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# A Ministry of Compassion

*I am honored to present the ministry of the Plantation Church in the Florida Conference. Jessie Guillaume, founder/director of H.O.P.E. Ministry Project Inc., accompanied by Leighton Smith, Plantation Church pastor, foster a meaningful portrait of real ministry. Please be blessed.*



**Ron C. Smith, D.Min., Ph.D.**  
President of the Southern Union Conference

One of the most poignant passages spoken by Jesus in the Gospels addresses the need of ministering to people on the fringes of society: "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine you did for me...for I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me," Matthew 25:42, 43, NIV.

H.O.P.E. (Helping Oppressed People Everyday) Ministry Project Inc., a ministry of the Plantation Church in Plantation, Florida, has turned the words of Christ into action, where every month they feed 400 hungry and homeless in Miami, Florida.

The Ministry initiated a feeding program for the homeless in 2002, and as they started to minister, they felt the need to help in a more tangible way. In 2006, with answered prayers, God opened the door to purchase a house that would serve the homeless in south Florida.

Most people who have found refuge at the H.O.P.E. Ministry have not returned to homelessness. The reason why, says director Jessie Guillaume, "We love everyone who comes to us for help, we give them an opportunity to talk with the H.O.P.E. Ministry team about their lives, and give them an opportunity to see what can be done to help them improve their lives."

Because of this love for people, there are powerful testimonies about the lives that have changed because of the passionate work of the volunteers:

Jessina, who was a drug addict, went to the Broward Center for help. It was the same location where H.O.P.E. Ministry was conducting Bible studies on Sunday mornings. While there, she heard the Good News of salvation, and made the decision to give her heart to the Lord in baptism. The work of passionate people armed with the Good News of the Gospel is why Jessina is now drug free.

Another story of God's miracles is Robert, alcoholic and homeless. He also went to the Broward Center, and through the Bible studies conducted there, he made a decision for baptism. After his conversion he went back to school and is now a licensed massage therapist.

Our director, Jessie Guillaume, a native of Haiti, is passionate about spreading the Gospel to those who are suffering from life's unfortunate circumstances. It is this passion that led the ministry to start a church in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake. The church has grown from 50 to 200 members since that time. This year the ministry sponsored the first Vacation Bible School for more than 150 children.

The vision that God has placed upon the leaders of this ministry is to have a H.O.P.E. house in every county in south Florida. The objective is two fold: help the transition of the homeless back into society, and share with them the Good News of Jesus.

The words of Ellen White ring true through this ministry: "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me,'" *The Ministry of Healing*, page 143.

The hope of evangelism is that no matter where people are in their lives, whether homeless or not, there is a God Who cares about their circumstances, and wants to bring the hope of a new life through Jesus. -- Leighton Smith

*I ask you to join me in keeping H.O.P.E. Ministry before God in their quest to provide this community service on behalf of Jesus Christ. -- RCS*



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COVER: Andrew Garfield stars as Desmond Doss in *Hacksaw Ridge*.



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Andrew Garfield portrays Desmond Doss lowering wounded soldiers down Hacksaw Ridge in Okinawa, Japan.

BY TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER

In a world where the wrong hero is often celebrated, along comes the story of a very humble, brave man who served during World War II, Desmond T. Doss. A Seventh-day Adventist, Doss is the main character in the movie *Hacksaw Ridge*, a true-to-life war story. The movie highlights Doss's war experience, his harrowing dilemma serving and being different, and his conviction to not carry a weapon. The movie goes nationwide on November 4, and is directed by Mel Gibson.

"Doss's strong convictions, his Ad-

ventist beliefs, and his unshakeable confidence in God come alive, and hold the promise of inspiring a new generation of believers," said the North America Division in a statement concerning the film.

Charles Knapp, chair of the Desmond Doss Council founded in 2000, and part of the Georgia-Cumberland Association, says, "Never has a multimillion dollar commercial film ever presented the Seventh-day Adventist Church in a more favorable light. Conversations on faith, prayer, personal convictions, the Sabbath, the Ten Commandments, and

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—Charles Knapp



Desmond Doss

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the Seventh-day Adventist Church begin immediately before the theater empties. The Council has come to trust and depend completely on God's leading. No greater opportunity has ever been presented to the Church to witness and begin a dialog that, if left to the Holy Spirit to guide and nurture, can produce fruit beyond our wildest expectation."

While the movie itself is an exciting story, when Doss mentions that he is a Seventh-day Adventist, it gets real. This mention will make many ask, "Who are Seventh-day Adventists?" To help answer that question, here are a few tools you might use:

It Is Written has three television programs ready to respond with "The Heroism of Desmond Doss," airing November 6; "Who was Desmond Doss," airing November 13; and "The Faith of Desmond Doss," airing November 20. All three are powerful testimonies that provide answers.

There are two missionary sharing books, *The Faith of Des-*



PHOTO BY: MARK ROGERS

Andrew Garfield stars as Desmond Doss in Hacksaw Ridge.



President Harry S. Truman presents Private First Class Desmond T. Doss with the Medal of Honor on October 12, 1945.

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*mond Doss*, by John Bradshaw, speaker/director of *It Is Written*, and the *Hero of Hacksaw Ridge*, by Booton Herndon. The *It Is Written* book will have a response card customized to direct inquiries to the nearest Adventist church. Another book, *Redemption at Hacksaw Ridge*, by Booton Herndon, provides a more in-depth version of the Doss story.

Knapp added, “Viewers of the film will sense God’s presence, protection, and power in the story. It is palpable. It is miraculous. While critics are rating *Hacksaw Ridge* as one of the best war movies ever made, all plot lines, themes, and the main character center around Desmond Doss and his unrelenting faith and integrity. Among the thousands of focus group viewers from dozens of faith communities and the general public who have seen the film, the response has been unbelievable.”

## A Different Sort of Hero

I have a new hero and his name is Desmond Doss.

Mel Gibson was recently in town for a preview showing of his latest movie *Hacksaw Ridge*. *Hacksaw Ridge* recounts the story of Medal of Honor recipient Desmond Doss. You probably don't know his story, but his story is one Christians need to know. His example is one we need to emulate.

Desmond Doss was 23 when he enlisted in the Army in April 1942. Patriotic to the core and anxious to help America win the war over the Axis powers, Doss enlisted ... as a conscientious objector.

Doss was willing to go to war, but he was unwilling to kill an enemy soldier or carry a weapon into combat because of his beliefs as a Christian.

Doss' greatest enemy in the war may not have been the Japanese he encountered in the Pacific theater. It was his fellow soldiers! They couldn't understand why he wouldn't fight. They ridiculed him. Humiliated him. Scorned him. Beat him. In short, they did everything they could to force him to quit and leave the army, but Doss was not a quitter.

The officers assigned him arduous duty. Refused to give him liberty. Threatened him with court martial. Still he refused to quit.

Doss was a patriot. He wanted to defend his country. He didn't join the Army to kill people. He joined to save them. He wanted to be a medic.

Eventually the army relented, allowing Doss to train as a medic, a role in which he would eventually distinguish himself. *Hacksaw Ridge* recounts his exploits on Okinawa in graphic — violently graphic — detail. It's not an easy movie to watch, but it is a story worth knowing. (I encourage you to read the Medal of Honor citation recounting his exploits.)

I was invited to review the movie. I went away from the movie thinking I had little to do with my analysis of the movie as a critic.

Desmond Doss is a hero of a different sort. Sure, his exploits as a medic are heroic. At least 75 men lived through the assault on *Hacksaw Ridge* because of him. He repeatedly risked (and almost lost) his own life to save them. That's why he was

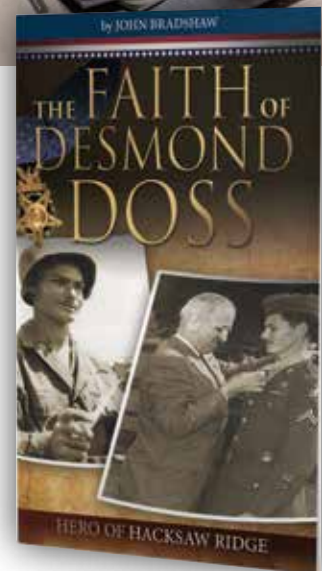
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# DESMOND T. DOSS

## *Locations*

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- On July 10, 1990, a section of Georgia Highway 2, between US Highway 27 and Georgia Highway 193 in Walker County, was named the Desmond T. Doss Medal of Honor Highway.
- On March 20, 2000, Doss appeared before the Georgia House of Representatives, and was presented a special resolution honoring his heroic accomplishments on behalf of the country.
- In July 2008, the guesthouse at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., was renamed Doss Memorial Hall.
- On August 30, 2008, a two-mile stretch of Alabama Highway 9 in Piedmont was named the Desmond T. Doss Sr. Memorial Highway.
- Doss is buried in Chattanooga at the Tennessee National Cemetery.  
[www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/chattanooga.asp](http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/chattanooga.asp)
- Veteran's Memorial Park statue of Desmond Doss, Collegedale, Tennessee  
[www.vmpofcollegedale.org/](http://www.vmpofcollegedale.org/)
- Charles H. Coolidge Medal of Honor Museum, Chattanooga, Tennessee  
[www.mohm.org/](http://www.mohm.org/)
- Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, Seventh-day Adventist Church. In 1955, Desmond and Dorothy Doss attended church there. (No exhibits)  
<http://lookoutmountain22.adventistchurchconnect.org/>
- Desmond T. Doss Christian Academy, Lynchburg, Virginia.  
<http://desmondtdoss.org/>
- Official Desmond Doss website:  
[www.desmondoss.com/](http://www.desmondoss.com/)



awarded the Medal of Honor, the first contentious objector to be so honored. For me, though, his heroism extends well beyond what he did in battle.

Desmond Doss was true to his Christian convictions despite unimaginable opposition from those closest to him. He never flinched or backed down from what he believed. That's the story Christians need to hear and emulate. Why?

There was a time when the commonly-held values of ordinary Americans were sympathetic toward Judeo-Christian values. That time is quickly passing. Every day biblical values become more counter-cultural, more hotly contested, and more socially divisive. As adult believers, we need to be true to the Bible

in both the public and private arenas. As guardians of the next generation, we need to teach our children how to be faithful to Christ, even if it is not popular to do so. In short, we need to live counter-cultural lives, and to teach our children how they can as well.

Private First Class Desmond Doss was true to his Christian beliefs despite severe opposition. As Christian beliefs become more counter-cultural, his story is one we need to tell. His example is one we need to follow. 🕊

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Each It is Written outreach book, *The Faith of Desmond Doss*, contains an interest card that will send information to the nearest local Adventist church.



## The Lighter Side of TITHING

BY DAVID BROOMFIELD

I became a tithe-giving Seventh-day Adventist Christian in the early 1970s, and from that time to the present, I have attributed my perfect driving record to the fact that I was a tithe-returning Christian.

Previous to returning tithes and offering as a newly baptized Adventist, I would have one car accident every year for five consecutive years. Each year during those five years, I would end up running into someone. After I began consistently returning tithes and offerings to my local church, I did not have a car accident in 35 to 40 years. I had driven many thousands and thousands of miles in upstate New York and in Florida traffic without coming in contact with a single vehicle that didn't belong to me. During that time, I could not get it out of my mind that my change of fortune had something to do with tithing — at least in part, the promise that He would “pour out a blessing” in which I would not have room enough to receive it.

Just some background on where I'm coming from in all this. I come from a family of five boys. The country road which we lived on looked like a drag strip in front of our house. Growing up, my brothers and I did not necessarily abuse alcohol or drugs, but we did abuse automobiles. Growing up in the muscle car era, there were always three brand new Corvettes in the yard at any given time, friends' muscle cars, and my oldest brother's wheel standing drag car over in the corner on the trailer. One brother died in a 396 SS Super Sport Chevy. We didn't have a family doctor, but we did have a family lawyer who repeatedly handled our cases in traffic court. This was all previous to the family being baptized into the Church.

A number of months ago now, after being accident free for so many years, I finally was involved in a traffic accident. As I focused my eyes from the interior of the



car to the roadway, I realized that there was a line of cars stopped right ahead of me. I slammed on the brakes and, as all four wheels locked up, I began sliding toward the car in front of me. Time stood still, and in those few seconds I began carrying on a conversation with myself. I asked, “David, are you going to hit the car in front of you, or are you going to stop just in the nick of time like you've done so many times before?” I answered my own question, “No, David, I think this time we're going to have contact!” I slammed into the car in front of me, driving it ahead of me three, four, five feet. Sitting there in the silence of the aftermath of what had just happened, a little voice came in my head, saying, “See David, the Lord has not been giving you special privileges, special attention, a special entourage of angels to protect you all these years of driving without an accident because of your tithing; it is just that your crazy driving has finally caught up with you ... that's all!”

A young girl jumped up out of the car that I had just run into. She rushed back to the rear portion of her car, and on bended knee moved back and forth, examining the rear bumper of her car from every conceivable angle. A relatively tall girl, she finally stood erect, spun around, looked down at me through the windshield of my

car, raised the palms of her hands to the sky, shrugged her shoulders, jumped back into the car, and was on her way.

The whole thing was so surreal, I couldn't believe I'd been in an accident — and the one I ran into left the scene. The cars began to pull around me and beep their horns. Still sitting there in amazement, forcefully I hit my hand down onto the steering wheel and said, “Yes! Yes! It's true! The Lord has been giving me a special entourage of angels to protect me in my driving all these years because of faithfulness in returning tithes and offerings, because this accident doesn't count! No property damage, no bodily injury, no insurance claim ... praise God!”

The lighter side of tithing? I'm not so sure, but either way, as for me and my house we will return the Lord's tithe as well as many thankful offerings during this Thanksgiving season! 🙏



David Broomfield

# A Lesson Learned from THE INVESTMENT FUND

BY MARIEL LOMBARDI



Guanábana fruit grown in Cuba



Yaimé Ayala

Yaimé Ayala has been a member of the Atlanta First Hispanic Church in Tucker, Georgia, ever since she came from Cuba eight years ago. Her grandmother introduced her to the Adventist message when she was still in her country. She started attending the church for some time before being baptized. The Investment Fund was a church ministry that caught her attention to the point that she participated in it in spite of the fact that she was not a church member. The testimony of her grandmother's sister made a great impression on her.

This woman had a guanábana tree at home. Normally this plant bears a fruit that, according to the local people, has healing properties. The shakes made with this fruit are very popular. Unfortunately, her aunt's tree was almost dead. It looked like a dry stick. It did not have leaves, and there was no fruit. Nevertheless, her aunt decided to try the Lord. She prayed and asked Him to revive the plant, and promised she was going to make profit with the fruit and give the money to the Investment Fund ministry. Ayala watched the

process with the attention of someone who is learning to know God, and immediately the results were clear to see. The dead stick started to flourish. Little leaves began to grow, and finally the fruits produced in such a quantity that it looked like the plant was going to collapse because of the weight.

Ayala was amazed by this simple story; the principle behind it set the path that her life would take. She had never consciously experienced God's faithfulness, and the simplicity of this testimony taught her something great about God, and His attitude toward us when we place ourselves in His hands.

She made the decision to get baptized, but there was something troubling her mind. She was a lawyer that worked for Customs in Cuba, and her financial situation was much above the situation of most people in the country. She loved her profession, and knew that the government would not approve that someone in her position embraced any type of religion. She would probably be fired after her baptism. Nevertheless, she was learning to trust the Lord,

and was willing to do His will. She decided, "My aunt put her tree in God's hands. I am going to put my work and my life, and I am sure that whatever God decides, will be beneficial to me." So, she got baptized.

On her way to the office the next Monday, she knew she was going to face questioning, and that she would be the center of attention that day. Nevertheless, her mind had been made up: She was willing to leave her dear job, because she knew that God is the one that gives and takes, according to His great plan. At the end of the day, she was called to a meeting with her boss, the greatest authority for Customs in the country. The final decision was that in spite of her engagement with religion, she could continue to work as a lawyer for the Cuban Customs, and so she did until seven years later when she resigned to come to the United States with her family. Evidently, it was God's plan that she continue doing what she loved and enjoyed.

Ayala has followed the principle learned from this situation ever since. Everything belongs to God — talents, money, time, profession, and family. As the Owner, He is the best Keeper. If we live with that certainty and are willing to be stewards of His gifts and follow the plans he has laid out for us, we will go through life in peace, knowing we are walking in a safe path.

"The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts," Haggai 2:8,9. 🕊



Mariel Lombardi

*Southern Nursing Graduate*EXTENDS HEALING  
HAND OF CHRIST

BY ANGELA BAERG



PHOTO BY: ALICIA SALAZAR



PHOTO BY: ELIZABETH MAIR

Jeffrey Mair sits in Boafat, Brazil, with a little boy named Luke. This church was built thanks to an offering from the General Conference. Mair's team held a health clinic, a health seminar, and a Vacation Bible School here.

Adventist education has always been a priority for Jeffrey Mair and his family. Mair started at Orlando Junior Academy in pre-K, continued at Forest Lake Academy, and graduated from Southern Adventist University in 2015. His younger sister, Elizabeth, began studying at Southern this fall.

Jeffrey Mair was one year old when the trouble began. He was repeatedly plagued by serious ear infections. He had tubes placed in and out of his head so many times that a hole developed in his ear canal. Correcting that issue was a long and delicate process, but four surgeries and 11 years later, Mair's ears were healthy again.

"Ever since then, I knew I wanted to help extend the healing hand of Christ to those in need, just like the doctors helped me," says Mair. "Thanks to them, I don't have irreparable hearing loss."

Mair was also immersed in the medical field at home, with seven nurses in his immediate family. Inspired by their passion

and dedication, he enrolled in the nursing program at Southern Adventist University. There, he not only gained the knowledge he would need to make a difference, he also used Southern's Student Missions program as a springboard to reach people most in need.

During his senior year in 2015, he joined a team of 18 teachers and students for a week-long mission trip to Manaus, Brazil. They lived in a boat on the Amazon River and visited a different village every day, operating much-needed dental and medical clinics. Among other services, they offered teeth cleaning, teeth removal, and anti-fungal medications for the heart-

breaking number of children who had parasites and worms.

"I was surprised by the overwhelming number of people whose most basic needs go unmet," Mair said. "In one week, our team helped more than 500 Brazilians. It was an incredible experience. During my short time in Brazil, I was struck by the great need for doctors, nurses, and lay people in these developing 'industrialized' countries."

Recently, Mair accepted an offer to work at Orlando Health. After he gains a few years of experience, he plans to attend medical school and specialize in the study of infectious diseases. ●

# Leukemia Patient Gets Married, Baptized at Florida Hospital Orlando



With the help of Michael Fry's Florida Hospital care team, the happy couple said their "I dos" in the hospital chapel.

Michael Fry has been living at Florida Hospital Orlando for the past month as he undergoes chemotherapy treatment for leukemia.

He and his fiancée, Tonia, only learned a month ago that Fry had the disease, and have since had to uproot from their home in Lake Placid, Fla., to live full-time in Orlando. But, their Florida Hospital care team has made the transition easier, Tonia said.

"This place has really become our family," she said. "Coming from two hours-plus away and not knowing anyone, we have made so many great con-

nections," she said.

The couple had been planning to get married in October, but after Fry's diagnosis they decided not to wait. They had planned a simple ceremony in Fry's hospital room, but when his doctor and nurses found out, they sprang into action.

With donations from the care team and the hospital, the couple were wed in the hospital chapel, with Fry's doctor and many of his nurses in attendance.

"It's amazing how many people got involved, and how quickly this all came together," said oncology nurse Julia

Farquhar.

Fry, who will continue to undergo chemotherapy and hopes to receive a bone-marrow transplant in October, had more than one reason to celebrate on his wedding day.

"It's the best day of my life," he said, "because now I'm one with her, and as of today, I'm in remission." 📌

# Manchester Memorial Hospital's Fourth Annual "Mommy & Baby Fair" a Big Success



The Willowbrook Women's Center offered free guidance and information to expectant mothers on everything from signing up for childbirth classes to the importance of kangaroo care.



The MMH's clinical staff conducted free health screenings to support women during one of the most exciting times in their lives.

Manchester Memorial Hospital (MMH) witnessed heavy traffic and excited participants as it hosted the fourth annual Mommy & Baby Fair at Eastern Kentucky University's Manchester Campus, to support new mothers and answer any questions they might have about their pregnancy or infants.

"The Mommy & Baby Fair acts as an excellent source of information for future parents and families to learn about the community resources available to support them during this exciting time in their lives. With awareness and education, parents can be empowered and inspired to make the right decisions for their family," said Hurriyat Ghayyur, marketing director at MMH.

This year there were 29 booths, composed of informational booths as well as vendor booths. One of the best things about the Fair this year was that MMH, in collaboration with the Clay County Public Library, had set up a colorful Kids' Area, where parents could leave their children while they went around the room at leisure.

This was the second time that passports were used at the Baby Fair. Each participant had to get their passports stamped by nine booths in order to qualify for the door prize drawings. The booths included on the passport were from the hospital, community agencies, and retail sector.

MMH clinical staff could be seen conducting free health screenings and giving out information on childbirth classes, Kangaroo Care, and other programs running at MMH. Willowbrook Women's Center and Manchester Pediatrics not only had booths there, but their providers, Michèle Hacker, A.P.R.N., and Kristina Burchfield, A.P.R.N., were also present to answer questions and offer guidance to the parents. Their booths also held regular raffles for giveaways, and together with the MMH OB Department, the two clinics sponsored five of the major door prizes.

Many other representatives from MMH were also on hand to educate and facilitate knowledge-seekers. The Hospital's CREATION Health team had a delightful

booth and provided information regarding the guiding principles of CREATION Health, especially during pregnancy. Right next to their booth, with lots of healthy fruits, was Kellie Gray, MMH dietician, leading a discussion concerning diet changes that promote better health in expectant mothers and newborns. Present with her was Megan Kunkel, diabetes educator at MMH.

University of Kentucky Healthcare was also present at the venue with the Blue Angels program, giving out information on high risk pregnancies. Other community representatives included the Extension Office, Cumberland Valley Health Department, Save the Children, all six Family Resource Centers, Red Bird Mission, and many more.

Intermingled with these informational booths, the vendor booths were a kaleidoscope of colors! By popular demand, the MMH Gift Gallery also hosted a booth featuring baby accessories, stuffed toys, and Mud Pie brand clothing. ●

# ShareHim Goes to Peru



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**The Carolina ShareHim team and Peruvian Conference leaders**

though they never attended the meetings, could hear his messages each night from their nearby yard. That Sabbath the whole family was baptized.

Another evidence of God’s providence on this trip was a man who showed up at Moyer’s meetings about halfway through the series. This man, who held a responsible government position, had a very vivid dream during a stay in the hospital for some serious medical problems. In the dream he saw a church building and its members, and the pastor calling him to come down to the front of the church. The day after he returned home from the hospital a neighbor invited him to Moyer’s meetings. As soon as he arrived at the church, he distinctly recognized it as the building and people he had dreamed about. He was baptized at the end of the series, and has plans to help renovate an Adventist church in that region. He also wants to conduct a ShareHim series himself.

Next year, the Conference’s mission trip will be to the Philippines. Why not join the group for a life-changing experience? 🙏

**A** ShareHim team from the Carolina Conference traveled to Pucallpa, Peru, May 15-26, 2016. Peru has a population of about 30 million people. Pucallpa, which in the native tongue means “Red Hearth,” has a population of about 310,000. It is one of the fastest growing cities in Peru, situated in a hot and humid region on the banks of the Ucayali River in the western most part of Peru.

The Adventist population in Peru stands around 410,000. The host conference was the Western Peruvian Mission. Luis Leonor, pastor and ShareHim manager; Gary Moyer, Carolina Conference vice president for administration; and Israel Mora, pastor and Carolina Conference ShareHim coordinator, were the leaders on this trip. A total of 12 speakers from the Carolina Conference participated, each one holding his or her own series. A few were first-time speakers. A total of 88 baptisms resulted from these meetings. Many more will likely be reached because of ShareHim’s presence in Pucallpa.

One night, the site that was assigned to Samuel Romero, Carolina Conference

Hispanic coordinator, was not available. Led by the Holy Spirit, Romero saw a nearby Pentecostal church and said to his congregation, “Let’s ask their pastor if we can use their church.” Being a little hesitant, but wanting to help, the local Pentecostal pastor allowed the Adventist meeting to be held at their church. That night the topic was the Sanctuary. The local pastor was captivated by the message, and decided to investigate more about it.

Romero had also noticed a boy sitting near the front who seemed to be listening attentively to the message. On Thursday night, when Romero gave an altar call, the boy came up to the front along with many others. He was so excited to be baptized that when he was told by the pastor that he would have to get permission from his parents the next day before baptizing him, he said, “Can’t you come to my home this very evening to get my parents’ blessing?” Romero agreed to go. Upon arriving at their home, he was greeted with kindness. When he relayed the boy’s desire to be baptized, to his surprise the mom expressed her desire to be baptized as a family. Romero realized that these parents, al-



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**Sam Romero, pastor, with the family that was baptized together**

BY ISRAEL MORA

# Carolina Holds Annual Men's Retreat



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**Claudio Consuegra demonstrates (with the help of four volunteers) that no matter how big you are, alone you are weak, but locked together you are strong. Men need to support each other.**

**Rick Mercer, pastor, prays for one of the young attendees as the group split up for prayer.**

The Men's Ministries Department held their annual retreat the first weekend of September at Nosoca Pines Ranch in Liberty, S.C. The guest speaker was Claudio Consuegra, D.Min., a law enforcement chaplain and critical stress management specialist. His theme for the weekend was "Men of Prayer."

A large group of men, totaling more

than 70 from across the Carolinas, gathered to focus on becoming stronger spiritual leaders for their families. Leading by example is the best teaching tool as a parent.

Consuegra tailored each message to highlight the various dangers that men can fall into if their prayer life is weak or non-existent. Other weekend lead-

ers assisted in organizing the men into small prayer-partner groups. The groups exchanged contact information in order to be accountability partners and prayer partners for the coming year and beyond. There is power in prayer and in lifting each other up in prayer. 🙏

BY COURTNEY HEROD

# Law Enforcement Officers Honored at Casselberry Spanish Church

For several months, Americans have been hearing about tragic events involving law enforcement agencies. Contributing to some of those fatal encounters was the lack of communication and trust sensed in certain communities. In an effort to support law enforcement and further establish trust and good will, Casselberry Spanish Church invited local police and Orange County Sheriff personnel to a Sabbath worship service.

The officers who attended this time of reflection and prayer included Casselberry's Chief of Police Larry Krantz, Community Relations Liaison Corporal James Hennessey, and Orange County Sheriff Public Information Officer Jeff Williamson. Leonides Montes de Oca, Casselberry Spanish first elder, warmly welcomed the guests, fol-



Casselberry Spanish Church elders laid their hands on each law enforcement guest and lifted them to God in prayer.

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lowed by remarks from Samuel Rodriguez, personal ministries director.

Krantz spoke to the congregation about his dependence on God's guidance, personally and professionally, as he provides leadership to his department. The chief's vision is to have law enforcement and the community working closely together. Williamson ex-

pressed appreciation to the church for being sensitive to the challenges of law enforcement, and for involving them in the church's worship service.

The church's elders encircled the special guests and placed their hands on each one as prayer was uplifted to God. The prayer emphasized the significance of badges worn, and the protection of those who wear those badges — wives, mothers, husbands, fathers, and children.

Twelve days after that Sabbath, two representatives of the church, Maribel Borgas and Michael Bernard, met with Hennessey to discuss specific ways the church can involve itself in the Casselberry community. 📍

BY MICHAEL BERNARD

# Kress Memorial Church Holds "Bow Tie Sabbath"

During the first half of 2016, the Men's Ministries Department of Kress Memorial Church, Winter Park, Fla., has emphasized integrity, both in personal life and in service to others. This has been reflected in sponsoring a weekly meal for the homeless, and underscored by Prayer Meeting attendance, including the regular addition of several homeless men.

Kress Memorial Church's longstanding history of service to others is amply demonstrated by the members of men's ministries. The challenge, however, is placing men's ministries front and center in the minds and hearts of the church members.

For the past five years, the men of Kress Memorial Church highlighted their caring ministries by celebrating Father's Day



The men of Kress Memorial Church celebrated Bow Tie Sabbath on Fathers' Day weekend.

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weekend in a unique way. On this special Sabbath, each man — young or old, single or married, father or potential father — entered Sabbath School and worship services dressed in a suit topped off with a bow tie. Known as "Bow Tie Sabbath," this celebration honors fathers and commends the

service put forth by members of the Men's Ministries Department.

The last half of 2016 is being devoted to father-son activities that build relationships for the future. 📍

BY JOSÉ CADELARIO



# Orlando Filipino Church Members Dedicate New Facility

Members of Orlando Filipino Church gathered on the first weekend of August to celebrate the long-anticipated first Sabbath in their new worship facility.

On Friday evening, August 5, 2016, members and guests arrived at the renamed new home, Orlando Filipino Seventh-day Adventist Church and Community Enrichment Complex, 1226 Bunnell Road, Altamonte Springs, Fla. Here, they witnessed the ribbon-cutting ceremony and a prayer of thanksgiving led by the church's executive committee members. The next day, a special Sabbath dedication service was held where Mike Cauley, Florida Conference president, offered a dedicatory prayer for the church and its officers.

The mission of this congregation of more than 360 members is "To Know Christ and Make Him Known." "The Lord has blessed our church in terms of the growing number of members, and the increasing opportunities for outreach," says Daniel Catangay, pastor.

The campus, on approximately 10 acres,



Members and guests celebrate the dedication of Orlando Filipino Church's new facility.

was purchased from Forest City Spanish Church when that congregation moved to a new location. In addition to a 750-seat sanctuary and a gymnasium, the property also includes two buildings with more than 18,000 square feet in which to host outreach events for the community. "God gave us more than what we asked for in these facilities," says Catangay. 🕊



Orlando Filipino Church's executive team participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Pictured from left: James Patacsil, head deacon; Nelson Osano, church administrator; Romela Población, church clerk; Tony Habaradas, associate elder; Susan Caro, church treasurer; Joseph Layson, head elder; and Daniel Catangay, pastor.

BY ROMELA POBLACIÓN

PHOTO BY: BEN POBLACIÓN

# Benjamin and Roberta Blake Celebrate 60 Years of Marriage

Benjamin (Benny) F. Blake, formerly of Knoxville, Tenn., and Roberta Johnson of St. Augustine, Fla., were married on August 26, 1956, in Fort Myers, Fla. They are celebrating 60 years of love and devotion to each other.

Benny attended Forest Lake Academy, and was called to serve as a medic in the United States Army during the Korean War. After his Army years, he enrolled at Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University) in Collegedale, Tenn., where he made many friends.

Roberta graduated from Fletcher Academy, Fletcher, N.C., in 1955. After the couple married, they moved to Tampa, Fla.



Benjamin and Roberta Blake

Benny was employed by Tampa Electric Company until he retired from 32 years of service. He went back to work for 16 more years with a security company. His hobbies

include flying and ham radio.

Roberta worked for Hillsborough County School Food Service, and retired from there after 17 years of service. Her interests include quilting for community service, ham radio, and other craft projects.

The Blakes are charter members of Brandon Church in Brandon, Fla., and they anxiously await the soon coming of Jesus.

The couple have three loving children: Russell Blake of Tampa; Lisa Somson of McDonald, Tenn.; and Lori Tucker of Tampa. They have seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. 🕊

# US Media Worldwide Delivers Bibles, Hope



US Media Worldwide works with Bill and Daffodil Harper with Gems for Christ Ministry. The Lord blessed the work, 986 new converts were baptized in the Philippines last year, and they all received Bibles.

Christ and the kingdom of Heaven is directing and guiding. Jesus Christ wants to be totally in charge in what He is trying to teach you and where He is trying to lead you. This verse reminds all not to transfer faith from Christ to the opinions or theories of men.

Step three, based on Proverbs 16:3, says commit your plans to the Lord and your thoughts will be established. Pay attention to how the Lord opens up invitations, and watch for His divine guidance as He moves you forward in faith. Put everything into God's hands asking Him to orchestrate the entire event, and pay close attention as God establishes your thought process.

For the next 90 days, submit yourself to this three-step process and watch how the Lord will develop your own personal testimony. Make this 90-day challenge a daily primary focus and the number one decision in your life for that day. Do not worry about church, finances, health, spouse, friends, or family, as these will become major benefactors of this first choice.

Hasting's shared that at one time there was only \$698 in his bank account. A call came that there was a need for Bibles in the Philippines in their language. About 500 people had been baptized, and they wanted to provide them with 500 Bibles. The cost was \$1,500. He was worried because he knew he didn't have enough funds. Hastings obeyed God's prompting to purchase the Bibles. "We wired the money in United States dollars. God spiked the value of the dollar, and we were able to give out a Bible to everyone baptized and cover the expense."

Hastings says, "Most people feel like something is missing in their lives. They are always looking for something better. Introduce them to the fact that Jesus Christ has a divine purpose for them. If they will give God a chance, they will no longer feel like something is missing." ❶

BY TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER

Life changed for Charlie Hastings sitting on a bar stool in a tavern in Vancouver, Wash. Two Baptist businessmen shared that God had a divine purpose for his life, and even though Hastings had no interest in religion, he reasoned it might be wise to at least give God a chance to show him that divine purpose.

Hastings, a member of the Cedar Ridge Church in Cedar Ridge, Tenn., operates an international business called US Media Worldwide. What is unusual is that they do not have a website, do no fundraising, or ask for money. Instead, they rely completely on God to provide in advancing the Gospel message throughout the world. He converted at age 42, married a Seventh-day Adventist, moved to Florida, then Tennessee, and grew restless. He told God he was thankful for the blessings in his life, and asked how he might better serve Him.

"The Lord opened up some doors — for example, outreach last year in eastern Europe, Russia, Ukraine, and Belaruse," said Hastings. He and his organization

have sent Bibles and spread the Gospel message to 116 different countries, totally relying on God to provide. They have an outreach called the "Power of Choice Project," a 90-day challenge for anyone wanting a closer relationship with God.

US Media Worldwide's "Power of Choice Project" is a three-step process directing the mind of the individual to the fact that Jesus Christ has a divine purpose for their life, regardless of belief, and the end result is a closer relationship with God.

Step one, based on Jeremiah 29:11, says God has a specific divine purpose for every individual. Every morning, along with your worship, dedicate who you are as an individual to the service of the Lord, the advancing of the Gospel message, and enlarging His kingdom. Make this your first choice for the entire day.

Step two, based on Jeremiah 17:5, says cursed is the man who puts his trust in another man. During this 90-day challenge, each individual must focus on where Jesus

# Upper-Grade, Lower-Grade Students Form Friendships at Coble Elementary

John L. Coble Elementary in Calhoun, Ga., opened the school year with a mixed-age initiative. “The students came up with this idea themselves,” says Lisa Miller, Student Association sponsor. “Their goal was to set the tone for the new school year by having a bonding experience between upper-grade and lower-grade students.”

Teachers set aside time for upper-grade students to interact one-on-one with the lower-grade students in their classrooms. Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students put together alphabet puzzles, and wrote words and letters on magnetic boards while getting acquainted with their new friends.

“Coble Elementary has emphasized the importance of cross-aged bonding of students for several years,” says Richard



PHOTO BY: GAYLE FULMER

**Older and younger students at John L. Coble Elementary School work together in mixed-aged family groups with a faculty sponsor.**

Stitzer, principal. “Building trust between older and younger students helps to unite us as a family.”

At the beginning of each school year, students are assigned to a mixed-aged

“family” group with a faculty sponsor. Once a month for assembly, the family groups sit together and then separate into classrooms, and participate in a short activity led by the eighth-grade students in each group. For example, these small groups have sorted clothing for the God’s Closet charity, enclosed handmade greeting cards in soup kitchen baskets, and enjoyed a Bible scavenger hunt around the school.

At the beginning of every school year, the eighth-grade students go on a retreat designed to build community within their class, and encourage them to be leaders within the school. “Hopefully the students are learning that spiritual leadership can be rewarding and fun,” says Stitzer. ●

BY GAYLE FULMERO

# Missionaries Don’t Retire; They Keep Giving

Mozelle Kubas, 102, heard last March that the Apison, Tenn., Church Pathfinder Club was having a fundraising campaign collecting aluminum cans. The funds would help Pathfinders earn money to attend the Southern Union Camporee at Camp Kulaqua on October 12, 2016. She enlisted.

Although she does not drink sodas, Kubas asked the employees at the facility where she resides to give her their empty soda cans.

Since March 16, 2016, she has averaged 100 cans per week, and as of September 8, 2016, she has donated 2,339 cans.

After the cans were crushed and bagged,

she had a courier, Edna Bird, deliver them to the church to be sold.

Kubas has always been involved in missionary service. She served as the community services director in Richmond for many years, later volunteering at the Samaritan Center in Ooltewah, Tenn. Her example encouraged her daughter, Ann, to become a missionary, serving 24 years in South America and Sudan.

Angel Segarra, Pathfinder director, reports the club has sold about 900 pounds of cans, earning more than \$400. Kubas is their largest donor. ●

BY NANCY PATTON



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**Pathfinders surrounding 102-year-old Mozelle Kubas, an avid fund raising and supporter, from left to right: Jaden, Anna, Ted, Angel, Betsy, Emma, and Parris.**

# Prayer Summit 2016 Welcomes Most Honorable Guest



Larry Owens speaks to Prayer Summit 2016 attendees.

The Gulf States Conference Fall Prayer Summit participants convened August 19-21, 2016, at beautiful Shocco Springs Baptist Conference Center in Talladega, Ala. The weekend offered “Revealing Jesus Through Prayer.” With purposeful hearts and hopes high, attendees settled into a cozy lodge as the sun rested behind a mountain range. Another Sabbath began.

What could make this conference meaningful or life-altering? Would guests see Jesus in the forest setting, among the rocks and hills, the trees and flowers? Maybe in a songbird’s call? It wasn’t just there, though. The Spirit of the Lord arrived as the Most Honored Guest, evident everywhere — in smiling faces, gentle words, and loving acts. Songs of praise and testimonies to God’s glory were heard from the participants. His Spirit moved on the hearts of the speaker panel members to change plans and yield to His, thus blessing all with a testimony of His power and love.

The musical praise team, singers along with musicians Jaime and David Wilson, offered their gifts during each session. On Sabbath morning, Richie Halversen, pastor, kept attendees riveted with his personal testimony of God’s patience, mercy, and power to change lives. Larry Owens, pastor, and his wife, Becky, witnessed firsthand the presence of God, and shared amazing experiences. Brian Danese, Gulf States treasurer, began his sermon on Sabbath evening using humor to leave attendees with an unforgettable, yet simple concept: prayer’s utmost purpose is for building a relationship with God. On Sunday morning, Owens explained how the book of Revelation reveals Jesus Christ, the assurance of salvation, and how to have a deeper relationship with Him.

Attendees left with the assurance that God wants a relationship with His children — to the degree that He ransomed their lives with His Own Son — and with the determination to keep their eyes ever upon Him. ①



Richie Halversen, pastor, was the Sabbath morning speaker.



Brian Danese, Gulf States treasurer, was the Sabbath evening speaker.

BY GLADYS SHERRER

# Conference Hispanic Camp Meeting a Success



PHOTO BY: TYLER ROBERTS

The Hispanic Camp Meeting was held during the 2016 Labor Day weekend.

More than 1,000 church members pitched their tents at Camp Bianchi in Meridian, Miss., for the Hispanic Camp Meeting during the Labor Day weekend, September 2-4, 2016. The theme was “Mas Esperanza” — More Hope. The campers were separated by “tribes,” each tribe representing a church in the Conference.

Before dawn each day, a group of prayer warriors pleaded for the presence of the Holy Spirit to be in the camp, and that all would be blessed with good weather. Both prayers were answered. About 1,350 registered for the weekend, and more than 1,600 attended the services on Sabbath, accompanied by mild, sunny weather. The main speaker for the weekend was Hispanic evangelist Alejandro Bullón. Bullón preached from Isaiah 53 about the sacrifice of Christ, and how His blood cleanses all. There were 44 baptized that day bringing the total number of baptisms for the summer to 257 for the Hispanic Department.

In addition to the presentations and pow-

erful messages, the Messiah’s Mansion exhibit was on display the entire weekend. The life-size replica of the Sanctuary in Moses’ day was

presented with clarity and insight, shining new light on Jesus’ place in the Sanctuary, as well as the Plan of Salvation. The children were blessed with their own version of the Sanctuary service, presented to about 300 children. Saturday evening there was a bonfire for the young people, and a mini concert. Sunday morning, after Jay Rosario, pastor, presented a worship thought, the churches participated in a fun day/olympic games. The winner with first place was the tribe of Zebulon, representing Foley Hispanic Church in Alabama. Second place was the tribe of Judah, representing churches in Hattiesburg and Jackson, Miss. Third place was the tribe of Issachar, representing churches in



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Jorge Mayer (left), Southern Union Hispanic ministries director; Alejandro Bullon, international evangelist; Nilton Garcia, Gulf States Hispanic ministries director; and Ruben Merino, Esperanza TV director, pose with shirts designed for the Hispanic Camp Meeting.

Laurel and Waynesboro, Miss.

There was so much fervor and excitement about the Word of God that weekend. The goal for the Conference is to baptize 600 souls by the end of the year, and so far 445 have been baptized! Nilton Garcia, Conference Hispanic ministries director, attributes the success not to the meetings or the work of man, but the work of the Lord, and His grace toward Gulf States. God is doing amazing things in this Conference. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will lead the workers into greater ministry. ●

BY TYLER ROBERTS

# “POWER” Team Serves



The POWER Team

According to the *New York Times*, Clay County, Kentucky, ranks as the worst county in the country to live in due to the persistent poverty and hardships.\* The needs there are greater than the needs in any other county in the United States. The Kentucky-Tennessee Youth Department, led by Greg Taylor, with Madison and Highland academies, led by chaplains Andrew Jamieson and Kaleigh Bengé respectively, have a desire to serve that need.

A total of 75 students, teachers, and parents converged in Manchester, Ky., the heart of Clay County, September 21-24, 2016, to serve the community. The POWER Mission team refurbished and renovat-

ed five homes throughout the county. They built wheelchair ramps, repaired floors that had gaping holes, painted walls, installed doors, built porches, and fixed gutters and roofs, along with other various tasks and projects around the homes. The impact the students made on each of these homes was dramatic! However, that was not the most powerful or most impactful part of the trip. It was all about relationships!

Lots of hammering, sawing, and drilling took place on this trip to the Appalachian Mountains, but the real building took place in the hearts of the participants and the homeowners. On the first day, one of the residents became a grandmother. The team decided to

purchase gifts and baby items for the family, and surprise them with the presents. At another project, George Moyo, a senior at Highland Academy, took time away from the physical building to build a relationship with one elderly resident by watching *The Price is Right* television show with him. These students understood that porches, ramps, and floors could be built, but what really mattered was building a loving relationship with the individuals they encountered. The love and time that was shared will last much longer than any structure that was erected.

Fortunately, sometimes the impact from previous years can be seen and felt. On the way to Manchester, a stop was made at Taco Bell in London, Ky. Christina Mercado, a senior at Madison Academy, began talking to the cashier about the trip. His eyes lit up when he realized this group built a wheelchair ramp for his grandmother a year earlier.

This ministry has been actively working in the Appalachian Region for 27 years, touching countless lives, and this year was no exception. It not only reaches the residents in Clay County, it blesses the participants as well!

*\*[http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/26/upshot/where-are-the-hardest-places-to-live-in-the-us.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/26/upshot/where-are-the-hardest-places-to-live-in-the-us.html?_r=0)*

BY ANDREW JAMIESON

# Madison Campus Church Holds Community Block Party

More than 50 percent of Madison, Tenn., residents are classified as coming from low-income families. In August 2016, the Madison Campus Church (MCC) decided to support these families with a community-wide project to help supply the children with backpacks and school supplies. The MCC family ministries and young adult pastor, Ignacio Silverio, coordinated the event and used young adults from the church to go into the Madison community to personally, door by door, invite families to a Back-to-School Community Block Party.

Early Sunday morning, August 14, castle and bounce houses were inflated and canopies were raised. By the afternoon, the church

parking lot was lined with tents from different church ministries sharing their services along with free food and free school supplies. The ministries included the 180 Crew, MCC's youth group; ACS 403 Center; Naomi's Fellowship, a ministry that offers help and comfort to widows; Pathfinders; and Adventurers. Soon the cars started arriving with children and teenagers, parents and grandparents. It wasn't long before the sounds of the crowd and the Day 7 praise group proved the party had begun.

The Block Party was a great success as hundreds of families and children visited each station, played games, ate, and enjoyed the sunny day. The children blessed by the back-to-school backpacks, and entire families benefited by the



support offered. Additionally, more than 30 children from the community registered to participate in the MCC Adventurer Club.

“We feel this event was a great way to be involved in the lives of our community by helping them, spending time with them, and showing them what our church has to offer,” said Silverio.

BY SANDRA RIVERA TURPEN

# Conference Welcomes New Administrators



Greg Taylor

Nelson Silva

In the spring of 2016, the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference Executive Committee, in dialog with Conference administration, gave unanimous support to strengthening ministry to the youth and young adult segments of the Conference. While recognizing the traditional and vitally important role that the Conference Youth Department contributes, several additional areas of prioritized needs were identified:

- Provide support and strategies for churches that have a desire to do better at attracting and retaining youth and young adults.
- Provide support and create strate-

gies to engage and minister to public school and public university Seventh-day Adventists students.

- Provide Conference-level support and ministry opportunities for the rapidly growing Hispanic youth population.

In order to implement these additional priorities, the Executive Committee, acting on administration's recommendation, created a new position, that of associate youth director. With the transition of the previous outstanding Conference youth director, Ken Wetmore, to his new assignment as senior pastor of Madison Campus Church, the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference is pleased to welcome two new directors to the Youth Department.

Greg Taylor, M.A. (religious education), is the newly appointed youth director, and with his wife, Kim Taylor, served most recently as the youth director for the Wisconsin Conference. Taylor brings an extensive background in youth ministry to this position, including having served as a classroom teacher in two conferences, as well as a congregational

pastor in Indiana. His passion for youth ministries includes not only providing leadership for the summer camp program, Pathfinders, and traditional conference programs, but he also has significant experience in creating connections with Adventist youth who are attending public schools and universities.

Nelson Silva, D.Min., joins Taylor in the department as the associate director, after having served as a bi-vocational, bilingual pastor and church planter in the Indiana Conference for the last 13 years. With his wife, April Silva, he is committed and experienced in helping make Christ relevant and central in the lives of youth. His past experience as a public school counselor, camp pastor, and his doctoral focus in youth ministries reflect his desire to value and involve youth in ministry.

With the realignment of the Youth Department under the leadership of Taylor and Silva, an exciting new enhanced ministry in this area is certain to be a reality. 📍

BY STEVE HALEY, PRESIDENT

# Murfreesboro Church Sponsors Fair Booth

The Murfreesboro, Tenn., Church sponsored a booth at the Wilson County Fair in Lebanon, Tenn. Due to the success of last year's booth, a larger booth was needed. This year, there were 1,120 books shared with the public, including but not limited to *The Desire of Ages*, *The Great Controversy*, and *Steps to Christ*. The books were presented to individuals who showed a sincere interest, and it was suggested that they read the book with their Bible. There were many blessings from the contacts, especially with young people.

The Pathfinder Club also had a booth

where children's literature and Pathfinder information was shared. Children were invited to paint pictures at the table as part of an example of an honor requirement. It was quite successful. Children would paint, and the parents would get a break to sit down, rest their feet, and receive Club information from the Pathfinder staff.

Murfreesboro members are looking forward to taking part in the Wilson County Fair in 2017, and once again sharing Jesus Christ, and they encourage other churches to make plans now for a booth in 2017 at their local fairs. 📍



BY JACQUE SMALL

# Conference Holds “Origin of Faiths” Bible Class



South Atlantic Ministerial Department held “Origin of Faiths” Bible classes during its 70th Camp Meeting.

The South Atlantic Conference Ministerial Department, under the leadership of Lawrence Hamilton, decided to enhance and greatly impact the Conference constituency at its 70th Camp Meeting anniversary. Knowing that the study of the Word of God should take center stage, Hamilton set out to engage as many campers as possible in an exhaustive and intensive Bible study. Drake P. Barber, pastor of Shiloh Church in Smyrna, Ga., conducted the class.

The study of the “Origin of Faiths” was chosen. This study focused on a few of the Bible’s basic core beliefs, such as its teaching on God (Trinity), Salvation, State of the Dead, Judgment (Heaven and hell), Baptism, and Good Church Work Practices.

Several religious groups were investigated in light of what the Bible taught according to the subjects listed above. Each religious group was examined from its historic beginnings and its denominational teachings according to God’s Holy Word. Worksheets were provided for the class to fill out as they followed the PowerPoint presentation. The Holy Spirit made all aware of their erroneous teachings, as well as similarities that could be used as an entering wedge for real Bible study. The class was held for five days, two hours a day.

Not knowing how many individuals would be in attendance, the ministerial office assistant, Marlene Edwards, prepared enough materials for about 50 people. To everyone’s excitement, the Lord added

to the class daily until it was filled with more than 100 participants. Some students drove one hour each evening to attend the class. The students took away the practical knowledge of how to appropriately study with different religious groups. Materials used in the class were furnished for use at home, and to conduct Bible studies.

The class concluded with a grand celebration of an “Origin of Faiths” certificate. Following the wrap-up, the question was asked, “What are we going to study next year?”

The group was appreciative to the South Atlantic Ministerial Department and staff for such a grand vision. 🙏

BY **DRAKE P. BARBER**



# Motorcycle Club Participate in Prayer Service for Law Enforcement Officers



Charlene Berry (left); Smith Mills; Sheila Mills; Portia Davidson; Jessie Davidson; Sheriff Lewis L. Hatcher; Richard Berry, M.D.; Tatiana Davidson; Isaac Davidson; Jessica Davidson; and Stephen Mills, M.D.

In response to the slaying of five police officers in Dallas, Tex., members of Praise Tabernacle Church in Whiteville, N.C., and Soldiers of the Cross Motorcycle Ministry (SCMM) came together at the Columbus County Sheriff's Office in Whiteville, to show support for their law enforcement officers.

The organizer of the prayer service was sponsored in part by Peace Baptist Church, whose members only expected a few dozen people to turn out. Instead, more than 100 citizens and law enforcement officers from across Columbus County attended and participated. One of the speakers got it right when he said, "This

isn't a black and white thing. It's not a cop thing. It's a heart condition."

Soldiers of the Cross Motorcycle Ministry is based in Whiteville, and began in 2006 with the purpose of sharing the love of Jesus. The Ministry was started by occupational therapist Jessie Davidson and physical therapist Portia Davidson. Their activities include providing information on healthy life styles, health screening, and puppet ministry for children. In 2012, SCMM joined with Adventist Motorcycle Ministry as a North Carolina Chapter.

In regards to the prayer service, Jessie said, "We are very pleased to have been asked to participate in this event, both as Seventh-day Adventist Christians and as members of our Ministry."

Members of the club led out in prayer, and participated in the laying on of hands on the officers present. 📍

BY RICHARD G. BERRY, M.D.

# Decatur Adventist Junior Academy Student's Academic Excellence Recognized

Matthew Dormus was a highly motivated seventh-grader at Decatur Adventist Junior Academy during the 2015-2016 school year in Stone Mountain, Ga. His curiosity and thirst for learning new things drove his constant desire to explore and put things in perspective. He enjoys art, music, reading, and sports.

Dormus was recognized for his academic excellence and community service at the Carson Scholars Chattanooga/Atlanta Awards Banquet, April 24, 2016. Included

with the award is a one-time \$1,000 scholarship to go toward his college education when he enrolls as a full-time student within two years of completing high school.

He was also recognized at his school during an Honors and Awards Program on May 18, 2016, with certificates from President Obama's Outstanding Academic Excellence, Principal's List Award, and excellence in every subject and sports he attempted, as well as the Character Trait Award. 📍



Matthew Dormus with Candy Carson and Robert Philyaw, judge, at the Carson Scholars Awards Banquet on April 24, 2016

# Oakwood University Church Holds Groundbreaking Ceremony for New Family Life Center



Individuals participating in the new Oakwood University Church's Family Life Center groundbreaking ceremony include Anthony Bolden (left), OUC associate pastor; Calvin Matthews, Ph.D., OUC family ministries director; Harold Jacobs, OUC treasurer; Gabriel Carter, Oakwood University (OU) student government president; Karen Benn Marshall, Ed.D., OU academic vice president; Will Culver, City Council president, Huntsville, Ala.; Tommy Battle Huntsville, Ala., mayor; Carlton P. Byrd, D.Min., OUC senior pastor; John Nixon Sr., D.Min., South Central executive secretary; Benjamin Jones Jr., South Central president; Kristine Harding, KPS Group architect; Richard Long Sr., OUC head elder; Charles E. Bradford, NAD retired president; Lloyd Wilson, OUC associate pastor; and Paul Goodridge, OUC associate pastor.

Turn to your neighbor and say, 'It's going to happen.'" With these words, Carlton P. Byrd, D.Min., senior pastor of the Oakwood University Church (OUC) in Huntsville, Ala., welcomed OUC members, South Central Conference administrators, and Huntsville city leaders and residents to the groundbreaking ceremony for OUC's new Family Life Center on September 4, 2016.

After more than 30 years of hopes and dreams discussed-then-deferred, construction for OUC's Family Life Center is now underway. "You've needed this facility for more than a decade," acknowledged Benjamin Jones, South Central Conference president. "But you, on purpose, made a decision that before you built a family life center for yourself,

you'd build a school for your children. I thank you all for that sacrifice."

For the families that make up the community and the church, the 22,000-square-foot center will include a gymnasium and walking track, classrooms for seminars and workshops, specified space for the church's Pathfinder Club, and designated rooms for the church's Adventist Community Services ministry, including a food pantry and clothing distribution area.

The enormous impact this new facility will have on families was a constant theme throughout the ceremony. "Having this facility to specifically minister to the diverse families that make up our church and community is just exciting," stated Belvia Matthews, Ph.D., co-director of family life ministries at OUC. Tommy Battle, Huntsville mayor, added, "When

you build families, you build communities; and, when you build communities, you build better cities."

The family life center is slated to be completed by September 2017, which is 40 years to the month and year when the current sanctuary facility was completed in September 1977. To celebrate the new OUC Family Life Center, along with the 40th anniversary of ministry in the current OUC facility, will be to honor ministry both past and future. In the words of Claude Thomas, the "father" of family life ministries at OUC, it will be "the culmination of a great hope and vision." With great anticipation, OUC members believe, "It's going to happen!"

BY PATRICE CONWELL, OUC COMMUNICATION SECRETARY

# Carlton P. Byrd Receives the Huntsville/Madison County Branch Alabama NAACP 2016 Pastor of the Year Award

Carlton P. Byrd, D. Min., senior pastor of the Oakwood University Church and speaker/director of the Breath of Life Television Ministries, received the 2016 Pastor of the Year Award for the Alabama NAACP - Huntsville/Madison County Branch.

Byrd has a history of support for civil rights issues, as he annually recognizes and bestows awards to individuals such as Congressman John Lewis, Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, Earvin “Magic” Johnson, and Sybrina Fulton, mother of Trayvon Martin, for their civil rights, legislative, humanitarian, and activist work to improve the lives of all people. He also promotes justice and equality from the pulpit locally as well as globally through Breath of Life Television Ministries.

Mae W. Benford, NAACP state mem-

bership chair, remarked that Byrd was being recognized not only for his tremendous contribution to the church, but also for his commitment to serving the community.

“While I am humbled to be selected for this great honor, I am also cognizant that we still have much more work to do to make our neighborhoods and nation a place where every person, regardless of color, is safe, successful, and celebrated,” said Byrd after learning of his selection. He continues, “And, with the future opening of the new Oakwood University Church Family Life Center next year, we have the opportunity to make an even greater impact in the lives of residents here in Huntsville and Madison County.”

The award was presented October 6-8, 2016, during the Alabama NAACP 64th Annual Convention in Birmingham, Ala. 📍



Carlton P. Byrd, D.Min.

BY PAUL GOODRIDGE, OUC  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR

# Couple Celebrates 50 Blessed Years



Arthur and Dorothy Sanders

Arthur and Dorothy Sanders celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a renewal of wedding vows, love and commitment to each other, and reception on July 10, 2016. The celebration was held at Embassy Suites Conference Center in Montgomery, Ala., at 3 p.m. Officiating ministers include Sylister J. Jackson, D.D., Marion Johnson Jr., and Jeffery L. Watson.

More than 50 years ago, their journey began in 1960. After they met, they developed a friendship which led to six years of dating and courtship. During these six years, they pursued their education in different cities, but still continued to develop their relationship by writing letters, making telephone calls, and visiting each other. Dorothy attended Oakwood College

(now Oakwood University) in Huntsville, Ala. Arthur attended Wenonah Vocational Technical School in Birmingham, Ala. During this time, their relationship became much more than friendship and casual dating — they realized they were meant to be together. On July 10, 1966, in Montgomery, they were united in holy matrimony in the presence of God, family, and friends.

They have surrendered their lives to God and His service. They testified that God has remained at the center of their marriage, and that He has blessed them beyond measure. His blessings include two wonderful children, Andrea and Kelvin; family and friends; health and prosperity; and an undying love for each other and Him. The journey continues. 📍

# Oakwood Celebrates Healthy Campus Week



PHOTO BY: ANTHONY CHORNES II

Oakwood University students and employees wore their T-shirts and caps to kick off the Healthy Campus 2020 week of activities.



Oakwood University (OU) in Huntsville, Ala., celebrated Healthy Campus Week, September 19-23, 2016. This is the second year that Oakwood has participated in the Partnership for a Healthier America's Healthy Campus Week (PHA). PHA is

a national organization that collaborates with private, non-profit, and public entities to fight against childhood obesity, and fits perfectly with Oakwood's Healthy Campus 2020 program.

OU kicked off Healthy Campus week by wearing Healthy Campus 2020 and

STANDOUT gear, and having a group photo taken at Blake Center. Teams of employees signed up for the Calorie Burn II challenge, to see who will lose the most weight by the end of the semester. Opportunities were offered for prayer and an early morning walk around the campus. The STAND OUT reading club discussed *The Sleep Revolution*, a book by Ariana Huffington.

The Dietetics Department provided a "Lunch Power" session featuring Caribbean cooking, and Bert Connell, Ph.D., R.D., director of Loma Linda University Department of Nutrition in Loma Linda, Calif., presented the topic "Health Reform in the Food Industry."

Pictures were taken of students engaged in various forms of exercise to



Gloria Brooks, English and Foreign Languages Department secretary, tries on a sleep mask given to participants in the STANDOUT Reading Club. Reinforcing the principle of Adequate Rest, the book selection for this semester is *The Sleep Revolution*, by Arianna Huffington.

encourage their classmates to do at least 30 minutes of physical activity per day. Participants used the hashtags #Healthy-campus, #oustrong, and #Healthycampus2020 when photos and comments were posted on various social media sites.

There were opportunities to win prizes that had been donated, which included a Fitbit Alta and a \$100 gift card.

To conclude the week, approximately 75 students and employees enjoyed the outdoors from a different perspective — a hot air balloon ride over the south side of the campus, sponsored by Student Activities. 🌟

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BY SHIRNA GULLO, DIRECTOR OF HEALTHY CAMPUS 2020

## Oakwoodites “Depart to Serve” in Community Classroom

**A**GAPE Day 2016 was held September 20, at Oakwood University during the fall semester when classroom instruction is officially set aside so that students, employees, and administrators can “depart to serve” the Huntsville/Madison County areas, and learn in the “community classroom.” Oakwood has been participating in AGAPE Day for more than 10 years.

The day began when approximately 675 volunteers in their bright yellow T-shirts boarded the buses to be transported to 35 work sites in the greater Huntsville area. Work projects included painting, planting, weeding, general cleanup, conducting science experiments with elementary school children, and assisting senior citizens.

Sites this year included the Downtown Rescue Mission, CASA Community Garden, Alabama Constitution Village, Highland Elementary School, Huntsville

Botanical Garden, Willow Run Towers, Habitat for Humanity, Morris Elementary School, and the U.S. Space and Rocket Center.

AGAPE Day was first launched in 2005 as an initiative between the Division of Academic Administration and the Freshmen Studies Department, and is now coordinated by the Office of Spiritual Life. Chaplain Kimberly Mann, AGAPE Day coordinator, shared that the day “was a blessing to both the individuals who rendered service, as well as to those who were beneficiaries. Community members and service recipients appreciate the way that Oakwood tangibly shows our commitment to the value of service.”

You can search social media for AGAPE Day photos at #AgapeDay2k16 and #agapeday16. 🌟

BY DEBBE MILLET



An Oakwood political science major, Maxanne Caines (right), pauses to assist a woman and her husband on AGAPE Day.

# Partnerships Strengthen Response to Victims in Chattanooga



Kristie Wilder (center), dean of the School of Social Work, supports University-community partnerships to help local agencies and provide student learning opportunities.

Students and professors at Southern Adventist University are helping the Chattanooga, Tenn., community serve victims in a more complete way. When Chattanooga opened a Family Justice Center to assist victims of family violence and sexual assault, the city developed a strategic partnership with the University's School of Social Work.

As part of the University's contribution to the project, Southern runs a clinic in the Family Justice Center. There, Southern students provide free social services and counseling, giving them extensive opportunities to work with victims of family violence. This real-world

experience is an important component of their education as they study for a bachelor's or master's degree in social work.

"This experience makes our students leaders in this area of practice," said Kristie Wilder, J.D., dean, School of Social Work.

The center provides a full range of free services in one location. Law enforcement, legal services, child advocacy, and even an animal shelter help ensure that a person or family escaping violence has all the needed support.

"Students work in an interdisciplinary environment, which is the future of this field," said Southern graduate, Valerie

Radu, executive director of the Family Justice Center. "This relationship is mutually beneficial for preparing a new generation of professionals to work with people who have experienced trauma."

The center is designed to minimize stigma, since family violence impacts people of all demographics and socioeconomic statuses. Chattanooga will open a new, more comprehensive facility for the Family Justice Center this fall.

"We expect to see a rise in the number of people coming out to get help," Wilder said. "Normally, an increase in numbers is not a good thing, but we're hoping for a spike in participants because we're



Southern students apply classroom knowledge at Chattanooga's Family Justice Center to help victims of domestic violence.



Daniells Hall houses the School of Social Work on Southern's campus in Collegedale, Tenn.

really serving folks.”

University faculty and alumni will provide ongoing research support to test evidence-based interdisciplinary practices with the Family Justice Center and community partners.

### Enhancing Law Enforcement Response to Victims

Wilder is researching how Chattanooga law enforcement officers can better assist at-risk populations such as Afri-

can American, Latino, and the elderly who have been victims of violent crime. Through a federal grant funded by the Office of Victims of Crime, Wilder and Vic Bumphus, Ph.D., from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, are examining how police officers are responding to five vulnerable groups. Part of the study includes a focus group of people who have lost a loved one to gang violence. After evaluating both the citizen and police officer perspectives, the

next phase will be to recommend how to bridge the gap of police officer services rendered to victims.

Whether serving victims of domestic violence or researching ways to improve law enforcement's response to crime victims, Southern's professors, students, and alumni are collaborating to improve the lives of people in the Chattanooga community. 📍

BY RUTHIE GRAY

## Southern Recognized for Promoting Health in the Workplace

For the third consecutive year, Southern Adventist University has received the Governor's Healthier Tennessee Workplace designation for taking initiatives to promote healthier living in the workplace, at school, and at home.

One of the qualifications that contributed to this designation is Southern's commitment to employee wellness health screenings, which have been conducted for more than 30 years. Before every fall semester, Southern's employees and their spouses, as well as University retirees and volunteers,

can participate in the Employee Wellness Program's free wellness screening. It includes bloodwork and other tests, such as bone density, flexibility, body mass index, and cardiovascular capacity.

Not only does this emphasis on healthy living fit perfectly with the Seventh-day Adventist health message, it also has financial benefits. Because of its high health standards, Southern's average health expenditures have not increased as much in the last 10 years as have the national norms: four percent annual increase versus

20 percent.

While keeping health expenditures low has had financial benefits for the University, the most fulfilling part is seeing employees and constituents living a healthier and happier life through these initiatives.

“A healthy worker is a happy worker,” said Robert Benge, dean for the School of P.E., Health, and Wellness, “and a happy worker will go about his or her duties in a cheery spirit.” 📍

BY STAFF REPORT



**CLOUZET, GERMÁN E.**, 88, born Nov. 21, 1927 in La Serena, Chile, died Feb. 24, 2016 in Collegedale, TN. He served the Seventh-day Adventist Church for more than 40 years; first in Argentina at the Buenos Aires Publishing House, and later in California at the Adventist Media Center.

Throughout his life, he was an active church member participating as a youth leader, elder, treasurer, first elder, and Sabbath School teacher.

After his retirement, he and his wife relocated to Collegedale to be close to their children and grandchildren. He enjoyed spending time with his family, studying the Bible, reading the newspapers, and watching soccer matches.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Alicia; two children: Ron (Lisa) Clouzet and Patricia (Oscar) Salazar; five grandchildren: Christoffer, Alexander, and Stefani Clouzet, and Daniel and Alicia Salazar; two sisters: Nora Villanueva Clouzet and Elsa Clouzet; nephews; nieces; grandnephews; and grandnieces. The funeral service was held at the Collegedale Hispanic American Church on Feb. 28, 2016. Germán awaits the return of Jesus resting at Collegedale Memorial Park.

**MANSSELL JR., LESLIE R.**, 68, born Feb. 10, 1948 in Baltimore, MD, died June 20, 2016 in Orlando, FL. He was a member of the Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL, for more than 20 years. He served in administration for Florida Hospital and Adventist Health Systems in the late 1960s to 1980s. At Forest Lake Church, he served for a time as greeter and head deacon. He started the cart ministry in the early 2000s.

He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Joyce; one stepson, John (Blakeleigh) Bagwell of Estero, FL; one daughter, Porsche (Jesse) Pena of Joshua, TX; two sisters: Helen (Don) Dees of Shingletown, CA, and Dianne Duncan from Pennsylvania; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The service was conducted by Pastors Geoff Patterson and Barbara McCoy at the Forest Lake Church.



**AAGAARD, EARLA GARDNER, M.D.**, 93, born Dec. 5, 1922, died June 20, 2016. She was a member of the Morehead, KY, Church. She was born in Bandung, Java, Dutch East Indies. She spent a year at what became the Adventist University in Colognes, France, becoming trilingual in French, Malay, and English. She graduated from high school in 1938 in Visalia, CA, and went to Pacific Union College at the age of 15. She attended Berkeley Conservatory of Music briefly, leaving it for medical school, and graduating from the College of Medical Evangelists (now Loma Linda School of Medicine) in 1945. She married Carl M.J. Aagaard on March 15, 1943. She maintained a psychiatry practice in Ukiah, CA, for the next 41 years. In 1996, at the age of 74, Carl and Earla retired and moved to the home they shared until his death in 2008, and where she resided until her own death. She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Carl; and her parents J. Earl and Ethel Gardner. She is survived by two daughters: Carla June Aagaard Martir and Lola Jean Aagaard Boram; two sons: Earl M.J. Aagaard and Victor F.M. Aagaard; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**BROWN, TERRY H.**, 80, born July 13, 1935, died June 16, 2016. He served as a nurse for the Army, and later retired from Madison Hospital. He was a member of Madison Campus Church, Madison, TN. He was preceded in death by his parents, Guthrie and Wanda Brown. He is sur-

vived by one aunt, Blanche Ahern; four cousins: Flossie Spear, Jane Smith, Steve Brown, and Pheobe Kitts. A Celebration of Life Service was held at Madison Campus Church on July 2, 2016.

**COLÓN, OLGA I.**, 56, born July 19, 1959 in Manhattan, NY, died April 1, 2016 in Altamonte Springs, FL. She was a member of the Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL, for 10 years. In the 1980s to early 1990s, she was part of Misioneritos in New York, which taught children how to serve and be missionaries. She had a strong faith that rubbed off on everyone she knew. She is survived by one son, William (Bethany) Andreone of Orlando, FL; one daughter, Michelle (Charles) Morrison of Orlando; two sisters: Yvonne (Cruz) Rosario of Orlando, and Alicia Ocacio of New York; and three grandchildren. The service was conducted by Marti Jones at the Forest Lake Church.

**DOLL, THOMAS J.**, 88, born June 15, 1927 in Cassville, WI, died Feb. 1, 2016 in Daytona Beach, FL. He was a member of the Daytona Beach Church for 40 years. He was a radiologist who served as a Sabbath School teacher for 37 years, and also as an elder and Religious Liberty leader. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Beverly; two daughters: Susan (Rick) Mann of Berrien Springs, MI, and Gloria (Michael) McMaster of Ormand Beach, FL; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by one son, Robert; three brothers: Henry, Oliver, and

Stanley; and one sister, Frances. The service was conducted by Pastor Travis Walker at Daytona Beach Church. Interment was in Ormond Beach.

**FORD, THOMAS LEE**, 78, born Feb. 9, 1938 in Springfield, OH, died May 24, 2016 at Alive Hospice Skyline Madison Campus. He worked in maintenance at Riverside Hospital before his retirement, and was a member of the White House, TN, Church. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Barbara Wheeler Ford; one son, James (Johnna) Ford; one brother, John (Johnnie) Ford; two grandchildren: Dustin Ford and Derek Ford. He was preceded in death by his parents: Leo and Jennie Ruth Zof Ford; and one brother, Eldon Ford.

**HOUMANN, ANNA M.**, 92, born Oct. 1, 1923 in Assens, Denmark, died March 17, 2016 in Apopka, FL. She was a member at Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL, since 2003. She was a missionary with her husband, Dr. Carl Houmann, in Ethiopia from 1957-1962. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Dr. Carl Houmann; three sons: Paul (Rebecca) of Greenville, SC, Per (Alice) of Maine, and Lars (Julie) of Apopka; two daughters: Annette (Ken) Grant, and Susan (Terry) Owen both of Apopka; 14 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor Geoff Patterson at Forest Lake Church. Interment was at the Highland Memory Gardens in Apopka.



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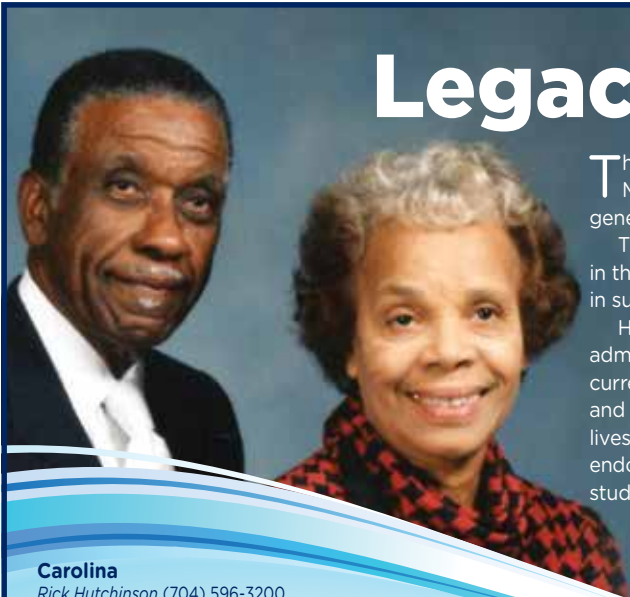
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	NOV. 4	NOV. 11	NOV. 18	NOV. 25	DEC. 2
ATLANTA, GA	6:42	5:37	5:33	5:30	5:29
CHARLESTON, SC	6:26	5:21	5:17	5:14	5:13
CHARLOTTE, NC	6:25	5:20	5:15	5:12	5:11
COLLEGEDALE, TN	6:44	5:38	5:34	5:31	5:29
HUNTSVILLE, AL	5:49	4:44	4:39	4:36	4:35
JACKSON, MS	6:07	5:02	4:59	4:56	4:55
LOUISVILLE, KY	6:40	5:33	5:28	5:25	5:23
MEMPHIS, TN	6:02	4:57	4:52	4:49	4:48
MIAMI, FL	6:37	5:33	5:31	5:29	5:29
MONTGOMERY, AL	5:52	4:47	4:43	4:41	4:40
NASHVILLE, TN	5:48	4:42	4:37	4:34	4:32
ORLANDO, FL	6:38	5:34	5:31	5:29	5:28
TAMPA, FL	6:43	5:39	5:36	5:34	5:34
WILMINGTON, NC	6:15	6:38	5:06	5:03	5:02

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OUTPOST CENTERS INTERNATIONAL - Nov. 18-20.** A Supporting Ministries Convention hosted by Outpost Centers International with Mark & Teenie Finley. Join the Finleys and experienced lay members of supporting ministries at Living Hope Seventh-day Adventist Community Church in Haymarket, VA, for a memorable weekend of inspiring messages and workshops that will refresh your soul, and renew God's vision and calling for you in personal ministries; as well as getting back to basics with herbal remedies, country living, personal fitness, and more! To register or for more information: [www.outpostcenters.org/eastna2016](http://www.outpostcenters.org/eastna2016)

**STAYING LEGAL - Jan. 29.** A communication training on copyright and trademarks at the Georgia-Cumberland Conference Office, 255 Conference Rd., NE, Calhoun, GA. From 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Lunch provided. Join us for this year's free communication training with Jennifer Gray, J.D., counsel for the General Conference. Jennifer will be talking about copyrights and trademarks. The event is free, but RSVP is required.

**LA SIERRA 95TH ALUMNI REUNION ACADEMY - April 28, 29.** 4900 Golden Ave., Riverside CA. Honor classes: 2's and 7's. Welcome reception: 7 p.m., Friday, April 28, LSA Library. Honor class services registration: April 29, at 9 a.m. Services at 10 a.m. Potluck luncheon. Alumni/Varsity Basketball at 8:30 p.m., on Saturday evening.

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**CAROLINA PASTORAL SPOUSES RETREAT** – Nov. 4-6. NPR.  
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**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**

**SOUTH GEORGIA BLITZ** – Nov. 12.  
**WILL CLINIC WITH JEFFREY WILSON** – Nov. 19. Decatur, TN.  
**PATHFINDER TLT TRAINING** – Dec. 2-4. Cohutta Springs, Crandall, GA.  
**FESTIVAL OF PRAISE** – Dec. 10, 4-7 p.m. Enjoy this joint venture with South Atlantic and Georgia-Cumberland conferences with speaker Ted Wilson, General Conference president. Greater Traveler’s Rest Baptist Church, 4650 Flat Shoals Parkway, Decatur, GA.  
**MESSIAH SING-ALONG** – Dec. 11, 3 p.m. Chattanooga, TN, First Church.  
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**GULF STATES**

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**YOUTH DEPARTMENT EPIC ENCOUNTER – NOV. 11-13.**

**KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION** – Nov. 3. Conference Office.  
**ADVENTURER CAMPOREE** – Nov. 4-6. Indian Creek Camp.  
**HIGHLAND ACADEMY BOARD** – Nov. 10. & Jan. 26. Highland Academy.  
**ELDERS’ CERTIFICATION TRAINING** – Nov.11-13. Indian Creek Camp.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** – Dec. 6. & Jan. 24. Conference Office.  
**MINISTERS’ MEETING** – Jan. 16-19. Pigeon Forge, TN.

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**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING** – Nov. 29. Southern invites the community to usher in the holiday season with a special evening of music and warm, tasty treats, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in front of Wright Hall.  
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**SCHOOL OF MUSIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT** – Dec. 10. Southern’s Symphony Orchestra and choral ensembles will perform a selection of inspirational holiday music at 4 p.m. at the Collegedale Church. The event is free and may also be viewed live at [southern.edu/streaming](http://southern.edu/streaming). For more information, call 423-236-2880.



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