and self-control.** These characteristics are prominent in the list of qualifications for Christian leaders, but they apply to non-leaders as well. All believers are expected to say no to ungodliness and worldly passions, "and to live self-controlled, upright, and Godly lives." Self-indulgence and selfish ambition are condemned; self-control is commanded and listed as one of the fruits of the Spirit.

- **Do be filled with the Spirit.** Ephesians 5:18 (KJV) instructs us to avoid drunkenness, and be filled instead with the Holy Spirit. A life controlled by the Spirit is presented in the Bible as superior to any alternative, including a life filled with chemical or other addictions.

Finally, the God who controls tempests, storms, and galaxies, strongholds and demoniacs, can emancipate you from any and all addictions when you kneel and ask Him for help. "If the Son, therefore, shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Don't remain trapped; be free. ❶

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13 WAYS TO AFFIRM YOUR PASTOR

BY ROGER HERNANDEZ

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. We encourage you to affirm all pastors this month, and ask that you pay special attention to women in ministry.

Here are some ideas you can use this month:

Say so!

Usually pastors have to listen to the problems, criticism, venting, and just plain meanness of a chosen few. When they preach, the people who email on Monday are not expressing love. How about if we balance out what your pastor(s) hears. Take time to write down words of positive affirmation and appreciation. Mention sermons you recall, and list some benefits you have

received as a result of his or her ministry.

How can we help?

Church members come from varied backgrounds, and often possess many different skills and abilities. Based on those skills, your church could offer to baby sit for its pastoral family, help mow their lawn or rake leaves, paint a room in their house, change the oil in their car, help with spring cleaning, sew new curtains for the room of their choice, upgrade or repair their computer, or cater a meal.

This is for you

It is appropriate for churchgoers to give the pastor and their family gifts to demonstrate love and appreciation.

Here are some suggestions:

- Gift Cards – Almost every business offers gift cards, so the options abound with this idea. A gift card can provide practical help buying groceries, filling up the gas tank, or paying a bill that month (if you give a general Visa card). Gift cards can also provide opportunities for wanted books, music (store or iTunes), car washes, massages, or the popular option of eating out.
- Possible Magazine Subscriptions – *Christianity Today*, *Answers in Genesis*, *World Magazine*, *Rev Magazine* (Rev.org), and *Outreach Magazine.Com* (Outreach.Com). A magazine exclusively for pastors and church leaders

can provide an added tool for insight and help with the pastor's ministry, or a subscription to his or her favorite magazine is always appreciated. (Please do NOT give your pastor a Bible unless he or she asks for one; they more than likely already have a bookcase full of Bibles and song books.)

- Tickets – Give tickets to activities especially enjoyed by your pastor and their family, such as sporting events, the symphony, a home show or gardening show, an antique auction or antique car show, or to a local theme park. Give a date night and include babysitting, a fully-paid weekend getaway, a spa day, or free massage.
- Electronics – Pastors and their families also enjoy technology, but many are not able to afford it regularly. Providing an iPad, iPhone, tablet, or laptop computer may bless your pastor more than you would realize.
- Memberships – One to a local gym can help the pastor work out some stress and maintain physical fitness. You know they need it! A membership to an inspirational site like SermonCentral.com or SermonSpice.com can help inspire your pastor to greater heights in preaching.

Food and Affirmation

If you want to do a collective event with your church, but you want to make it informal, gather lots of people and food, and have an informal time of sharing and caring directed to your pastor and their family. After everyone eats, affirm him or her.

Write it Out

Provide blank "Thank You" cards for church members the week before honoring your pastor. Hand them out as they exit the service, or distribute them in small groups, with a note asking them to write words of appreciation to the pastor, and bring it back next Sabbath. They could be collected as they come into the service and presented later, or they could all be brought forward and placed on the pulpit as a public demonstration of appreciation. You know what

is cool? Getting a handwritten card. You know what's even cooler? When it has a gift card inside.

Plaster Your Pastor

Find a centrally located wall in the church, and plaster pictures and information about your pastor and their family all over it. Include important events that have taken place in the life of the church as a result of their ministry. Also, plaster some expressions of gratitude on the wall, with words of encouragement to keep serving the Lord and making a positive difference.

Wear Your Appreciation

Make a visible statement to your pastor by ordering the specially designed T-shirts for this special Sabbath, and wear them to the service for the event.

Call in a Guest Speaker

Give your pastor a Sabbath off from speaking, and invite a guest speaker who will affirm the office of pastor and honor your pastor and their family for serving.

Flood Your Pastor(s) With a Tidal Wave of Text Messages

The day of the event could be during the Appreciation Week, and have members with cell phones send text messages of love and appreciation to the pastor. If your church is under 150, members could send a few throughout the day. If your church is larger, one text from each family should be more than sufficient. (Someone should check first to ensure the pastor can receive unlimited text messages without extra charges, or else this expression of love could literally cost the pastor.)

Have a "Pastor's Choice" Worship Service

Pastors are always trying to provide services with worship elements the people enjoy. On pastor's appreciation Sabbath, why not let the pastor have his preferences? Have a public declaration the Sabbath before the event, thanking your pastor for making the effort to assist others in worship, and let them know that on Clergy Ap-

preciation Sabbath, the order of service, the Scripture reading, and all the music will be at the pastor's full preferential discretion.

Financial Blessing

The Scriptures tell us that those who serve well as pastors, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching the Word of God, deserve double honor (1 Timothy 5:17). In the very next verse, the Apostle Paul relates this double honor to wages needed. Too often pastors are not appreciated financially, so bless your pastor and family with a financial gift. Pass the offering plate or give out envelopes to be filled and returned for your event, and then place the envelopes on a gift tree or together in a large envelope or basket and presented to the pastor.

Roll Out the Royal Treatment

Plan a special banquet and make your pastor and their family the guests of honor. Put a program in place with testimonies from the church leaders and laypersons that will publicly thank the pastor for their ministry, using specific examples of how they have been blessed. Invite a musical group to put on a concert during the banquet. Of course, having a great meal will enhance the event for everyone!

Send Your Pastor Away

Provide your pastor and their family a trip away for some rest and renewal. There are some wonderful places which could provide needed downtime and focused spiritual renewal for pastoral families.

Whatever you do, make this month count. Pray for your pastor so whatever preys on him or her does not have success. 🙏

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DELEGATES REELECT

Union Administrators, Directors

BY R. STEVEN NORMAN III

Seeking and saving the lost through evangelism, education, and health ministries was the theme that characterized the reports and overarched the elections during the Southern Union Quinquennial Session, held September 18-19, 2016, at the Hilton Atlanta Airport Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia.

The 330 registered delegates unanimously reelected Ron C. Smith, D.Min., Ph.D., as president; Jim Davidson, executive secretary; Randy Robinson, treasurer; Carlos Salazar, association treasurer; and Dennis Milburn, undertreasurer. Milburn plans to retire, so Dave Colburn was made undertreasurer-elect, a designation he will hold until Milburn retires. On the second day of the Session, all the departmental directors and associates were returned to their elected positions.

In response to his reelection, Smith said, “I’m feeling most honored to have received your affirmation through your reelection of me as your president for a new term. Thank you for partnership during this past quinquennium in reaching new benchmarks in ministry to our territory. With God’s help, we will drill deeper and reach higher in our quest to introduce more and more people to Jesus. We will purpose to reach popular culture through hope and wholeness.”

During the president’s report, Smith, who has personally balanced administrative responsibilities and public evangelistic preaching, reminded those in attendance that evangelism, hope, and wholeness are the focus for the next five years.

Southern Adventist University

Since Southern Adventist University



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Delegates join hands in prayer as Betty Stewart-Fullwood (at podium), a delegate-at-large for the Southeastern Conference, prays.

belongs to the Southern Union, delegates heard and voted on reports from David Smith, Ph.D., president of Southern Adventist University, and Tom Verrill, treasurer. David Smith’s report showed that Southern is committed to offering a strong academic program at an affordable cost. An increasingly large number of students are involved in service and evangelistic outreach. By these means, hundreds of people are baptized as a direct result of student outreach each year. The delegates also voted the Board of Trustees for the University.

Adventist Health System, Adventist University of Health Sciences, and Oakwood University

Additional reports were presented by

David Greenlaw, D.Min., president of Adventist University of Health Sciences; Leslie Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., M.B.A., president of Oakwood University; and Don Jernigan, Ph.D., president/CEO of Adventist Health System.

Adventist University of Health Sciences opened in 1992 and will celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2017. In just 25 years, the University is advanced beyond the undergraduate programs to offer four master degree programs, and a doctoral degree in physical therapy.

The past quinquennium has seen Oakwood University move to the auspices of the North American Division, the development of a healthy campus initiative, and advancement in other areas.

The Adventist Health System currently



PHOTO BY: R. STEVEN NORMAN III

The Southern Union Constituents reelected all of its officers at the 19th Quinquennial Constituency Session on September 18-19, 2016. The officers left to right are: Marlene Colburn; Dave Colburn, undertreasurer-elect; Jim Davidson, executive secretary; Bonnie Davidson; Yolanda Smith; Ron C. Smith, D.Min., Ph.D., president; Randy Robinson, treasurer; Denise Robinson; Esther Salazar; Carlos Salazar, association treasurer; Dennis Millburn, undertreasurer; and Bobbie Millburn.



David Smith, Ph.D., president of Southern Adventist University, presents the five-year report at the Southern Union Session.

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has 46 hospital campuses across 11 states. Their 78,000 caregivers extended the healing ministry of Christ to more than 20 million individuals during the past five years.

Several times the delegates erupted with applause of praise for how God is using those connected with these institutions to change the lives of students and patients.

On the final day of the Session, John Bradshaw, speaker/director of It Is Written, preached a riveting sermon in which he told how an Adventist World War II Medal of Honor recipient, Desmond Doss, repeatedly braved a hail of enemy bullets and deadly mortar shells on Hacksaw Ridge to save wounded and dying soldiers one by one. Every time he saved a soldier, he would crawl back into the enemy fire in

search of another wounded soldier. Each time he could be heard praying, “Lord, give me one more,” until he had saved an estimated 75 men from the gaping jaws of death.

Current world events provide clear evidence that the enemy of souls is busy. The souls of our relatives, friends, neighbors at stake. Beginning today, may our daily prayer be, “Lord give me one more. Lord, give me one more. Lord, give me just one more.”

You may view the 11-minute President’s Report on the President’s page at southernunion.com or the Southern Union Conference Youtube channel. 📺

HE SAID GO

2016 Missions Conference

Therefore go and
make disciples
of all nations.
—Matthew 28:19 (NIV)

BY ELDEN RAMERIZ

Jesus said, “GO and make followers of all people in the world,” Matthew 28:19. Known as the “Great Commission,” these words motivate Seventh-day Adventists.

The North American Division is hosting the HE SAID GO Missions Conference, taking place in San Diego, California, on November 18-20, 2016. The purpose of this Conference is to serve as a catalyst for missions, not only overseas, but also in domestic service. The vision and prayer of the Church in North America is for local church members to become active in their communities and abroad.

During this special gathering, the Di-

vision will provide training, resources, and above all, a clear vision of where the Church needs to go in the area of mission service. This includes the involvement of every church member in service, becoming the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

Each guest speaker will focus on igniting the spirit of service in a specific mission context. “From Native American mission opportunities, including the Eskimos in northern Alaska and Canada, to Guam-Micronesia Mission territory, it is our prayer that everyone attending will choose to respond to the opportunities of service that God may present to them,” says Elden Ramirez, director of the Of-

fice of Volunteer Ministries for the North American Division.

The keynote speakers include Dwight Nelson, Randy Roberts, Leslie N. Pollard, Carlton Byrd, Steve Case, Richard H. Hart, Gary Krause, Sam Leonor, Yami Bazan, Jonathan Duffy, Andrea Luxton, Dan Jackson, Alex Bryant, and Elden Ramirez.

To register and for more information, please visit hesaidgo.org.

Elden Rameriz is the director of volunteer ministries at the North American Division.

An INCREDIBLE GIFT

BY VICTORIA DUNKLE



Murrill shares a hug with Korzyniowski after the two underwent surgery.



Recovery is going well for Korzyniowski and Murrill, who enjoyed a walk with one another shortly after surgery.

A typical day in the life of Mark Murrill, a member of the Park Ridge Health Physician Enterprise team, involves welcoming and helping new physicians settle into their new roles. Anesthesiologist Andrew Korzyniowski was the first physician Murrill helped through the onboarding process at Park Ridge Health in Fletcher, North Carolina.

Murrill says he and Korzyniowski got acquainted, and their families connected at church. But, this connection was about to take a dramatic turn through a course of events that only God could orchestrate.

Korzyniowski had not shared with anyone outside of his family that he had been suffering with kidney failure for nearly two decades. A year ago he began to notice a serious change in his life. “I really started to feel poorly,” he said. “I was having a

hard time keeping up with my children. I was having low energy.” His wife, Jessica, suggested he make an appointment with his doctor. That doctor told him he needed to be put on the list to receive a kidney transplant.

No one in Korzyniowski’s families was a match. During the screening process, doctors discovered that Jessica Korzyniowski’s mother had colon cancer. When she needed help watching their children to be with her mother during treatments, Murrill’s wife stepped in to help. That is when Stephanie Murrill learned the circumstances that had led the other family to this point.

The Murrills had a conversation most people would never consider. Could he be a candidate to help Korzyniowski? Were they willing to make this offer? They knew there was no question. Murrill made the appointment to be tested.

A month later, Murrill got the call. He was a match. “It was all a little scary at first,” he said. “My wife and I had to make the decision to go forward with the process. Then it was up to Korzyniowski when we scheduled the surgery.”

“I almost tried to talk him out of it on several occasions,” said Korzyniowski. “I said, ‘Look this is an incredible thing you’re offering to do for me. But, it is an incredible risk and a major operation.’ I told him if at any point he decided he didn’t want to do it, he was free to back out.”

Murrill didn’t back out, and within a few weeks Korzyniowski’s ability to hold off the surgery had reached its ending point. He needed a new kidney, and made the call to his friend.

From the moment Korzyniowski woke up after his surgery, he said he could feel an amazing change in his body. He admits, “It has not been a walk in the park, but overall I can physically feel my health improving every single day, and it feels amazing.”

Murrill visited Korzyniowski just hours after their surgeries. Korzyniowski said all he could do was hug him. “I really didn’t have words. I was looking at the man who had given me back my life.”

Both men are recovering well from their surgeries and seeing their incredible friendship grow stronger with each new day of life they experience.

“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends,” John 15:13. ●

A BELOVED BUTTERFLY

is released

BY LORI FUTCHER



PHOTO BY: SUBMITTED BY LORI FUTCHER

LaRayne Hall is a teacher who loves her students. She has faithfully served at Bowman Hills School for 22 years, and has decided to take flight to experience a well-deserved retirement.

Every year, the kindergartners at Bowman Hills School in Cleveland, Tennessee, watch with excitement as caterpillars spin their cocoons and later emerge as butterflies. Then comes the day they have all been waiting for. With great celebration, the butterflies are released to fly away and begin a new stage of their lives.

It was with even greater fanfare that the school, along with friends and alumni, celebrated kindergarten teacher LaRayne Hall's 22 years of service at Bowman Hills, and released her into retirement.

"This is not goodbye," said Hall, who plans to continue as a volunteer. "It's just hello from the other side of the room."

Hall began her career in Spearfish, South Dakota, at a one-room school with 12 students in six different grades — and no assistant. That experience quickly taught her how to determine the main concept in a lesson, and teach that lesson to various grade levels, adjusting the assignments accordingly.

As she taught, Hall would mull over Ellen White's blueprint for education she had learned about in the Philosophy of Education class she took from George Knight. Soon a dream began to form, and as she started mentioning that dream to others, they got excited. One woman got so excited with Hall's ideas, she offered her ranch house to be used as a school. "And, I would

love to send my son there," the woman told her.

So Hall incorporated Springs of Life Christian School, where she taught reading from the Bible, and included practical arts in her curriculum. Since the ranch home backed up to the National Forest, science lessons often included excursions into the woods.

"That was probably the most fun anybody could ever have," says Hall.

Her students seemed to agree. Recently, she ran into one of her students, now fully grown, who told her, "Those were absolutely the best years of my life."

The only thing that made that situation less than ideal was the lack of funds, so

after four years she moved to Oklahoma, where she did substitute teaching in the public school system before being hired to teach in a one-room school in Venice, Florida. During her four years there, she helped the school grow from five to 16 students before moving on to St. Petersburg, Florida, where she received the Zappara Excellence in Teaching Award.

It was also in St. Petersburg where she met her husband. Allen Hall visited her church, where his friend Mark Schiefer, was a member and school board chair. Immediately, Allen Hall asked to meet her. But she wasn't so sure. "He's not my type," she decided quickly. Soon, however, the two were talking, and as time passed and they got to know each other better, he suggested she send her resume to the Georgia-Cumberland Conference so they could be closer together.

"No way!" was her immediate response, "I'm not leaving my wonderful school and church family."

Later, while at a women's retreat, Hall was challenged to consider what might be keeping her from a closer walk with God. As she reflected on that challenge while walking through the woods, she felt overwhelmingly impressed that selfishness was the answer — but she couldn't figure out how she was being selfish.

So she sat on a tree stump and prayed, "Talk to me, Lord. What am I being selfish about?"

The answer was almost audible. "You've never asked me if I want you to move."

Still not wanting to relocate, Hall responded, "If you want me to move, you are going to have to make it so clear that I cannot fight it." Then she had an idea. She hadn't been able to find her resume file. So she promised that if she located her resume, she would send it to the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. But, her promise came with a stipulation. "I'm not going to look for it," she told God, "You're going to have to drop it in my lap."

True to word, not only did she not look for her resume, but she avoided any cabinet where she thought it might be hiding. It wasn't much later when, while looking for March activities, she moved some items to the side and a file folder fell on her lap. It was her resume file.

Keeping her promise to God, she updated



PHOTO BY: SUBMITTED BY LORI FUTCHER

LaRayne Hall served for 22 years at the Bowman Hills Adventist School in Cleveland, Tennessee. From cocoons to principal to kindergarten, she loved her students well.

her resume and sent it to the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. Soon she had a call. Not only was the school in Alan Hall's conference, it was connected with his home church — Bowman Hills.

Hall quickly became part of the Bowman Hills family.

"It didn't take long for me to be impressed with LaRayne's spirituality," says Donna Nudd, who worked alongside Hall at the Bowman Hills School for many years.

For 10 years, Hall served not only as a teacher at Bowman Hills but also as the school's principal. Under her leadership, the school started a hot lunch program, and an annual rummage sale to support the band.

The rummage sale, which brought in about \$2,000 its first year, was so successful that soon it began funding other projects as well, such as a new playground for the students. In recent years the sale has grown to bring in around \$20,000 annually — having contributed nearly half a million dollars to the school over the last 19 years.

But, perhaps the biggest contribution Hall made to Bowman Hills while serving as principal was helping to save the band program that was in danger of being discontinued. Having been a music major in college, Hall understood deeply the importance of music education.

"I have had many principals," says Bruce Kuist, who served as band director of the OAKBOW band (a combined band for the

Ooltewah and Bowman Hills schools) for many years, "and I have found Mrs. Hall to be one of the best. Thank you, Mrs. Hall, for saving the band and supporting it all these years."

In 2007, Hall stepped down from being principal in order to pursue her master's degree. She, however, continued teaching kindergarten at Bowman Hills. By this time, the school had grown to include a pre-kindergarten class that she taught alongside her kindergarten students.

Her classroom was so popular, that soon students were turned away. And so, she helped the school in another major transition — receiving accreditation for a stand-alone pre-K. Releasing the pre-K students into the capable hands of Pat Reese, Hall has spent the last couple years of her career focusing on preparing large classes of kindergartners for first grade.

"How blessed our children have been," says Felicito Fernando, who had several children pass through her classroom.

Amy Hunt, Hall's first pre-K student, who is now a junior at Georgia-Cumberland Academy, agrees. "You are the foundation of my learning," she says.

And so, as Bowman Hills releases Hall into the next stage of her life, there is a mixture of tears and smiles — tears, for she will surely be missed. And yet, those who know her cannot help but smile when they think of the many caterpillars LaRayne Hall has helped shape into beautiful butterflies. ❀

Mountainside's Prayer DRIVE-THRU MINISTRY

BY JOHN GARDNER



Gregory Saunders (left), pastor of Mountainside Church in Decatur, Georgia, prays with a young man who rode into the parking lot asking for prayer.

He narrowly escaped the wheels of a car driven by a robbery suspect trying to run over him. A broken leg, scars, and bruises from his narrow escape still ache from the experience. Several days later his wife asked for a divorce. The police officer drove into the parking lot at Mountainside Church in Decatur, Georgia, where he pulled his car close to waiting members and asked, “Can someone pray with me?” Gregory Saunders, pastor of Mountainside, and the team members prayed with him.

Nestled in an Atlanta suburb, Mountainside sponsors a ministry that reaches out to the community, offering prayer and encouragement. The ministry, Prayer Drive-Thru Ministry (PD-TM), is the brain child of church member Norwida Marshall, Ph.D., retired elementary and early childhood education director at the Southern Union, and was launched February 2016.

Marshall credits the Holy Spirit for the idea, which weighed on her mind heavily for several days before approaching the church board for official approval to implement the plans. Thelma Peterson, elder, was appointed to oversee the ministry. She invited volunteers Richie and Carol Cenac, Frank and Shirley Kelly, and Rose Vaughan to discuss and work out the logistics of the program. A prayer box, cards for names and addresses, and signs were designed and placed around the church property directing the community to the prayer box in the parking lot available 24 hours daily. Ultimately, the goal is for souls to be saved by intro-

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ducing them to Christ for commitment through baptism. There are also prayer boxes inside the church for members to leave requests.

Committee members, referred to as The One Accord Team, in addition to other volunteers such as Sylvia and Horace Stephens, Lynn Joseph, and Franklin Oliver, wave signs to passing motorists along the route in front of Mountainside Church as they drive by, inviting them to stop for prayer. The committee members, plus a few other volunteers such as Pennie Lister-Smith, Ed.D., retired vice president for education at the South Atlantic Conference, meet the drivers outside of their vehicles and pray for them as they sit in their vehicles, or meet under the church's canopy if they choose. Ben Fitzroy faithfully assists with literature distribution, and keeps the pocket folders in readiness for the walk-ins.

"We first ask participants about their concerns, requests, and challenges. Their concerns are first addressed," said Marshall. "There are times when we would have a line of cars waiting for prayer in the parking lot. A school bus and garbage truck once parked in the lot. The drivers walked to the prayer area where walk-ins stop for prayer," added Peterson.

The One Accord Team partners at times with Mountainside's Community Services and the Food Bank to provide food and clothing. "At the conclusion of each parking lot prayer, we suggest that if they are in need of food or clothing, they are invited to go to the next door for further assistance," said Marshall.

These ministries are a blessing for the community and Mountainside, under the leadership of Saunders, who often attends the planning meetings and personally intercedes with prayer for the ministry, and follows up with PD-TM participants.

Mountainside members are grateful and appreciative for the ministry. They provide good counsel and encouragement such as that from Smith who "finds fulfillment in knowing she is a part of providing a needed service to the community."

Wayne Brewster-McCarthy, personal ministries leader at Mountainside, says, "The blessings of the ministry is the heartfelt response of the community. They af-



PHOTO BY: JOHN GARDNER

DeKalb County workers pause for a photo after prayer during their lunch break.



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The One Accord Team members include Shirley Kelly (left), Norwida Marshall, Thelma Peterson, Frank Kelly, Richie Cenac, Carol Cenac, and Rose Vaughan.

firm our efforts, what we are doing for the community. They let us know through various comments in community meetings." McCarthy shared that at a recent community meeting, Larry Johnson, a DeKalb County commissioner, expressed appreciation for the impact Mountainside is having in the community. Johnson could not remember individuals' names, but he kept saying, "Mountainside! Mountainside!"

Nicholas Harper, 27, and Shavaun Jackson, 23, are two millennials who drove in asking for prayer. "[It] felt like a force pulling us in for prayer once we saw the sign offering prayer," said Harper. Jackson continued, "We all need prayer. You can never get too much prayer. This is so rare, that someone invites you in for

prayer. Who does that?"

Despite the fact that the ministry has been in operation literally for only a few days, considering two days per month, more than 200 cars will have been logged entering the parking lot for prayer by the end of September, and word has spread. South Atlantic Carolina Seniors have tentatively requested a presentation from Marshall of the ministry at its convention in September. And, a faculty member in the Theology Department at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, is in conversation about engaging Marshall to organize a Prayer Drive-Thru Ministry in a local church as a model. To God be the glory, honor, and praise! 🙏

A New Era of PROVIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP

BY MARVIN L. ALLISON SR.

South Central Conference held its 25th Regular Session on July 24, 2016. The out-going president, Dana C. Edmond, wanted to ensure the Session would be a highly spiritual one filled with prayer, praise, timeliness, and respect — something that can be very difficult to achieve in a constituency meeting. However, it was achieved. The Session was laden with prayer.

It started months ago when Edmond called for weekly fasting and prayer throughout the Conference. Churches, pastors, and delegates all prayed for the Holy Spirit to be upon the Session, and for the will of the Father to be made clear to all. On Saturday evening, the organizing committee participated in a

prayer meeting before sunset, not just a devotional but an actual prayer service. Rupert Bushner II, senior pastor, Mt. Calvary Church, Huntsville, Alabama, delivered a dynamic message reminding all that God is always in control. On Sunday morning, a prayer service was conducted by G. Alexander Bryant, executive secretary, North American Division (NAD), who followed suit and reminded all that everything about this Session and doing the Lord's Work must be bathed in prayer.

The Nominating Committee brought to the floor the name of Benjamin Jones for president. Jones is a lifelong pastor of South Central, and he served as the ministerial director during the previous quinquennium. With a nearly unanimous

vote, Jones with his wife, Carol, accepted the providential calling of God, and he became the eighth president of South Central, taking on the realm after a legacy of great men whom God used during the past 70 years: Herman Murphy, Walter W. Fordham, Frank L. Bland, Charles E. Dudley, Joseph W. McCoy, Benjamin P. Browne, and Dana C. Edmond.

Shortly after, the Nominating Committee brought to the floor the names of John S. Nixon Sr., D.Min., as executive secretary, and Merkita Mosley as treasurer; Mosley served as the treasurer in the previous quinquennium. Again, with nearly unanimous votes, these individuals were confirmed by the delegates to finish completing the administration for the next



Benjamin Jones, newly elected president of South Central Conference



John S. Nixon Sr., D.Min., newly elected executive secretary of South Central Conference



Merkita Mosley, reelected treasurer of South Central Conference



Theme for the Session

quinquennial. Nixon is no stranger to South Central as he once pastored Oakwood University Church in Huntsville, Alabama. Nixon is a formidable voice in the Seventh-day Adventist church, and brings with him a wealth of knowledge and church administrative skills. Not only had he pastored Oakwood University Church, he pastored the Atlantic Union College Church and Southern Adventist University Church, and served as a professor at Southern Adventist University and as the NAD ministerial field representative.

Directors voted by the Nominating Committee:

Adventist Community Services – Barbara Barnes and Lillie Buckingham (co-directors); Adventist-laymen’s Services and Industries (ASI) – **Michael Harpe; Communication – *Marvin L. Allison Sr.; Disabilities Ministries – Nettie Henderson; Education Superintendent

– Johnny Holliday; Health Ministries – Curtis and Paula Eakins (co-directors); Men’s Ministries – Rupert Bushner, D.Min.; Ministerial – ***Jesse Wilson, D.Min.; Ministerial Associate – Joe Grider, D.Min.; Ministerial Associate – Dorian Melo; Multicultural Ministries – Dorian Melo; National Service Organization – Lorenzo Shepherd; Publishing and FHES – Java Mattison; Personal Ministries – Vandeon Griffin; Religious Liberty – Martin Lister; Sabbath School – Vandeon Griffin; Stewardship – Michael Harpe; Stewardship Associate – James Lewis; Young Adult Ministries – Lola Moore; Youth – Lorenzo Shepherd; and Women’s Ministries – Sonia Paul.

Michael Harpe, newly appointed acting communication director, submitted this information:

*South Central says farewell to Marvin Allison Sr., communication director (2013-2016). Administration has asked

Michael Harpe (former communication director, 2006-2012) to serve as acting communication director until ratified by the Executive Committee.

**ASI has been referred to the Executive Committee, as Michael Harpe was term-limited in ASI.

***Jesse Wilson declined the position of ministerial director; the new Executive Committee voted Joseph Grider, D.Min., as director, and Kennedy Luckett as associate director.

Positions filled by the Executive Committee:

Trust Services – Sonja Crayton; Prayer Ministries – Shirley Scott; Education Associate – Queen Robinson; Children’s Ministries – Trina Ware; and Family Life – Renee Mobley, Ph.D.

South Central is looking forward to God doing great things for His Kingdom during the next five years. ☛

Literature Evangelist Student

CANVASSES PUBLIC OFFICIALS

BY XAVIER SNYDER

Is there any way I could speak to the mayor today?" I asked the receptionist at the Shelbyville City Hall. I was in a student canvassing group known as Youth Summit, and was assigned to canvass businesses in downtown Shelbyville, Kentucky.

"Skip all the government buildings," our group leader had advised me. But, I felt a conviction to speak to any available public official.

In response to my question, the receptionist walked around back and returned with Mayor Hardesty, who kindly invited me to join him in his office. It was there, in the mayor's office, that we talked about local government and religious freedom. As I began to witness to him about being a literature evangelist and *Liberty* magazine, I was surprised to find out that he reads the magazine and really enjoys it! At the end of the conversation, Hardesty mentioned, "...and Rand Paul is supposed to be here in town soon."

Before the mayor could finish, I felt another conviction to aim higher in my goal to canvass public officials. As I left city hall, I sprinted to where Senator Rand Paul would be, praying for the best.

I walked into the community center and stood in line to take a picture with the senator, and prayed as I pulled out the *Great Controversy*. After thanking the senator and canvassing him all within 10 seconds, I received an immediate interest in the *Great Controversy* and ended up leaving it.



Xavier Snyder (left) and Rand Paul

Leaving the community center with a smile on my face, I called in the book, and prayed that the Holy Spirit would be with the Senator. This experience has

encouraged me to further my work in witnessing to all classes of people, and I will always cherish it as a blessing. 🙏

Don Jernigan to Retire as President/CEO of Adventist Health System

Donald L. Jernigan, Ph.D., 71, has announced that he will retire from the position of president/CEO of Adventist Health System, and transition to a faculty role at the Adventist Health System Leadership Institute in December 2016.

Jernigan has served as president/CEO of Adventist Health System since 2006, where through his leadership the health care system has experienced a steady nine percent net revenue growth during the last 10 years, and expanded from 37 to 46 hospital campuses nationwide. His extraordinary career with Adventist Health System has also included roles such as executive vice president, senior vice president, CEO of Florida Hospital and the Florida Division, CEO of the Multi-State Hospital Division, president of Tennessee Christian Medical Center and the Tennessee-Georgia Region, and president of Metroplex Adventist Hospital in Killeen, Tex.

“Under Don’s leadership, Adventist Health System has grown in every way. From its hospital campuses to its operating revenue to the impact of its mission, “Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ,” the organization has flourished throughout economic downturns and the uncertainty of health care reform,” said Adventist Health System’s Board chairman, Don Livesay. “While his leadership strengths and portfolio are diverse, one area of influence that cannot be overstated is his relentless focus on Christian principles in leadership, and the impact that intentionality has had on the health system.”

Jernigan will advance his influence in shaping mission-focused leaders in his new role as a founding faculty member of the Adventist Health System Leadership Institute, where he will provide faith-based



Donald L. Jernigan, Ph.D., president/CEO of Adventist Health System

practical and experiential guidance to help leaders hone strategic skills.

Jernigan holds a doctorate in physical chemistry from Baylor University, and a bachelor of science in chemistry from the University of Texas at Arlington. He is a Diplomate of the American College of Healthcare Executives, member of the Board of Trustees for the Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute, member of the Board of Florida Hospital, and an active philanthropist who is passionate in giving to the United Way and other civic organizations.

“It has been a privilege to serve this organization in so many leadership roles, including president/CEO. My wife, Sharon, and I consider Adventist Health System to

be our family, and I look forward to continuing to contribute through the development of future leaders. I am confident in the health of our organization, the course set forth through our strategic initiatives, and the qualified senior leadership that will make for a seamless transition as we continue to extend the healing ministry of Christ in the communities we are trusted to serve,” said Jernigan.

The Adventist Health System Board will elect a new president/CEO at their meeting on December 8, 2016, and that individual will assume responsibilities immediately. ●

BY CHRISTINE STEWART

Thomasville Church Members Receive Miraculous Donation



PHOTO BY: REBECCA GOTTFRIED

Several years ago, the Thomasville, N.C., Church family could see that they were growing out of their facility on Sharon Drive. They purchased three acres of land on Lake Road in hope of building a church there in the future. They began a fundraising program for this building project, and by 2011 decided to sell their church facility on Sharon Drive. In 2013, the church sold and the Thomasville Church family, now close to 100 members, rented space at the Presbyterian Church in Thomasville while getting everything ready to build on the Lake Road property.

During this time, problems arose on the Lake Road land. Though the water and sewer lines came right to the property, the city wanted to charge a large sum of money to have them connected — the land would not perk. After trying to work with the city, the church family decided not to build on Lake Road, but to see if God wanted them to find another property on which to build.

A piece of land on Old Raleigh Road with more than five acres was still available. The Thomasville Church had looked at the same property before they had purchased the Lake Road land, but the price was too high. However, in 2015 the price had been reduced to half of the original sum, so the Thomasville Church family purchased this space for their new facility. Plans were drawn and, in May 2016, the time came to begin building.

Just a few days before the land was to be cleared, Steve Bietz, pastor, received a call from an individual who had learned of the Thomasville Church. He had heard about their church plant in Staley and their radio station, and was impressed. After talking to Bietz for more than an hour, the individual offered to pay for the construction of the church facility if the Thomasville Church family would agree to some stipulations. First, the facility had to be brick and not metal. Second, they were to allow him to build a community center and gym to go along with an even larger sanctu-

ary and fellowship hall. And third, they were to use the money they would save on mortgage payments for evangelism. The Thomasville Church family agreed to accept the offer as they praised God for this blessing! New church plans had to be drawn, as the size of the church complex grew from 6,000 square feet to 30,000 square feet.

The Thomasville Church family is excited about how God has led them over the last six years, even though at times they felt as if they were constantly having to navigate setbacks. Now they see how God was guiding behind the scenes the entire time. The Thomasville members are excitedly anticipating their new plans to bring the citizens of Thomasville to their church complex, and to extend their evangelism endeavors to a new level they never believed would be possible. ①

BY REBECCA GOTTFRIED

University City Church Holds Vacation Bible School



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During the week of July 11-15, 2016, the University City Church in Charlotte, N.C., held Cave Quest Vacation Bible School (VBS), a program by Group.

Every night began with an opening ceremony where the children learned a new Bible point. Whenever they heard the Bible point for that evening, they were to respond with a rousing, “Follow Him!” The Bible points for each night included “Jesus gives us hope,” “Jesus gives us courage,” “Jesus gives us direction,” “Jesus gives us love,” and “Jesus gives us power.” Along with learning these, the children sang upbeat songs that tied into the lesson and pointed to Jesus.

After the opening ceremony the children would divide into their crews and visit the different stations. The children were always excited to visit Spelunker Sports and Games, where they played fun activities that tied in with their Bible point. They also had the opportunity to visit Deep Bible Quests with Ryan Ashlock, pastor. Here,

Ashlock would bring Bible stories to life, and leave a lasting impression on the children. The youth loved Imagination Station, where they would create simple “experiments” that they could take home with them to show their parents. KidVid Cinema was a favorite. Here, the crews would watch a short video about real children in the real world living out their faith in cool ways. Cavern Café was always popular, as the children received a tasty snack that tied in with their lesson. The day would always end with more singing during the closing celebration.

Every evening seemed to bring rain during VBS, which put a damper on the outdoor activities. However, the children didn’t let a little dampness ruin their fun! They continued to praise God no matter what. On the last night, a rainbow stretched across the sky above the church facility. They felt the rainbow assured attendees, helpers, and parents that God was pleased with what was going on at University City Church.

Vacation Bible School would not have been possible without the dedicated volunteers who came every evening after their long days at work. University City was especially blessed with extra helping hands — the Mount Pisgah Academy recruiting team led by Beth Grissom. Not only did they volunteer in the community during the day, they would faithfully arrive early every evening to prepare to lead the children in singing. Then they would lead groups as crew leaders. They were such a blessing during the VBS week.

More than 70 children were touched during VBS week as they learned about the many things that Jesus gives to all. The members pray that many more will continue to be touched through the efforts pouring from the University City Church family as they bridge a connection between church and community. 📌

BY ABBY KING

Sports Council Promotes Physical, Spiritual Growth



PHOTO BY: TRUDIAN CONSTANT

“For the first time in a long time, I felt very happy,” says Ewan McFarquhar, a forward on First University Church’s Yellow Jackets basketball team, after his baptism by Romel Charles, pastor, in December 2015.

Youth state basketball champions from Northside Church (Southeastern Conference) in Miami: Hayden Brun (back row, left), Marvin Calixte, Yuri-Sam Noel, and Germay Origene; Rock Calixte (front row), Jovahn Sylvestre, and Tristan Ferguson. The head coach is Don Clerveaux, and the assistant coach is Sneider Joseph.

The Florida Conference Sports Council is dedicated to bringing Adventists and others together to share and teach the Gospel while making an impact for eternity through the platform of sports in its different forms. The Council promotes and provides leadership, team building, community outreach, and Christian fellowship.

Under this umbrella, a basketball league was formed in 2012. During the 2015-2016 season, 50 teams from 32 churches were involved from Southeastern and Florida conferences. In addition to a coach, each team includes a chaplain who is in charge of Bible studies, a devotional for team meetings, and team outreach. The chaplain submits a monthly report on the ministry the team has chosen to do in the community.

Through the ministry of the league, Ewan McFarquhar, a forward on First University Church’s (Southeastern Conference) Yellow Jackets basketball team, was baptized in December 2015. That’s the type of change the league is seeking. When statistics show that six out of 10 young people leave the Church, it is im-

portant to find a way to reach out to them on their level and through their interests.

As part of the Council’s mission to provide a Christian environment promoting physical and spiritual growth, a Community Connect Day was held in April when the ministry partnered with Patmos Chapel Church (Southeastern Conference) with the assistance of Lindsay Syeh, associate pastor.

- Participants who worked at Orlando’s Lake Eola were tasked with reaching out to people and letting them know God cares, even though no one else may. They gave out countless hugs, prayed with people, and distributed prayer cards.
- One group went door to door visiting 200 homes. They connected with 23 families, and invited them to a special Wednesday night program at the church. These families are now part of the church follow-up database.
- More than 40 energetic youth and young adults worked at the local elementary school. They weeded and cleaned the school garden and lunch area; picked up trash around the buildings; and cleaned cabinets,

walls, and desks in the classrooms.

- Outreach teams also worked together to enhance the playground at the United Cerebral Palsy organization, as well as to repaint the cement fence facing the roadway.

The Florida Conference Sports Council was spawned in 2011 when Jonathan Swan realized there was a lack of young people his age attending Camp Meeting. Using the tools he learned from coaches James Roddy, Simon Jacobs, and Alton Conwell at Oakwood University, he wrote a proposal for a sports ministry program and submitted it to the Youth Department.

“One-third of all team members are nonAdventist,” says Robert Hines, Florida Conference associate youth director. “We want to use this organization as an avenue to reach other young people. This is a ministry where we use our own experiences to benefit others.”

Registration for the 2016-2017 season is underway. Please see the website at fcsports.com for further information. 📍

BY JONATHAN SWAN

Forest Lake Academy Announces New Principal, Vice Principal



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Frank L. Jones III



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Myrna Candelaria

Florida Conference proudly announces the new principal team at Forest Lake Academy in Apopka, Fla.: Frank L. Jones III, principal, and Myrna Candelaria, vice principal.

Jones has served the academy as vice principal since 2012. He comes to this position with 43 years of effective education-

al leadership experience, with service as superintendent of education at Southwest Regional Conference, educational resource consultant and headmaster at South Atlantic Conference, and numerous other positions including principal, registrar, counselor, and teacher.

“Education is about having growth occur wherever, whenever, and however possible,” Jones states. “Education is as vast as the ocean. Schools are responsible for ensuring every child has an opportunity to rise with the highest tide while meeting educational, social, and personal success.”

Candelaria will serve as vice principal for curriculum and teacher development. After teaching for 33 years in the Adventist educational system, she became part of the campus family last year as a principal intern through the Advancement for Christian

Education Academy’s Aspiring Principals Program, sponsored by the Bainum Family Foundation.

“I am honored that God has called me to the ministry of education,” Candelaria says. “It is my greatest desire to serve His youth in providing them with the opportunities, knowledge, and skills that will facilitate their walk with Him and their service to others.”

“We searched prayerfully and carefully for the leaders who would continue to guide this large, thriving school on the right path,” says Frank Runnels, Florida Conference vice president for education. “We are convinced we have found just the right match for our campus.”

Florida Conference and the Office of Education look forward to the continued progress of Forest Lake Academy under these two new leaders. ●

Lauderhill Adventurer, Pathfinder Clubs Honor WWII Veteran

During the July 4, 2016, weekend, World War II veteran Vincent Ferriero, accompanied by his son, James, joined the Sabbath worship services at Lauderhill, Fla., Church, where members thanked Ferriero for his service to the country and presented a plaque to him.

The Lauderhill Pioneer Adventurer and Pathfinder Clubs chose to honor Ferriero by raising funds and sending him to visit the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C. Upon his return, a contingent of uniformed Adventurers and Pathfinders met and welcomed the 89-year-old war veteran at the airport.

For the past four years, the clubs have served war veterans in surrounding communities by donating food items, books, holiday cards, and care packages to the William Bill Kling VA Clinic in Sunrise, Fla. ●



PHOTO BY: DAVE ADDEN

Vincent Ferriero visited Lauderhill Church to thank the congregation for his gift of a trip to visit the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. On the platform, from left, Ferriero’s son, James; Lester Elliott, senior pastor; Vincent Ferriero; and Claude Hardcastle, associate pastor. Below the platform are members of the Pathfinder Drill Team and Army soldier Livingstone Wright holding the U.S. flag.

Vincent Ferriero enlisted in the United States Navy at age 17, and was assigned to the USS Saint Paul. Near the end of WWII, the vessel fired the last naval salvos on the shores of Japan before the surrender of the Japanese. The crew members then served as occupational forces on the shores of Japan until the United States Army came to relieve them.

While serving in the U.S. Navy, Ferriero earned the Victory Medal, Occupational Medal, Asiatic-Pacific 1 Star Medal, and the American Theatre Medal.

BY DAVE ADDEN

Pathfinders, Women’s Ministries Blessed in Clarkston



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Pathfinder Lisa Kawamura helps serve lunch at a Star-C daycare in Clarkston, Ga., during a mission trip June 14-18, 2016. At the daycare facility, made up of refugee children from around the world, they served lunches, helped with crafts and activities, and assisted with a variety of other projects.

The God in Shoes ministry created a free clothing distribution, giving away clothing to the refugees in the Clarkston, Ga., area.

This summer the women’s ministries God in Shoes team and a Pathfinder team traveled to the Atlanta suburb of Clarkston, Ga., to serve. Labeled the “Ellis Island of the South,” Clarkston is a known refugee haven. It is one-square-mile where people speak more than 60 languages.

Women’s ministries, with women of all ages, spent June 21-29, 2016, in the Clarkston refugee resettlement, offering Vacation Bible School, free clothing distribution, cleaning supplies, and personal hygiene care bags for families; and holding a women’s only spa day. They were God in Shoes to their Clarkston neighbors.

“In my dream I would love for us as a church to have a continual presence here in Clarkston,” says Jo Dubs, women’s ministries director. “Remember every day, no matter wherever you are, you are a missionary, and that’s the most important thing.”

Rachel Crutcher, from the Logansville, Ga., Church said, “It’s teaching and reminding me to be more grateful for the

things that I have. It’s a blessing to me to be a blessing to others.”

The Pathfinders took a different path of service, working from June 14-18. They worked in a daycare with children, as well as doing yard work, painting, and other projects.

Allie Reeser works with Star-C, the daycare operator where the Pathfinders volunteered. She says this summer they have about 60 children daily. The daycare provides a safe place for the children, and they have lunch, snacks, programs, and activities. Of the Pathfinders she said, “It’s been fun to have them engage with kids. I loved getting to know them.”

Fernando Verduzco, children and junior youth director, says reaching out and engaging is what Pathfinders do. “Our Pathfinder mission statement is EPIC, Empowering Pathfinders in Christ. The empowering part is having them take an active role in their communities, especially outreach, and showing through the Pathfinders what Christ is.”

Larissa Perez, a Pathfinder from Way-

cross, Ga., said, “I thought I would be a blessing to the refugees, but that was not the case. They were a blessing to me.”

That feeling of being blessed was shared by Abbey Bonds from the Macon Mustang Pathfinders. She said, “I feel like I am being blessed in many ways because you get to see what other people go through. A lot of these people are going through situations that we can never think of. It was not what I was expecting; it is 10 times more than what I was expecting.”

Aubrey Toupe, a pastoral intern for the Ooltewah Church in Tenn., participated in the God in Shoes mission trip. She says, “As a pastor, when I look at this as evangelism, I get excited to see people from all ages, and all people groups, coming together and reaching out. The Gospel is supposed to go to the entire nation, and we have part of the entire world right here at our doorstep. Everyone can be a part, no matter where they come from or who they are.”

BY TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER

Buford Family Energized by Mission Outreach



SUBMITTED BY ANDREW SHURLIFF

Church members from the Buford Family Church in Georgia assisted a couple who was about to lose their home by repairing the roof and rotting porch.

Nothing energizes church members like local mission work! This is a discovery the Buford Family Church in Buford, Ga., made years ago when they decided to impact their immediate community in a tangible way.

What started as a simple survey to better understand the needs of their community soon grew into home renovations, large

scale cleanups, and health fairs. When it came time this year for their local missionary adventure, an especially pressing need arose.

In a trailer park only a couple of miles from the church, a couple was facing eviction. Due to a failing roof and rotting porch, the recently unemployed couple were facing the possibility of losing a

home they owned due to repairs they were physically and financially unable to make.

When Cindy Keiser, the church secretary and Bible worker, brought the urgent case before the church, more than 40 volunteers showed up to tackle a job that would take more than a week to complete.

Following long days at offices and job sites, the Buford family was true to its name and invested several hours each evening building, painting, and landscaping until the couple's house once again resembled a home.

Sometimes the Gospel has to be demonstrated with hammers and paintbrushes to be taken seriously. Mission trips to foreign lands are exciting and valuable, but many who may never cross an ocean to impact lives for Jesus are eager to do the very same work right here at home.

This has certainly been the experience shared by the local mission crew at the Buford Family Church. ●

BY ANDREWS SHURLIFF

Kingsport Church Sponsors Concert in Tri-Cities

The Kingsport Adventist Church is actively engaging their community!

They sponsored a Christian concert, with more than 600 people attending, featuring Phillips, Craig, and Dean at the Meadowview Marriott Convention Center in Kingsport, Tenn., on Friday, July 1, 2016.

Numerous church members volunteered their time to staff the event — handling ticket sales, admission, and merchandise sales; welcoming the attendees; providing security; and passing out free Bible studies. More than 360 sets of the *It Is Written* Bible studies were given out during the

evening. They also had a drawing for a free set of *Bible Story* books. Information was taken from individuals who showed an interest, and church members plan to follow up with these individuals.

About \$2,700 was made in proceeds from ticket sales and donated to Hope House, a crisis pregnancy center located in Kingsport.

“Seeds for eternity were sown in the hearts of approximately 600 people,” says Richard Greve, ministerial director for the northern region. ●

BY KIM BARNWELL



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The Kingsport Adventist Church is reaching out to their community. In July they sponsored a Christian concert with Phillips, Craig, and Dean at their local convention center. They gave away a lot of Bible studies and raised funds for a local agency.

Spartanburg Volunteers Help Create New School From Daycare



Volunteers from Spartanburg, S.C., helped work on Pensacola Junior Academy renovations.

Would you be willing to travel some 500 miles to another state just to help a church with a major project? On July 13, 2016, volunteers from Spartanburg, S.C., answered “yes” to that challenge, and went to Pensacola, Fla., to help local members work on transforming a former daycare center into new classrooms and offices for Pensacola Junior Academy. Inspired by the story of University Parkway Church members in Pensacola, who were working to accomplish the remodel by the start of the school year, the Spartanburg group decided to make it a mission trip. “Only one of us had actually been on a mission trip before,” noted Dorisann Brandt, whose daughter, Erika Peterson, along with her husband, Joe Peterson, M.D., serves as co-chairman of the Pensacola Junior Academy School Board.

Volunteers worked long hours on the extensive renovation. They removed and replaced sheetrock and flooring; did painting and staining, landscaping, and decorating; and moved school equipment. Erika Peterson and the Pensacola Church volunteers were very appreciative for the help of the Spartanburg volunteers, who gave



Joe Peterson, M.D., checks off the tasks accomplished in the Pensacola Junior Academy renovations.

their time and talent to make a difference, saying, “These 13 people worked for the equivalent of three full days here.” They also held a fundraiser at their church, and raised \$2K for the project.

The new school facility was officially unveiled at a Back to School Bash on August 6, 2016. After a Vespers program and ribbon-cutting ceremony, church and school families toured the facility. Brandt was able to visit and see the results of the investment of labor from the volunteers. “God blessed

us to accomplish this mission. The whole thing is a miracle.” Brandt’s feelings are echoed by the Pensacola members, in particular Jerod Hauffe, who said he was more excited about doing the volunteer work than about paid jobs. “We had to get in the Jordan River and get our feet wet.” It was a mission of faith.

Students and teachers alike loved their refurbished classrooms, with school having started on August 8. However, as the upper-grades teacher, Kristy Mobley, noted, “The major benefit is how the whole church came together to support the school.”

The Academy is now looking forward to other revitalization efforts, including a home school integration program. Erika Peterson is excited about the new prospects: “Everything that has happened with the school has been God’s plan and timing. We are recruiting by letting everyone know about our wonderful program, and helping them feel invited and involved.”

BY GLENDA HASS

The Wards Extend “Heart” Work for Camp Alamisco



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Starting out past the tree line onto the beautiful lake, Todd Ward finally spoke: “This isn’t a place somebody wrote a check for, this was a place built by love.” The place is Camp Alamisco in Dadeville, Ala. Situated on 55 acres overlooking Lake Martin, it has been the bedrock of church retreats, summer camps, and conventions within the Southern Union for more than 50 years. Ward, and his wife, Shelley, became the newest rangers to take over the grounds in January 2016. A family man at heart, and a mason furniture maker by trade, his vision is simple: to improve the existing facilities, making them appealing to the diverse groups that come to the campground every year — in short, to make Camp Alamisco “a desirable destination for retreat and worship.” What started as a long-term goal has become a mission in progress, with Ward having already completed a sample renovation of one of the hotel rooms. Eco-friendly and space-efficient, the new model will give a 21st century feel to the rooms,



PHOTO BY: TYLER ROBERTS

Above: after renovation. Below: before renovation.

with LED lights, sliding doors, stone walls, a humidifier, and a USB port in every room. The Wards understand the legacy left behind by those who came before. “At every turn I see lots of hard volunteer work, a whole history of people ... who gave of their time, money, and their energy to make this camp.” His wife immediately chimes in, “[This project] is in

our hearts.”

If you would like to help support camp renovations, send your donations to the Gulf States Conference Youth Department. ☛

BY TYLER ROBERTS

Ridgetop Reaches Out to Community

The Ridgetop, Tenn., Church reached out to the community's children through Vacation Bible School (VBS). Children who attended the Barnyard Roundup VBS at the church enjoyed being "down on the farm" with songs and activities that emphasized biblical principles.

Leader Marilyn Kenerson reported nearly 50 children in attendance, and

more than 20 volunteers who assisted with the program. On the final night, the children were given *Your Story Hour* CD's with application cards for the Story Hour's Adventures in the Holy Bible studies for children. For this year's VBS mission project, the children brought toiletries and other useful items for the women at the Hope Center in Nashville, Tenn. 📍



PHOTO BY: DON KENERSON

BY HELEN KELLY

William Little Ordained to Gospel Ministry

William Little was ordained into the Gospel ministry on July 9, 2016, at the Ridgetop Church near Nashville, Tenn. Steve Haley, president; Steve Rose, executive secretary; Doug Hilliard, treasurer; and David Hartman, ministerial director, officiated in the service, as well as Rob Neall, a teacher at Ouachita Hills College, who especially impacted Little during his high school and college years there.

Little was born in El Dorado, Ark., and was raised by Adventist parents. He experienced a powerful conversion experience in academy while reading the book *Steps to Christ*. The overwhelming love of God and assurance of God's forgiveness for sin transformed his life, and he knew he wanted to serve Christ. Little later sensed God's calling to pastoral ministry while listening to Mark Finley preach, and he responded to an appeal for young people to go into pastoral ministry.

Little received his bachelor's degree in religion from Griggs University and Ouachita Hills College, and then began his pastoral ministry in October of 2009, when he was asked to serve as the interim pastor at the Lexington, Ky., Church.



Rob Neall (left), David Hartman, Doug Hilliard, William Little, Steve Haley, and Steve Rose

He served as pastor of the Winchester and Richmond, Ky., district from March 2010 through July 2011. Soon afterward, he attended the Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich., and graduated with a master of divinity degree in May of 2014. For the past two years, Little has served as the pastor of the Ridgetop and Cross Plains

district in Tennessee.

Little feels utterly humbled to be ordained into the Gospel ministry, but clings to the promise in Philippians 1:6, "Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ." 📍

BY DAVID HARTMAN

Christian Record Services Collaborates With Local Churches

In 1999, Sonny Wilmoth, then a representative for Christian Record Services, had a vision of effective relational witnessing to the blind — a blind bike camp. What better way to forge one-on-one relationships than on a tandem bicycle? This ride takes more than blind faith; it takes trust on behalf of the blind stoker on the back, and faith for the sighted captain in front to ensure the safety of both riders.

This year, due to some reorganization at Christian Record Services, the event had a new sponsor in the Nashville First Church, a church with vision and purpose, and quick to empower members to do what God's calling to do to advance the kingdom of God.

Six campers and eight volunteers embarked on a 100-mile trip down the Natchez Trace, June 22-26, 2016, starting in

Franklin, Tenn., and ending in Cherokee, Ala. While the terrain included both ups and downs, it was a reasonable ride for even the untrained cyclist. Support groups along the way provided water, snacks, and encouragement. A nurse was on staff throughout the ride while on the trace.

Each day started and ended with singing, Bible study, and prayer. There were also other activities which included swimming, riding in the annual Helen Keller Festival Parade, visiting Ivy Green — the birthplace and childhood home of Helen Keller, and 'watching' a live performance of "The Miracle Worker" play on the stage at Ivy Green in Tusculumbia, Ala. Sabbath was celebrated with the Shoals Adventist Church in Florence, Ala. This is another way of "Helping the Blind to See Jesus." 📌



PHOTO BY: BRADLEY HITE

Sonny Wilmoth and Michael Mooney

BY J. FRED CALKINS

The Malmedes Celebrate 75 Years Together

Joe and Marie Malmede celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary on June 9, 2016. They were married in Birmingham, Ala., at the parsonage of a church Joe attended while a young boy. After a miraculous conversion, they were baptized in 1946 in Lima, Ohio. Almost immediately after their baptism, Joe entered the literature evangelist work, and continued as a colporteur until he was encouraged by his pastor to further his education. In 1950, he enrolled at Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University) as a theology major, and the Malmedes moved to Tennessee where they spent the majority of their married life.

In 1954, Joe accepted a call to the Southern Publishing Association (SPA) in Nashville, Tenn., where he worked as an artist in the art department, eventually becoming the assistant director of the art department as well as the art editor of *Message Magazine*. After the art department was restructured, Joe

became the maintenance supervisor. Most of Marie's time was spent as a homemaker and mother; however, during the summers of the late 1950s and early 1960s, she worked in the periodical department helping with the *These Times* campaign. From 1974 to 1978 she worked as a type-setter at the SPA. After retirement, Joe returned to the literature evangelist work, accompanied by Marie.

Joe and Marie have a love for the Lord, and are committed to Christian education. They traveled together as he performed asbestos inspections, donating their time to help struggling church schools in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference comply with government regulations.

After moving to Nashville, the couple became members of the Bordeaux Church family. In 1965, the Malmedes, who were raising five daughters, moved to Ridgetop, Tenn., and joined the Ridgetop Church. In 2013, they pulled up their roots in Tennessee

and moved to the state of Washington to be closer to family. 📌



BY JEAN MALMEDE VANALLEN

Raleigh Gethsemane Congregation Returns Home

Following a devastating fire on June 2, 2015, the Gethsemane Church family in Raleigh, N.C., had been renting for one year from its neighbor, Macedonia New Life Church, who willingly opened their doors to a homeless congregation. However, dreams for the completion of Phase I of their restoration project came to pass on July 2, 2016. The congregation held Sabbath School at the Macedonia New Life Church, and at 11:30 a.m., the members gathered in the parking lot to “march back home” to enjoy worship at 12 noon in the new sanctuary.

What a march it was! It had been raining that morning, but stopped before the march began. A two-car police escort preceded the marching congregation. The procession was also accompanied by the Gethsemane drum corp.

The marchers entered the sanctuary with praise and thanksgiving. There was a warm, joyful welcome home by the pastor’s wife, Carol Johnson. The mass choir was at the top of its game. Larry Johnson, Th.D., Gethsemane pastor, delivered the message, “Thank You.”

Lunch was held at Macedonia New Life Church. Special guests Debbie Jones and Roland Gresham serenaded with a concert during the meal.

Phase II of the restoration project has begun. Please pray with the members, for they anticipate a \$2-3 million project. It is a tall task for them, but with God, all things are possible. The theme for the second phase is “Dream Big.”



Raleigh, N.C., police escort the Gethsemane Church members from Macedonia New Life Church, which opened its doors to a homeless congregation in June 2015.



The Gethsemane congregation reopened their doors on July 2, 2016.

BY LARRY JOHNSON, TH.D.

Youth Lead in Nursing Home Outreach



Darryl Howard, senior pastor of Praise Tabernacle Church in Whiteville, N.C., offers the closing prayer.

It was beautiful to see youth who were home for summer vacation leading out in a nursing home visitation ministry at Liberty Commons, a local home in Whiteville, N.C. Organized by Praise Tabernacle Church's outreach minister, Patrick Taylor, the Whiteville church's event witnessed students participating from a number of schools, including Carolina Adventist Academy (CAA) in Whiteville, Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala., Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tenn., and Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga.

The residents of the nursing home were eager to see the volunteers, and most were waiting in the dining hall, some in wheelchairs. Also present were staff members of

the facility. Chaplain Sam McLeary delivered a short message of hope to all in the room. His daughter, Aisha McLeary, presented a video of her recent travel to Kenya as a missionary sponsored by Oakwood University. She outlined both the physical and spiritual needs of the people of this country. She explained that while she went to change the lives of the Kenyan people, she came back changed herself. "This experience made me a better person," said Aisha McLeary.

Darryl Howard, senior pastor at Praise Tabernacle, was also present, and formed an impromptu male chorus that rendered a selection. The residents and staff loved it.

The part of the afternoon the elderly

residents enjoyed the most was when all divided into small groups around the residents and prayed for them. Young and old held hands together and lifted up the name of God. Tears were seen in the eyes of some of the residents at the end of the prayer.

"I'm proud of all our youth," said Charlene Berry, member and chairperson of CAA School Board. "They are no longer the leaders of tomorrow, but are showing leadership right now." Howard offered the final prayer, and all said their good-byes and left the facility with joy in their hearts. ●

BY RICHARD G. BERRY, M.D.

Breath of Life Receives \$10,000 Gift



Washington Johnson II (left), D.Min.; Washington Johnson III; Joyce Johnson, Ph.D.; Mildred Johnson, L.H.D.; Danielle Byrd; and Carlton P. Byrd, D.Min.

Legendary Bible instructor Mildred P. Johnson, L.H.D., continues to positively influence the work of evangelism after 42 years of active religious education service that resulted in countless numbers of baptisms. Johnson’s recent donation of \$10,000 to the Breath of Life (BOL) Television Broadcast further demonstrates her passionate and longstanding commitment to evangelism and spreading the Good News of the Gospel! She consistently watches the BOL telecast and is inspired by the program’s ability to reach people with the Gospel message, and plans to continue her support of this ministry.

In response to this magnanimous donation, Carlton P. Byrd, D.Min., current BOL speaker/director, said, “Praise God for this wonderful gift to Breath of Life, and praise God for Dr. Mildred Johnson and her sacrificial spirit! In an econom-

ic environment of escalating television broadcast costs, this gift will enable Breath of Life to continually spread the Gospel globally.”

As a long-standing Bible instructor in the South Central Conference and around the world, Johnson served with noted evangelists Charles E. Bradford, E. Earl Cleveland, Charles D. Brooks, H.M.S. Richards Sr., Calvin B. Rock, and many others, teaching thousands about the love of Jesus and His saving grace. Her influence in West Africa even resulted in a school bearing her name. Although she began her professional career as a nurse, she was inspired with a burning desire to share the Gospel with her neighbors, and later the entire community. After all, someone in the community had graciously shared the Gospel with Johnson and her late husband, Washington Johnson Sr., during the 1950s. This life-changing

experience has been far-reaching with many opportunities to teach, train, and even see some converts become pastors, including her own son, Washington Johnson II, D.Min.

One might say that she also broke the glass ceiling in evangelism during a time when women were not as active in such roles. This was particularly evident with her singular female role during the initiation of the Evangelism Council at Oakwood University — currently referred to as the Pastoral, Evangelism, and Leadership Council (PELC) — where she facilitated all the Bible instructor seminars. Johnson recently shared that her evangelistic work will not be completed until Jesus returns, and that she will live by the Gospel Commission found in Matthew 28:18-20 all the days of her life. 🕊

ADU Hosts Science Camp for Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida

Adventist University of Health Sciences (ADU) recently hosted a week-long Summer Science Camp for middle school students from Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida. The goal of the event was to inspire these young adults to pursue academic success and break the cycle of poverty.

“We both have similar missions,” explained David Greenlaw, D.Min, president of ADU. “We both want to provide opportunities for students to realize their full potential, and this partnership allowed the members of Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida to get an inside look at what an education in health sciences can do for their future.”

ADU specifically designed the Summer Science Camp activities to get the students excited about higher education, while also showing them that science can be fun. From creating hand lotion and paintings, to exercising and working in a garden, they got the chance to experience first-hand what science is really all about.

“It is so crucial to impress upon young people that learning is not only fundamental, but it can be fun too,” said Kendra Van Houten, director of community engagement at ADU.

With that in mind, ADU’s Science Camp not only incorporated hands-on learning experiments, it also taught the students ways to live a happier, healthier life with tips they can share with their loved ones and use for the rest of their lives.

“This has been an incredible partnership and has allowed us to involve our students in something life changing,” stated Tasha Robinson-Banks, senior service director for Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida. “Every day was excit-



The children of the Boys & Girls Club of Central Florida enjoyed a weeklong Science Camp at Adventist University of Health Sciences, where they explored the career opportunities available in health sciences.



ADU students taught the children healthy living habits, including fun ways to get their daily exercise.

ing, every day was engaging, and it was clear that our kids left feeling inspired to achieve their academic dreams.”

The group was given access to ADU’s state-of-the art simulation center, Florida

Hospital’s Nicholson Center, where they witnessed how robots are being used to save lives; and, they toured the Orlando Science Center. ADU students also volunteered their time to teach the children program-specific lessons.

“We wanted to provide the children of Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida with the opportunity to learn about health sciences and STEM subjects that they may have not otherwise received, and I believe we achieved that,” stated Keaira Kittrell, ADU’s AmeriCorps VISTA, who was tasked with organizing the event. “To see them having fun while learning — and tell me that they don’t want to leave — was the best feeling.”

BY MEGHAN BRESCHER HALLEY

Oakwood University Student Named as HBCU All-Star

The White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (WHIHBCU) announced recently that Oakwood University, Huntsville, Ala., junior political science major Gabriel Carter of Atlanta, Ga., is one of 73 students from across 63 HBCUs named as the 2016 HBCU All-Stars. The All-Stars, composed of undergraduate, graduate, and professional students, are being recognized for their accomplishments in academics, leadership, and civic engagement. Carter, as well as Christopher Johnson, senior pre-law/political science major at Oakwood, and Kedgeree Dominic McKenzie, senior communication major at Oakwood, served as Congressional Black Caucus Foundation interns in 2015.

“During the course of one academic school year, the 73 All-Stars will distinguish themselves as exemplars of the talent that HBCUs cultivate and as noble ambassadors of their respective institutions,” said U.S. Secretary of Education John B. King Jr. “The Initiative is looking forward to working with this third class of All-Stars, and is confident this opportunity will allow the Initiative to meaningfully connect with HBCU students and advance academic excellence at their schools.”

During the next year, the students will



Gabriel Carter (right), junior political science major at Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala., spent the summer of 2015 as a Congressional Black Caucus Foundation intern in the office of Representative John Lewis (D-Georgia).

serve as ambassadors by providing outreach opportunities and communicating with other students about the value of both education and the Initiative as a networking source. Using social media, relationships with community-based organizations, and sessions with industry professionals, the students will share proven practices that support opportunities for all young people to achieve their educational and career potential. They will also participate in the White House HBCU Week Conference, national and regional events, and webinars with Initiative staff and other professionals on a range of disciplines that support a spirit of engagement and per-



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Kedgeree Dominic McKenzie, senior communication major at Oakwood, will continue his work with the WHIHBCU as communication director of the All-Stars Ambassador Organization.

sonal and professional development.

The All-Stars were selected from more than 300 students from 24 states, the District of Columbia, Ghana, Nigeria, and the Virgin Islands. They will work together as a group, and network with one another to achieve their goals.

McKenzie will continue his work with the WHIHBCU as communication director of the All-Stars Ambassador Organization. 📍

BY STAFF WRITER

Oakwood University Hosts Annual Convocation

A new school year is underway, and Oakwood University students, faculty, and staff have begun settling into their daily schedules and routines. To signify the start of a new semester, Oakwood held its annual University Convocation service on September 1, 2016, at the Oakwood University Church in Huntsville, Ala.

The purpose of this annual program is to

renew the institutional commitment of the Oakwood University mission within the administrative team, University employees, and student bodies of the University and Oakwood Adventist Academy.

President Leslie Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., M.B.A., addressed the assembly with “Lest We Forget.” Also included in this year’s program was the recognition of the lives

and service of former and current faculty or staff who have been laid to rest during the past year. A special anointing service concluded the program, where the University chaplains and local pastors anointed and prayed with all who wished to renew their faith for the upcoming year. 📍

BY JEFFREY WILDER, STUDENT WRITER

Nursing Celebrates 60 Years



Throughout the decades, nursing students at Southern have benefitted from hands-on application of skills on campus prior to clinical assignments in local medical facilities.

Southern Adventist University alumni are invited to celebrate the School of Nursing's 60th anniversary at a special event during Homecoming Weekend on October 29, 2016. Faculty will present various awards to alumni during an evening that commemorates the nursing program's first baccalaureate class, and the graduation of more than 4,300 alumni. Current students will participate in era-specific uniforms from the past six decades, and by networking with nursing professionals.

According to Sylvia Mayer, associate professor in the School of Nursing, much of the change at Southern can be traced back to more than a half century ago. In 1948, the Brown Report ("Nursing for the Future") pushed to move the profession's training grounds from non-academic hospital settings to colleges and universities.

"Southern was an early adopter of this recommendation," Mayer said. "Nursing has a long history, and Southern has made many innovations in the education of nurses over the past 60 years."

After the School of Nursing celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2006, the total number of students pursuing a nursing degree each year has risen from approximately 500 to more than 900, accounting for nearly one third of Southern's enrollment. A summer nursing program began in 2015 to

accommodate demand.

This growth has been greatly affected by the success of students, alumni, and faculty — a reality seen firsthand by Mayer and her colleagues. While in Chicago for a nursing conference in 2011, her husband had a heart attack. In the hospital waiting room she heard a voice call her name and looked up to see a nursing graduate from Southern.

"What a joy to see this young lady and know we were in godly, capable hands," Mayer said. "We don't believe it was an accident!"

The feeling among nursing alumni is mutual.

"Ever since joining the nursing program, I felt like I was part of a big family," said Sara Evans, recent nursing graduate. "You create strong bonds in the program by taking care of people together; even after graduation, I can go back for help from the faculty."

Along with enrollment growth, the School of Nursing is also celebrating other changes that have taken place since 2006. The opening in 2011 of Florida Hospital Hall, to house the nursing program, and the launch in 2012 of the doctor of nursing practice degree, have helped fulfill the vision administrators and faculty have for the ever-increasing role nursing will play in shaping the campus.

The School of Nursing is endorsed by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing through fall 2018. Southern has a track record of exceeding both state and national average pass rates, even reaching a 100 percent pass rate in several years. A recent dip in student NCLEX-RN scores put the associate degree program on conditional status with the Tennessee State Board of Nursing, but changes such as adding courses, adjusting testing processes, and requiring content review and mentoring programs have been initiated to raise pass rates to historic levels. Nursing graduates from Southern enjoy a positive reputation, and are in demand both locally and across the country.

"We continue to influence nursing with a Christ-centered focus in practice, education, and research," said Barbara James, School of Nursing dean.

The School of Nursing's 60th anniversary program takes place Saturday, October 29, 2016, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Chattanooga Embassy Suites Ballroom, and includes hors d'oeuvres and dessert. Organizers anticipate between 200 and 300 nursing alumni will be in attendance. For more information or to reserve your seat, call 423-236-2829 or visit southern.edu/nursing60.

BY ELOISE RAVELL

Caravana 2016. La Cosecha

Durante el mes de abril se llevó a cabo un entrenamiento laico sobre evangelismo de siembra en 19 distritos de la unión. Se tuvo una participación de 1,400 miembros quienes se beneficiaron con seminarios y materiales que luego usaron en el trabajo misionero de sus iglesias locales, preparando el terreno para la campaña de cosecha que comenzó en Carolina del Norte el viernes 26 de agosto. La misma tuvo lugar en las iglesias de Wilson, Mount Olive y Warsaw, con la participación de las asociaciones South Atlantic y Carolina. El orador fue el pastor Alejandro Bullón, quien presentó mensajes de esperanza, centrados en la persona de Cristo. El resultado de esta primera etapa de cosecha en tres de los 19 distritos, fue de 55 bautismos. Se continuará trabajando en los distritos restantes durante el transcurso del mes de septiembre. Se espera el derramamiento del Espíritu Santo para que muchos más se unan a quienes esperan el regreso de Jesús en gloria. ☛



Vista parcial de la asistencia en la iglesia de Wilson



Vista de la asistencia en la iglesia de Mount Olive

JORGE MAYER, DIRECTOR DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO DE LA UNIÓN

Enfrentando el Fuego



Desde el domingo 12 hasta el sábado 18 de junio, la iglesia de Raeford NC, dio inicio a la 1ª semana de oración dirigida y organizada por los jóvenes. El lema fue “Enfrentando el Fuego”. El orador fue Josías Flores, quien se encuentra cursan-

do estudios de Teología.

Todas las noches los jóvenes se posicionaban en la entrada del templo para dar una cálida bienvenida a las visitas y miembros asistentes. Cada detalle del evento fue minuciosamente preparado. La juventud

estaba unida y feliz trabajando para que todo salga para honra y gloria de Dios. Los mensajes fueron inspiradores, y desafiaron a los oyentes a despojarse de prejuicios y pecados ocultos que de a poco minan y destruyen la espiritualidad. “Jóvenes, miren e imiten a nuestro Salvador Jesucristo”- noche a noche repetía Josías Flores.

La iglesia ora para que el entusiasmo y la espiritualidad que se respiraron esa semana continúen reinando entre la juventud de la iglesia. ☛

ELÍAS SANDOVAL, PASTOR DEL DISTRITO

Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones

Este verano las iglesias Hispánicas de Fayetteville, Raeford y Saint Pauls desarrollaron con éxito los programas de la escuela bíblica de vacaciones. Para la iglesia de Saint Pauls esta fue la primera experiencia en este tipo de eventos, y tuvo una asistencia sistemática de 40 niños.

Durante las numerosas actividades diarias, el foco fue motivar a los pequeños a ver la figura de Cristo como la de un Amigo y Guardián. Además de las enseñanzas netamente espirituales, se ofrecían clases de manualidades, juegos, y la posibilidad de sociabilizar. La directora del departamento de menores de esta congregación, Emilia

Roblero, trabajó con 5 maestras altamente calificadas para el desarrollo de estas actividades. El ver los rostros tiernos de los niños que llenos de felicidad iban abriendo sus corazones para recibir las enseñanzas de un Salvador resucitado que los ama de verdad, era lo que motivaba a este grupo de mujeres a continuar en esta hermosa tarea. No cabe duda que la semilla del evangelio ha quedado sembrada en cada corazón. Es el deseo de la iglesia que Dios continúe bendiciendo su obra. ☛

ELÍAS SANDOVAL, PASTOR DEL DISTRITO



Truenos y Relámpagos en el Lago

Durante los días 9 al 16 de julio las iglesias de Athens y Bogart llevaron a cabo una campaña evangélica conducida por el pastor Pascual Hernández. El templo estuvo colmado todas las noches con la asistencia de miembros e invitados, quienes disfrutaron con entusiasmo los mensajes que se presentaron. Al concluir la semana, 8 almas decidieron sellar sus vidas con Jesús mediante el bautismo.

El día de la ceremonia llegó y todos esperaban con entusiasmo. Días antes se había solicitado la autorización de la administración del parque local para llevar a cabo el bautismo en el balneario del mismo. Ellos accedieron sin problema, advirtiendo que como el evento tendría lugar en horas del sábado, no esperaran soledad y quietud en el predio ya que la playa no es muy amplia, y es altamente frecuentada durante el fin de semana.

Todo estaba programado para comenzar a las 4:00 de la tarde. No obstante, al terminar el culto de la mañana comenzó a llover en forma torrencial. Se escuchaban fuertes truenos, y se observaban potentes relámpagos.



El lago calmo luego de la fuerte tormenta, en los momentos previos al bautismo

La hermandad estaba preocupada por la ceremonia de la tarde decidió reunirse a orar, para pedir a Dios que detuviese la lluvia. Al avanzar las horas, el cielo se fue aclarando y a las 4:00, el sol brillaba nuevamente en un cielo totalmente despejado.

Al llegar a la playa, para sorpresa de quienes habían hablado con las autoridades del parque, se observó que había muy pocos bañistas esa tarde. Evidentemente las personas, atemorizadas por el temporal que había acosado pocas horas antes, habían decidido no ir al balneario. El lugar estaba

tranquilo, y la ceremonia se llevó a cabo en una atmósfera reverente.

La iglesia pudo ver el cumplimiento claro de la promesa del Señor que dice que “a los que a Dios aman, todas las cosas les ayudan a bien.” La lluvia, los rayos y los truenos fueron la gran bendición ese día, en el que ocho personas entraron a formar parte de las filas del pueblo de Dios. ☛

PASTOR JULIO DE LA ROSA,
DEPARTAMENTO DE PUBLICACIONES

Lección Aprendida a Través del Fonde de Inversión

Yaimé Ayala es miembro de la iglesia Atlanta Primera desde que vino de Cuba 8 años atrás. Ella conoció la Verdad a través de su abuela, cuando aún estaba en su país. Antes de bautizarse asistía a la iglesia, y el fondo de inversión fue una actividad que le llamó poderosamente la atención. Tanto es así, que aún antes de ser adventista colaboraba con este ministerio en la iglesia. El testimonio de la hermana de su abuela acerca de su experiencia con este ministerio había llamado su atención: ella tenía una planta de guanábana en su casa. Normalmente esta planta da frutos que según la gente del lugar, tienen propiedades medicinales. Los licuados de esta fruta son muy populares. El problema es que la planta de su tía estaba seca. Parecía un palo muerto. No tenía hojas, ni daba fruto. La tía decidió probar a Dios. Oró, y pidió que el Señor reviviera su planta, y prometió que si daba frutos, ella vendería los mismos y el dinero sería destinado al fondo de inversión de la iglesia. Yaimé observaba este proceso con la atención de quien está aprendiendo quién es Dios. Inmediatamente se comenzaron a ver los resultados. El palo muerto y sin hojas comenzó a tener brotes, luego hojas, y finalmente dio fruto. Lo curioso es que dio tanto fruto que parecía que cedería ante el peso de

los mismos.

Yaimé quedó sorprendida con esta historia; el concepto detrás de la misma en gran manera marcó el rumbo de su vida. Ella nunca había explorado la fidelidad de Dios, y la simpleza de este testimonio le enseñó algo acerca del Señor y su actitud para con nosotros cuando nos ponemos a Su disposición, que le fue muy útil.

Yaimé estaba decidida a bautizarse, pero había algo que le preocupaba. Ella era abogada del sistema de aduanas de Cuba, y disfrutaba de una situación financiera muy por encima del nivel del resto de la gente. Amaba su profesión, pero sabía que el gobierno no aceptaría que ella abrazara ninguna religión, y que probablemente sería despedida luego de su bautismo. Estaba aprendiendo a confiar en Dios y quería hacer Su voluntad, así que pensó: “mi tía puso su árbol en manos de Dios, yo voy a poner mi trabajo en Sus manos, y lo que Dios decida, será beneficioso para mí.” Así lo hizo, y se bautizó.

Al llegar a su oficina el lunes, sabía que le esperaba un cuestionamiento, y que todos estarían pendientes de su situación. No obstante, ella estaba dispuesta a dejar su amada profesión, ya que sabía que Él es quien da y quien quita, de acuerdo a sus sabios planes. Esa tarde, al final del día de trabajo, fue llamada a la oficina de la autoridad mayor de



Yaimé Ayala



Fruto de la planta de guanábana

aduanas del país. Evidentemente fue el plan de Dios que ella continuara haciendo lo que tanto disfrutaba. La decisión final fue que a pesar de formar parte de una iglesia, ella podría continuar en su puesto. Y así fue, hasta que 7 años más tarde renunció para venirse a los Estados Unidos junto a su familia. Este concepto ha seguido guiando la vida de Yaimé, y Dios nunca le ha fallado.

Todo le pertenece a Dios. Nuestros talentos, dinero, tiempo, profesión, familia, etc. Si vivimos con esta certeza en mente y estamos dispuestos a ser simplemente mayordomos de sus dones, siguiendo siempre los planes que Él tiene trazados, transitaremos por la vida en paz, sabiendo que vamos por un sendero seguro. ☪

MARIEL LOMBARDI, EDITORA

Escuchando a Jonás Durante las Vacaciones

Del 18 al 22 de julio, la iglesia Atlanta Primera llevó a cabo la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones. La asistencia fue de 85 niños, 30 de los cuales no eran hijos de miembros de iglesia, sino niños de la comunidad. La directora del programa fue Libya Cruz. El tema central fue la historia de Jonás. Los niños se mostraban emocionados cuando entraban en el estómago del pez, y allí, al cerrarse la boca del mismo, escuchaban historias contadas por Jonás. La lección central fue la obediencia.

La iglesia está trabajando desde hace un tiempo en un barrio cercano de casas móviles. Los jóvenes han estado repartiendo literatura y



Arriba, el salón decorado alusivamente. Abajo, los niños preparándose para una actividad al aire libre.

regalos, e invitando a los vecinos a las reuniones de la iglesia. Gran parte de los niños asistentes provenían de ese barrio. Es el deseo de la iglesia que pronto muchas personas se unan a las filas de quienes esperan el pronto regreso de Jesús. ☪



Las maestras frente al faro notado afuera de la iglesia

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Bendiciones Resultantes del Evangelismo

Ciento setenta y cinco almas fueron alcanzadas para Cristo como resultado del primer ciclo de evangelismo para este año que tuvo lugar entre enero y abril. Esta actividad fue planeada por los dedicados ancianos, los 6 pastores con los que cuenta el territorio de la asociación, el coordinador del departamento hispano, y el presidente. Todos trabajaron junto a los directores de actividad misionera y de grupos pequeños, y las parejas misioneras. El objetivo fue glorificar el nombre de Dios y cumplir con la misión a la que su pueblo ha sido llamado.

Las parejas misioneras impartieron estudios bíblicos, se organizaron decenas de campañas de barrio que se llevaron a cabo en los grupos pequeños, campañas de evangelismo en las iglesias, carpas, auditorios, y varios estacionamientos de automóviles. Fueron invitados pastores de México y Nicaragua, quienes se añadieron al proyecto de evangelismo para el último esfuerzo de cosecha el 23 de abril,



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Bautismo resultante de una de las campañas

que daría por finalizado el primer ciclo con 175 bautismos.

Actualmente se continúa con la segunda fase del programa, donde se están uniendo al grupo de trabajo formado por parejas misioneras y líderes de grupos pequeños, 15 estudiantes de teología de República Dominicana. Estos estudiantes están dando más de 600 estudios bíblicos que se añaden a otras decenas de estudios que la membresía está impartiendo.

Se está trabajando y orando para que el Espíritu Santo culmine este arduo trabajo y se pueda llevar a los pies de Jesús otras 200 almas cuando al finalizar la 2 fase, el pastor Alejandro Bullón cierre con una predicación en el campamento familiar a llevarse a cabo del 2 al 4 de septiembre. 📌

SARA GARCÍA, SECRETARIA DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO

Mujeres Guerreras de Oración



Grupo de asistentes al retiro

Trecientas damas se dieron cita para participar del retiro de mujeres que se llevó a cabo del 6 al 8 de abril. El título del evento fue “Mujeres Guerreras de Oración.” Durante este fin de semana, las participantes experimentaron el toque divino en sus vidas.

Los oradores invitados, Edith Polanco, Nibia Mayer, Dra. Aura Romero, Wanda Vázquez y los esposos Roberto y Silvana Solorzano, fueron utilizados por el Espíritu Santo. Ellos compartieron mensajes y seminarios adaptados para participantes

adultas, jovencitas, y adolescentes. La esposa del presidente, Teresa Livermore, y la directora del Ministerio de la Mujer, April Hobbs, también colaboraron con mensajes inspiradores.

En el transcurso del fin de semana se pudo ver la satisfacción reflejada en los rostros de madres, hijas y participantes en general, unidas por la esperanza de un cambio con la ayuda de Dios. Las escenas matutinas eran inspiradoras. Se podía observar grupos de oración, o mujeres orando en la soledad y quietud de la madrugada en un notorio

espíritu de consagración. Todas regresaron a sus hogares con una visión clara de la misión a la cual han sido llamadas, y la convicción de que para lograr el objetivo, ellas deben ser mujeres de oración.

El Ministerio de la Mujer de la asociación alaba a Dios por su dirección y cuidado, y agradece a las esposas de los pastores, y a cada una de las líderes de este ministerio en las iglesias, por su excelente trabajo. 📌

SARA GARCÍA, ASISTENTE DEL MINISTERIO DE LA MUJER

Agradecimientos

El departamento hispano agradece a Dios por el equipo ministerial, que siempre se muestra listo para trabajar para Dios, y a sus esposas, por el apoyo que brindan en este ministerio. Es una bendición poder contar con el espíritu misionero y la unidad de trabajo. En lo que va del año, los grupos pequeños y los estudios bíblicos ofrecidos han resultado en 14 bautismos, e interesados que continúan preparándose para unirse a las filas de los redimidos.

También se desea agradecer a la hermandad de las iglesias del área de Memphis TN, por el apoyo brindado al proyecto pro construcción de la iglesia de Memphis Sur. Es inspirador ver el amor que han mostrado con su esfuerzo y donaciones. Se agradece también a Felipe



Equipo Ministerial de la Asociación

Garibo, quien puso su talento al servicio de Dios donando un concierto para colaborar con estas iglesias. Estamos seguros de que este templo será un lugar en el que el Espíritu se moverá motivando a la hermandad a



Vista del templo

alabar el nombre de Dios, y trabajar en su causa bendita. 📌

ARMANDO DE LEÓN, DIRECTOR DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO

Campestre 2016

El campestre hispano congregó a 1000 personas. En un clima altamente espiritual, se disfrutó de un fin de semana lleno de bendiciones. El mensaje central fue la pronta venida de Jesús. Se presentó un drama alusivo que representó la historia de las 10 vírgenes, recordando a

los asistentes la necesidad de anunciar el regreso del Señor, y de estar preparados para el mismo. 📌

ARMANDO DE LEÓN, DIRECTOR DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO



Representación de la historia de las 10 vírgenes

Convención Hispana

Del 22- 24 de julio se llevó a cabo la convención hispana en la que se bautizaron 5 personas y 9 aceptaron el llamado para hacer lo propio en un futuro cercano. Los 5 candidatos provienen de dos de las 9 congregaciones que pastorea José Reyes: Rock Hill y Cayce, en Carolina del Sur. Más de 400 miembros de iglesia de las Carolinas y Georgia se hicieron presentes para disfrutar del evento. El presidente Winston y su esposa llegaron al lugar y apoyaron la actividad con recursos financieros.

El equipo que estuvo a cargo de la cocina vino de Dougalville, GA e hizo un excelente trabajo. Estaba constituido por la familia Briceno y los hijos de Ada Solano. Todos trabajaron arduamente para suplir los alimentos a los asistentes. Xiomara Poloche colaboró



Vista parcial de la asistencia



Esperando el bautismo

con ellos encargándose de las compras y ayudando en la cocina. Claudia Reyes, Daylet Espinosa y los esposos Chaparro estuvieron a cargo de las clases infantiles. El pastor Quintiana coordinó la música. El pastor Juan Reyes organizó los torneos de volley-ball y foot-ball, y el pastor Ismael Uribe se

encargó del sonido y video.

Se llevó a cabo un concurso bíblico sobre el tema el hogar, en el que participaron más de 7 iglesias. El mismo estuvo organizado por el pastor Luis Espinosa y su esposa Daylet. Hubo tres ganadores. En la tarde un club de Conquistadores desfiló con sus uniformes e hizo una presentación de destrezas. Uno de los grupos pequeños también desfiló, animando a las iglesias a seguir usando este medio para la ganancia de almas.

El evento fue espiritual y alegre. Todos los participantes regresaron a sus hogares con gozo, y animados a trabajar para Dios en sus vidas cotidianas. 📌

EFRAÍN POLOCHE, DIRECTOR DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO

Bautismos



Arriba, candidatos de Newberry
Abajo, candidatos de Raleigh

Newberry, SC: El sábado 30 de julio el pastor José Reyes tuvo el privilegio de oficiar la ceremonia en la que un alma selló su pacto con Dios por medio del bautismo.

Raleigh, NC: El 9 de julio, 4 personas bajaron a las aguas bautismales gracias al trabajo de instrucción de Ramón

Garay, anciano de la iglesia, y la hermana Morales, directora del Ministerio Personal de la iglesia. Al finalizar el bautismo, 5 asistentes acudieron al llamado del pastor Poloche para prepararse para el próximo bautismo. 📍

EFRAÍN POLOCHE, DIRECTOR DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO

Retiro de la Federación de Jóvenes

El viernes 12 de Agosto comenzó el retiro de la Federación de Jóvenes de la asociación, que se extendió hasta el domingo 14. La asistencia fue de 450 participantes provenientes de las iglesias de Wilmington, NC, de Chattanooga, TN, Atlanta, GA, y de Carolina del Sur, y otros territorios. El capellán del campamento fue Jorge Quintiana hijo, quien es pastor de una Iglesia en Chattanooga, TN.

Se llevó a cabo un concierto a cargo de Laura Cevallos y Saúl Heras. En una mesa redonda, los pastores Poloche,



Vista de los asistentes al retiro



Candidatos de bautismo

Ismael Uribe y Jorge Quintiana padre e hijo, contestaron preguntas de interés general de la juventud. Se organizó un concurso bíblico sobre el Santuario, cuyos ganadores fueron Mario y Karen Rodas de la iglesia de Carrolton. Esta iglesia obtuvo también el premio en el campeonato de Volley.

Una de las bendiciones más grandes de este evento, fue el bautismo de 9 jóvenes. 📍

EFRAÍN POLOCHE, DIRECTOR DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO

Ayudando en la Comunidad

Los jóvenes de la iglesia del Doral, dirigida por el pastor Daniel Olaciregui, participaron el sábado 20 de agosto de un evento de ayuda a la comunidad, en el que se repartieron desayunos para personas sin hogar en el centro de la ciudad. Fue muy satisfactorio ver el entusiasmo con el que se unieron en esta actividad. La misma fue una representación práctica de lo estudiado en las lecciones para



Grupo de jóvenes mientras repartían alimentos

adultos de escuela sabática para el trimestre que culminó en septiembre. Allí se describió el ministerio de Cristo, quien siempre se interesó en las necesidades básicas de su prójimo, mostrando de esa manera el verdadero carácter de Dios, y delegando esta misma misión en su iglesia. 📍

ROGER ÁLVAREZ, DIRECTOR DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO

Reencuentro



El 12 y 13 de agosto, en un evento extraordinario denominado Homecoming, miembros provenientes de la ciudad de Guanabacoa, Cuba, tuvieron un emocionante reencuentro. El pastor Roger Álvarez, luego de su predicación llevó a cabo un llamado al que 8 personas respondieron manifestando su deseo de estudiar la Biblia. Fue un día muy bendecido. 📌

ROGER ÁLVAREZ, DIRECTOR DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO DE LA ASOCIACIÓN

Nuevo Templo



En el congreso del distrito liderado por el pastor Pablo Soler, se celebró la adquisición de un nuevo templo al que se llamará Iglesia de Alturas. La hermandad está feliz por esta bendición. 📌

ROGER ÁLVAREZ, DIRECTOR DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO

Momentos de celebración y gozo durante la ceremonia de apertura

Nueva Administración de la Asociación

El pasado 2 de agosto la nueva administración de la asociación fue dedicada al Señor en el concilio de las conferencias regionales en Phoenix Arizona Black Caucos. Se oró por la guía de Dios en los planes para el cumplimiento de la gran misión encomendada por el cielo. 📌

ROGER ÁLVAREZ, DIRECTOR DEL DEPARTAMENTO HISPANO



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Nueva Administración de la asociación durante la ceremonia de dedicación

Estudiantes de Contabilidad Seleccionados Como Finalistas en Competencia Global



Grupo de Southern que participó en la competencia: De izquierda a derecha, profesora Julie Hyde, Katherine Pohle, Olivia Bragg Donesky, Karina Hernandez, y Tiffany Whitney.

Un grupo de estudiantes de Southern Adventist University fueron aceptados como los finalistas en la competencia del Instituto de Contables de Administración (IMA) y presentaron sus trabajos en la conferencia de la organización llevada a cabo en junio en Las Vegas, Nevada.

Como parte de la clase dictada por la profesora Julie Hyde, PhD, de la Escuela de Negocios, los estudiantes deben preparar un video que ofrezca soluciones para un problema de contables de administración seleccionado por el IMA y publicado anualmente en la edición de Agosto de Strategic Finance. De 28 presentaciones

de video, el equipo de Southern fue escogido como uno de los cuatro finalistas, ganándose el privilegio de presentar su solución al frente de 70 jueces y contables en Las Vegas. La Universidad Americana en Medio Oriente, localizada en Kuwait, ganó la competencia; los otros finalistas incluyen a Brigham Young University y Southern Indiana University.

“Estoy muy orgullosa de nuestros estudiantes,” dijo Hyde. “Yo sabía que ellos iban a poder competir a este nivel, y estoy feliz de verlos desenvolverse con éxito en un campo de estudiantes de programas de contabilidad altamente clasificados.”

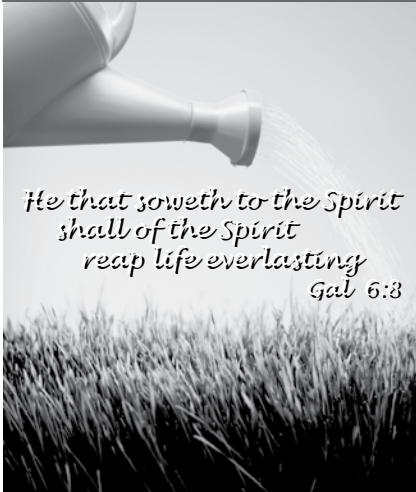
Los estudiantes participantes se fueron del evento agradecidos por su entrenamiento en Southern y optimistas sobre el futuro.

“Esta experiencia me ha enseñado que el cielo es el limite,” dijo la estudiante del último año de de contabilidad Olivia Bragg Donesky. “Durante mis cuatro años en Southern, he tenido profesores maravillosos que me ayudaro a ser una mejor oradora, analista, y líder. Todas cualidades necesarias para esta competencia.” ●

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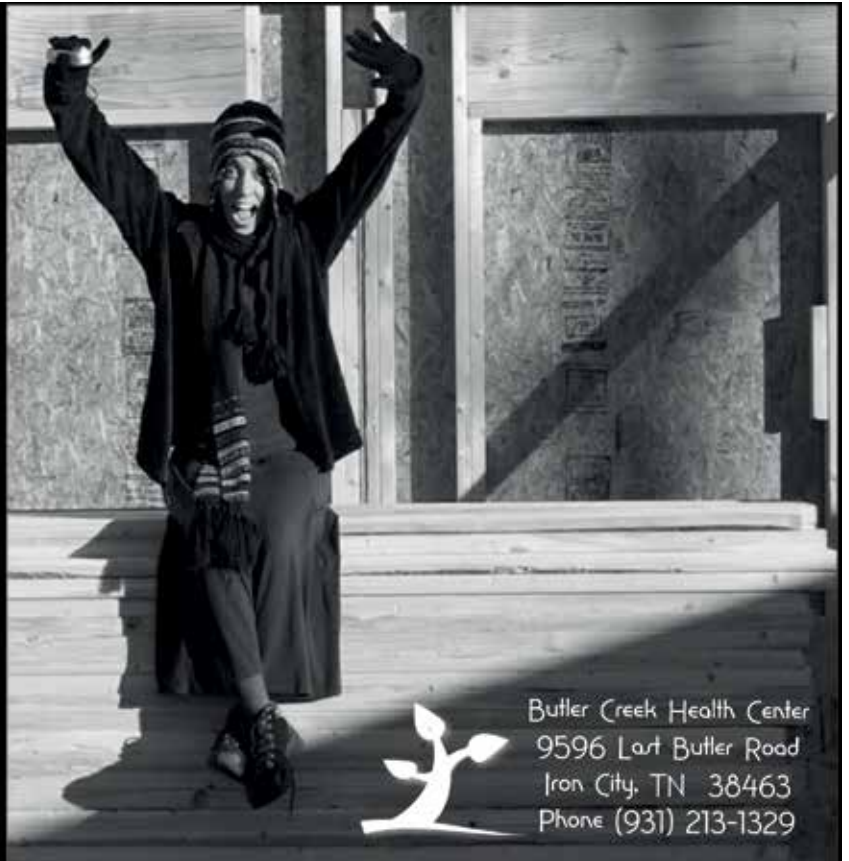
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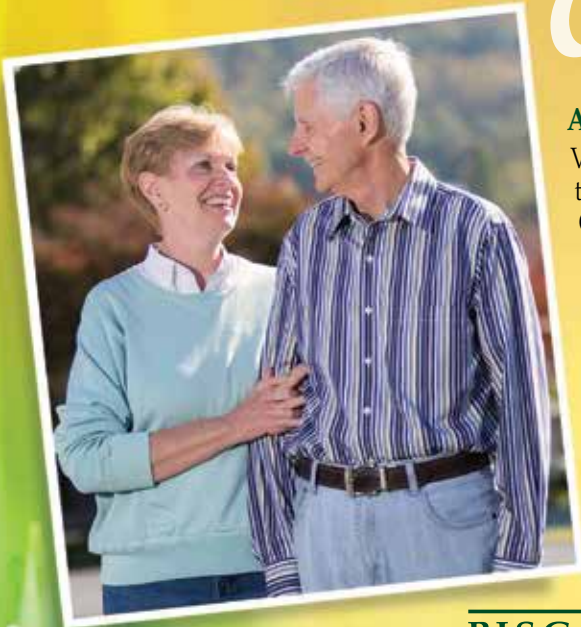
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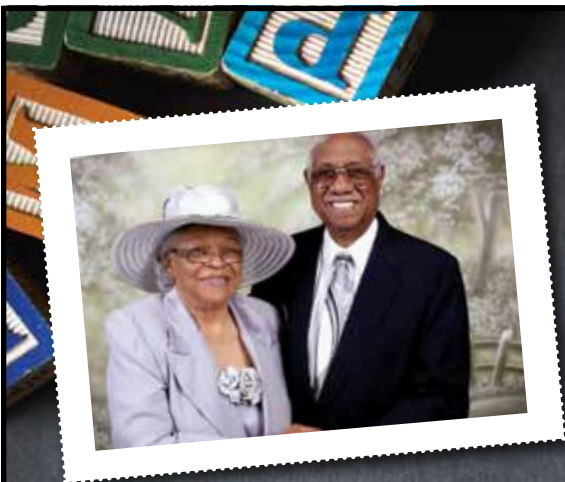
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ANDREWS UNIVERSITY seeks candidates with a doctoral degree (ABD will be considered) who are committed to maintaining both an active research program and high-quality teaching across the undergraduate curriculum. Preference will be given to candidates with a math education specialty and to those with commitment to involving undergraduates in research. For more information please visit: <https://www.andrews.edu/admres/jobs/1188> [10]

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WANTED - PICTURE ROLLS: If your church has picture rolls that they are not using, they would be a blessing to mission work in Kenya. Send to P.O. Box 100, Campbellsburg, KY 40011. *You can look online at www.bibles-*

forafrica.com for more information. [10, 11]

PREACHERS NEEDED! Come and join the General Conference Total Member Involvement team (TMI) for one of the most thrilling experiences of your life. Next February we will take a team of volunteer preachers—young and old alike, with or without experience—to five countries of Eastern Europe to preach a full evangelistic series. Sermons will be provided. 4,000 preaching sites expected! *For more information and to register, visit www.tmi.adventist.org.* [10, 11]

FRIENDS OF SOUTHERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY are invited to join alumni for a "Martin Luther and the Reformation-Celebrating 500 Years" tour scheduled for June 13-25, 2017. Visit major sites of the Protestant Reformation in Germany and Switzerland during this historic, milestone anniversary. Immerse yourself in European culture and breathtaking scenery with experienced tour leader, Bill Wohlers. The cost is \$3,950 per person and includes air fare, transportation, lodging, breakfasts and dinners, as well as an estimated 20 sightseeing activities. *Contact Alumni Relations by emailing alumni@southern.edu or by calling 423-236-2830 to learn more and to reserve your space before January 1.* [10-12]

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MADISON ACADEMY ALUMNI WEEKEND - Oct. 7, 8. Come reconnect, reminisce, and re-invest in your academy friendships and alma mater! Please RSVP and update your contact information by emailing Development@madisonacademy.com or call 615-865-4055, x116. We will celebrate all graduates, but especially honoring classes ending in 1 or 6. We look forward to reconnecting with you!

FLETCHER ACADEMY ALUMNI WEEKEND - Oct. 7-9. FA Campus. Please update your contact information at agibbs@fletcheracademy.com, 828-209-6704. We will celebrate landmarks for all classes ending in 1 or 6, most notably the special honor classes of: 1966, 1976, 1991, and 2006. Details: www.fletcheracademy.com.

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 us for this nationwide event and spread hope to your community.

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

AN ACF CHAPTER NEAR YOU! - Adventist Christian Fellowship (ACF) is our Church's ministry that supports Adventist students who attend public colleges and universities. The on-campus groups are called ACF chapters. When students talk about their ACF experience, they use words such as "home away from home," "belonging," and "spiritual growth" to describe the positive impact an ACF community has had on their lives. So students, if you're not already connected to an ACF chapter on or near your campus, be sure to connect quickly this semester, long before life becomes really hectic. There are currently nine active ACF chapters: ETSU, Emory, Georgia Tech, Georgia State, KSU, UGA, UTC, UTK, and UWG. Two developing chapters are Georgia Southern University and Lincoln Memorial University. For more information such as ways to contact each chapter, visit our website: www.acfgcc.org and click on Chapters.

	OCT. 7	OCT. 14	OCT. 21	OCT. 28	NOV. 4
ATLANTA, GA	7:13	7:04	6:56	6:48	6:42
CHARLESTON, SC	6:56	6:47	6:39	6:32	6:26
CHARLOTTE, NC	6:58	6:49	6:40	6:32	6:25
COLLEGEDALE, TN	7:16	7:07	6:58	6:50	6:44
HUNTSVILLE, AL	6:21	6:12	6:04	5:56	5:49
JACKSON, MS	6:37	6:29	6:21	6:14	6:07
LOUISVILLE, KY	7:16	7:06	6:56	6:48	6:40
MEMPHIS, TN	6:35	6:26	6:17	6:09	6:02
MIAMI, FL	7:01	6:54	6:47	6:42	6:37
MONTGOMERY, AL	6:22	6:13	6:05	5:58	5:52
NASHVILLE, TN	6:21	6:12	6:03	5:55	5:48
ORLANDO, FL	7:04	6:56	6:49	6:43	6:38
TAMPA, FL	7:09	7:01	6:54	6:48	6:43
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CAROLINA

- WOMEN'S RETREAT** - Oct. 7-9. NPR.
- LE FALL CAMPOUT** - Oct. 14-16. Myrtle Beach, SC.
- EASTERN CAROLINA CAMP MEETING** - Oct. 22. Greenville North Church.
- CAROLINA PASTORAL SPOUSES RETREAT** - Nov. 4-6. NPR.
- LE YEAR-END CONVENTION** - Dec. 29-Jan. 1. Pigeon Forge, TN.

FLORIDA

- COMPLETE CALENDAR ONLINE** - www.floridaconference.com/events/
- SINGLES' MINISTRIES EVENTS.** Spiritual study groups, fellowship dinners, outings, and more. Details: djmill-er4000@gmail.com or 407-703-3050.
- A BETTER CHOICE / FLORIDA ADVENTIST BOOK CENTER** - Altamonte Springs: national toll-free number, 877-55-FLABC (877-553-5222). Miami: 305-805-9900. High Springs: 386-454-7956. Shop online: www.floridaconference.com/abc/ or order by e-mail: FloridaABC@floridaconference.com
- FLORIDA ADVENTIST BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE**
- Oct. 9. Daytona Beach, New Smyrna Beach, Titusville, Pompano Beach, Ambassador in Lauderdale Lakes, Sunrise, Plantation. (Southeastern Conference: Mount Olivet.)
- Oct. 16. East Pasco in Zephyrhills, Brooksville, Homosassa, Spring Hill, New Port Richey, Clearwater, Saint Petersburg.
- Oct. 23. Inverness, Lady Lake, North Lake, Ocala, Cross City, Perry, Tallahassee.
- Oct. 30. Winter Haven, Avon Park, Arcadia, Cape Coral, Fort Myers, Lehigh Acres, Naples.
- Nov. 6. Palm Coast, Palatka, Saint Augustine, Orange Cove, Jacksonville First, Jacksonville Southpoint. (Southeastern Conference: Jacksonville Ephesus.)
- Nov. 13. Tampa First, Brandon, West Coast Christian Academy in Bradenton, Sarasota, North Port, Port Charlotte.
- Nov. 20. Cocoa, Fort Pierce, Midport, West Palm Beach First, Boynton Beach, Margate. (Southeastern Conference: Palm Bay, Port Saint Lucie, West Palm Beach Ephesus.)
- COUPLES' RETREAT** - Oct. 21-23. Camp Kulaqua, 23400 NW 212nd Ave., High Springs. Featured speakers: Stan and Angie Hardt. Theme: Unquench-

- able Love. Cost: \$300 per couple. Details and registration: <https://floridaconference.com/events/unquenchable-love-couples-retreat>
- RETIRED DENOMINATIONAL WORKERS' AND YOUNG AT HEART RETREAT** - Oct. 23-26. Camp Kulaqua, 23400 NW 212nd Ave., High Springs. Featured speaker: Mike Cauley. Details and registration: www.campkulaqua.com/ or 386-454-1351.
- SOUTH AREA ADVENTURER FUN DAY** - Nov. 13. 8 a.m.-noon. Ambassador Church, 3245 W. Oakland Park Blvd., Fort Lauderdale. Theme: A Healthy Living Through Nature. Cost: \$10. Details and registration: <https://floridaconference.com/events/south-area-adventurer-fun-day>
- NORTH AREA ADVENTURER ZONE B** - Jan. 19. Tampa Adventist Academy, 3205 North Blvd., Tampa. Includes 2K Adventurers Color Run. Cost: \$15. Details and registration: <https://floridaconference.com/events/north-area-adventurer-zone-b>

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

- GLOBAL PUBLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY (PCM) WEEKEND "EMPATHIZE. ENGAGE. EMPOWER"** - Oct. 14-16. Various activities will be happening throughout the Conference to celebrate what God is doing in and through our Adventist students on public campuses. Find out more information here: <http://www.acfgcc.org/globalpcmweekend/>
- ENDITNOW** - Oct. 15. Stone Mountain Church, GA.
- SINGLES' MINISTRIES VESPERS AND COOK-OFF** - Oct. 15, 5:30-6:30 pm. Bring your best homemade chili and pie. Collegedale City Hall, TN.
- 7 BRIDGES MARATHON** - Oct. 16. Run this great Seventh-day Adventist sponsored race with choices of a marathon, half marathon, 5K, 1K, fun run, and relay options for half and full marathon, sevenbridgesmarathon.com. Chattanooga, TN.
- APPALACHIA OUTREACH (MISSIONS TRAINING EVENT)** - Oct. 16-20. Liberty, KY.
- TEACHERS' CONVENTION** - Oct. 17, 18. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.
- SINGLES' MINISTRIES DEVOTIONAL** - Oct. 21, 4-5 p.m. Bring prepared fruits, no cans. Popcorn and drinks provided. Bring folding chairs/tables. Enterprise South Nature Park, Ooltewah, TN
- ENDITNOW** - Oct. 22. Ooltewah Church, TN.

- ADVENTURER REGIONAL DAY** - Oct. 23. Register by Oct. 19 (adventurers.gccsda.com). Regions 3-5, Southern Region.
- SINGLES' DAY** - Oct. 29. Sabbath School 9:45 a.m., worship 11:15 a.m. Rock Springs Church, GA.
- HISPANIC CAMP MEETING** - Nov. 4-6. Todo lo Puedo en Cristo que me Fortalece. Speaker: Eradio Alonso. Programs for children, teens and young adults. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.
- PERSONAL MINISTRIES RALLY** - Nov. 5, 2-5 p.m. Discover the power God has promised for your life. Everyone invited. EW Dempsey, speaker. Knoxville North Church, TN.
- SOUTH GEORGIA BLITZ** - Nov. 12. Some events require pre-registration; details at registration.gccsda.com

GULF STATES

- TEACHER CONVENTION** - Oct. 1, 2.
- MOTORCYCLE FALL RIDE** - Oct. 16.
- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** - Oct. 24.
- ROCK CLIMBING TEEN INVITATIONAL** - Oct. 28-30.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

- HISPANIC WOMEN'S RETREAT II** - Oct. 7-9. Indian Creek Camp.
- MEN'S CONFERENCE** - Oct. 21-23. Indian Creek Camp.
- BOARD OF EDUCATION** - Nov. 3. Conference Office.
- ADVENTURER CAMPOREE** - Nov. 4-6. Indian Creek Camp.
- HIGHLAND ACADEMY BOARD** - Nov. 10. Highland Academy.
- ELDERS' CERTIFICATION TRAINING** - Nov. 11-13. Indian Creek Camp.
- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** - Dec. 6. Conference Office.

ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

- COLLOQUIUM SERIES SCHEDULE:**
- Oct. 18. 7 p.m., James Appel - *Nasara: Dispatches from a District Hospital in Chad*. Florida Hospital Church.
- Dec. 8. 7 p.m., Lucy Kalanithi - *When Breath Becomes Air (by Paul Kalanithi)*. Orlando Museum of Art.
- Jan. 4-Feb. 5. 7:30 p.m., *Blackberry Winter* - a play by Steve Yockey. Orlando Theater at the Orlando Shakespeare Theater.
- April 6. 7 p.m., Philip Yancey - *The Question That Never Goes Away: Why*. Florida Hospital Church.

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