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Guest Editorial

I enjoyed the opportunity to interface with Don Williams during a special prayer vigil. I was intrigued, inspired, and invigorated by his ministry. His outstanding leadership for the cause of God prompts me to introduce him to the Southern Union family and general readership of the Southern Tidings. --RCS

My son, Brad, and I built a water garden and Koi pond in my backyard a number of years ago. It has a stream that begins at the edge of our screened porch, and cascades over rocks some 35-40 feet, before falling a couple more feet into the pond. The sound of the stream and waterfall are quite relaxing in the cool of the day. When working on and around the pond, I often think of the song, "I Come to the Garden Alone," and imagine the Lord is there with me.

On one such morning, I had been cleaning out the filter screen and tank with a wet/dry Shop-Vac. Having put the pump and filter screen back in place, I began to wash and clean the tools I'd used, to ensure that I didn't carry any potential pond debris back inside my basement. As I was putting the Shop-Vac back together, I realized that the plastic wing-nut on the bottom of the filter was missing. I knew that this wing-nut is a specialty part, made for the tool, and would not be easy to replace. Thus, I began to search the area where I'd been working, and moved the pine needles around, all the while realizing that I was only making the search more difficult. It then occurred to me that I should pray. I was already on my knees, so why not, I thought? I had little more than finished praying when it hit me that I had just asked the God of the whole universe to help me find a little plastic wing-nut. It seemed so selfish of me when He has much more important issues to deal with!

I got up off my knees, still apologizing to God for praying over something so small and insignificant. I picked up the Shop-Vac and started back around the house toward my basement garage, when a voice in my head spoke just as clearly as someone standing there, and said: "Yes, Don, I care about the little things too." I felt impressed to go and open the garbage can that was now in sight. As I opened the lid, there, sitting on top of other items, was that plastic wing-nut. It could have easily fallen down in around the trash, but it hadn't. It was sitting right there on top, waiting for God to use it to teach me this needed lesson.

God cares about me, He cares about you, and, YES, He cares about even the little things!

The Southern Union invites you to join us in prayer and support for the ministry of Elder Don Williams. --RCS

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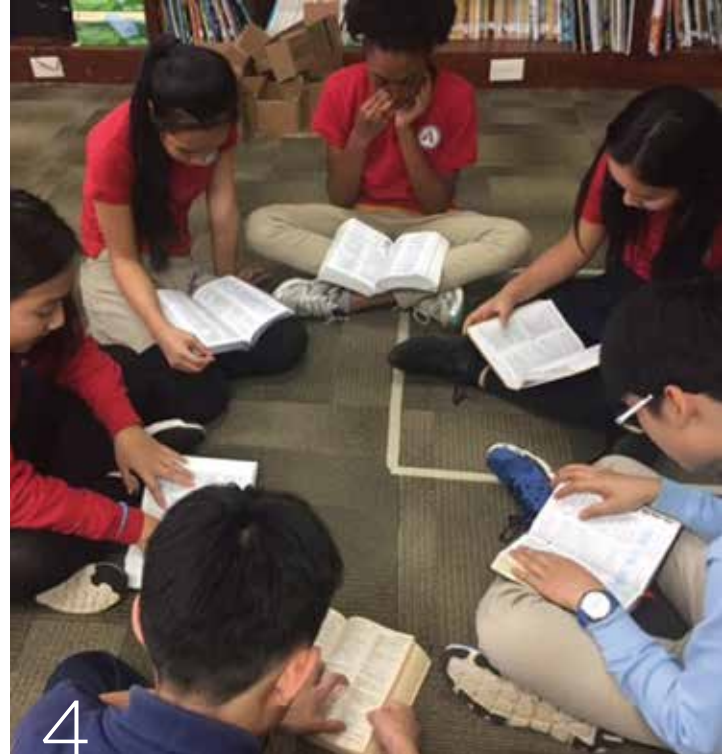
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Teaching a Message of HOPE AND WHOLENESS

BY THE SOUTHERN UNION OFFICE OF EDUCATION TEAM

What does hope and wholeness look like to a child, and what correlation could there possibly be between shoelaces, hope, and wholeness? Ann Arquitt, a teacher at the Floral Crest School in Bryant, Alabama, shares the following experience that may give us a glimpse.

On Friday, Gunner learned to tie his shoes, and that is such an important milestone; it was just such a beautiful moment, that I quickly jotted down the conversation word for word. I wish you could have heard the magic in his voice.

Gunner: "I just tied my shoe all by myself! I just practiced the skills you showed me. I just did it! I tied them both. I didn't even mess up and have to tie them over."

His words and joy were effervescent. Gunner was walking around the classroom exuberantly smiling, back straight, and totally delighted with himself and the acquisition of such a powerful new skill.

Teacher: "I am so thrilled for you."

Gunner: "I was thrilled, too. Now I don't have to have anyone help me tie my shoes. It's easy once you learn. I just did

it! It's easy It may seem impossible, but, it's not! Now I won't have to worry about a thing, I can just tie them on my own now."

Teacher: "I am so proud of you tying your shoe."

Gunner: "I am so proud of you for teaching me. You are the best teacher in the world."

Teacher: "Aw, that was nice. Thank you!"

Can you imagine the enthusiasm, gratitude, pleasure, sense of achievement, transfer of knowledge, confidence, joy?

I thought Gunner was rather remarkable when he stated, "It's easy once you learn." He said it so genuinely. And, how profound to comment, "It may seem impossible, but it's not."

His tone was full of conviction and hope. Doesn't this bring to mind, "With God, all things are possible," Matthew 19:26? What a revelation! We must embrace Gunner's optimism, and apply it in a thousand circumstances as we strive to reach others with a message of hope and wholeness.

Because the work of education and redemption are one, teachers and administrators understand that their dai-

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ly ministry is evangelism. Educators across the Southern Union are working to accomplish the common mission of the Southern Union and North American Division to reach others with the distinctive Christ-centered, Seventh-day Adventist message of hope and wholeness. With this in mind, our goal during this quinquennium is to advance the mission of the Church, and achieve the vision of graduating students who excel in faith, learning, and service. The desired outcome: students who have a message of hope and wholeness they can share.



Carrie Churchwell, fifth- and sixth-grade teacher at Duluth Adventist Christian School in Duluth, Georgia, checks a student's work, organizing events from the book of Daniel, from the Encounter Bible curriculum.



A group of fifth- and sixth-grade students study a lesson from the Encounter Bible curriculum together.

Daily Encounter with Jesus

The new elementary Encounter Bible curriculum intentionally offers students the chance to have a daily personal encounter with Jesus. Interactive, experiential learning allows students to probe, ask questions, and dig deeper for knowledge as time is provided for collaboration with peers. They become free to know Jesus for themselves, and are excited to share the Word of God with others at school and beyond the classroom.

Students at Duluth Adventist Christian School, Duluth, Georgia, when asked what they liked about Encounter, shared the following:

“It’s a much better way to study the Bible.” –Ciana

“It is bringing me closer to God.” –Shalena

“It encourages me to tell my parents and brothers about what I have learned... It is different, but a fun and exciting way to learn the Bible.” –Amiel

“It has helped me to spend more time with God.” –Nestor

Kalicia Morrison, a teacher at Charlotte Adventist Christian School, Charlotte, N.C., has even found Encounter to be a part of students’ recess conversations. She also states that she loves “... how God is working through these units [Encounter curriculum] to reach the

hearts of my students!”

Each Bible class becomes an evangelistic opportunity for students to experience the Good News of the Gospel. The strong spiritual foundation Encounter provides prepares students not only for challenges in this life, but also introduces them to a life-changing opportunity for Heaven. As a result, youth are excited to share the message of hope and wholeness — the news of salvation — at school, in their homes, and in their communities.

The Hands and Feet of Jesus

Getting young people involved in service is an important way for them to feel engaged in the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. One way the Secondary Education Department for the Southern Union has done this is through 2Serve Conferences for junior academy students. During these conferences, students participate in CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) disaster relief training, engage in a simulation with local first responders, and present the entire church service for at least one church nearby on Sabbath.

As a capstone experience for their training, students have interacted with first responders in four disaster simulations by providing moulague, where they

make up each other to appear like they have injuries as specified by the first responders, and by being the victims for the disaster simulation. During the four 2Serve Conferences held thus far, students have simulated a tornado drill, a bleacher collapse, a lightning strike on a playground, and most recently, an active shooter drill on Forest Lake Academy’s campus involving the whole school, 100 victims, and approximately 80 first responders. Being able to share with church members what they have done through their training and disaster response has been a blessing to church members and students alike.

2Serve Conferences have prepared students to be able to effectively respond when a disaster strikes. It has also opened doors for students to be actively involved in meeting people’s needs in times of di-

To view content associated with the Encounter Bible curriculum, visit www.southernunion.com/news.



First responders demonstrate how to care for actors simulating victims with injuries.



First responders transport actors imitating shot victims to safety.



Triage area

saster, reaching them with a message of hope and wholeness. Recently, students have helped more than 100 families recover from the devastating effects of Hurricane Matthew, and assisted first responders with recovery efforts after the Gatlinburg, Tennessee, wildfire disaster.

Academy age students love to be the hands and feet of Jesus. They have boundless energy and compassion to help those in need, and are changed forever each time they do!

Why Share Hope and Wholeness?

When the youth rightly trained excel in faith, learning, and service, when they are empowered to reach others with the message of hope and wholeness, “how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Savior might be carried to the world. How soon might the end come.” *Education*, page 271. 📌

If you would like more information about finding an Adventist school to enroll your child, visit <http://find.adventisteducation.org/>

Mr. Russ,
**THE
BIKE
MAN,**
*Finds His
Niche*

BY GLADYS NEIGEL

“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might...” Ecclesiastes 9:10 NIV.

At the age of 12, Russ Durham learned to fix bicycles. Soon, he was fixing bikes for children around the neighborhood. It became a hobby or perhaps a challenge to fix any bike.

Years flew by, and the fix-it bike boy became a full-time music teacher, presently at Orlando Junior Academy, Orlando, Florida. His expertise with elementary school choirs became legendary. His group’s annual performances included Orlando Magic basketball games. Yet, he still found time to volunteer.

While helping to serve food at Central Florida Coalition for the Homeless in Orlando, he noticed broken-down bikes languishing around the perimeter of the compound in various stages of disrepair. Durham went home, put together several bikes from parts in his workshop, and gave them to shelter volunteers for distribution. Every bike was snapped up immediately.

“Giving a homeless person a bike is of-



PHOTO COURTESY: CHIP COLANDREO AT ALTAMONTE-WEKIVA SPRINGS LIFE MAGAZINE

ten the difference of them being able to hold down a job,” says full-time volunteer Rowland Kenna. “A bike offers freedom, independence, and dignity to go when and where the owner chooses.”

Durham soon realized a need for helping the men repair bikes they already owned, because work done at a bike shop is expensive. He scheduled a day when he took his van, full of parts and tools, to the Coalition

for the Homeless shelter, and found a line of guys waiting for him. This repair day became the first of four held each year.

Soon, the team of volunteer helpers needed more than power equipment run by an air compressor to meet the demand, so each was given an assistant. From dawn to dusk, volunteers were amazed as they observed the men who waited patiently for a turn to see “Mr. Russ, the Bike Man.”



PHOTO BY: PAUL MCGLONE

PHOTO BY: RUSS DURHAM

Russ Durham and Rowland Kenna, in Durham's workshop, recycle a bike for a homeless person to give them a feeling of self worth and independence.

Thomas Green rides high after the Bike Man reconfigured a bike to fit his 6'2" frame.

7th-day ReCYCLery

A ministry dedicated to providing free rebuilt bicycles to those in need.

- 672 bikes recycled/donated in 2016
- 86 bikes fixed or replaced in one day
- Free repairs vs. \$150 bike shop charge
- Bike brakes and lights replaced for safety
- 15 bike shops donate used bikes
- 18 charities receive recycled bikes

On the most recent repair day, 13 volunteers fixed or replaced 86 bikes. A homeless woman came around 10 a.m., and received a number for a position in the line. She patiently waited all day for her number to be called until it was finally reached after 6 p.m. One of the helpers took her a sandwich and something to drink, and she was extremely appreciative during her long wait.

If a bike needs a lengthy repair, it will be replaced with a reconditioned bike to save time. Tires and brakes are the first things checked. Safety is a huge issue, as many of the bikes brought for repair do not have brakes. The men often endeavor to stop by dragging their feet or by wedging their foot between the tire and the frame. These methods of stopping are tough on feet. More importantly, they make it nearly impossible to stop quickly, resulting in a higher chance of hitting a car or pedestrian. In addition to needed repairs, all bikes leave with a total brake package, lights, and a lock.

At 6'2", Thomas Green had trouble finding a bike that would fit his lanky frame. Durham customized Green's bike so that

he would not have to bend over to ride. This personalized service has created a trust on the part of the homeless. They consider the Bike Man their personal friend.

This hobby of Russ Durham, with the help of his neighbor, Rowland Kenna, morphed into its own charity, 7th-day ReCYCLery, and developed a formal mission statement, "A ministry of Markham Woods Church, dedicated to providing free rebuilt bicycles to those in need."

Bikes are donated by individuals. Stores offer bikes damaged in transit and used bikes left behind when new bikes are purchased by their customers. Kenna is kept busy picking up bikes, and repairing them during the week in his garage. He works with Durham in his workshop on the weekends. In 2016, this ministry donated 672 bikes to not only the Coalition for the Homeless, but to 17 other local charities as well. The 7th-day ReCYCLery ministry is also working with Forest Lake Church's Gift and Thrift store, and 15 bike shops.

Word of mouth has spread this great story which has gained the attention of

TV news, the *Orlando Sentinel*, Facebook, and *Life* magazines of various communities. Durham was honored at a Florida Hospital Thanksgiving program, received WKMG Channel 6's Getting Results Award, and was recently given Central Florida News 13's Everyday Hero Award.

Durham not only found his niche for helping the homeless, he also drew in others to assist him. A new addition is Paul McGlone, who walked by Rowland's house and wanted to know why he had so many bikes (currently 157) under tarps in the driveway.

"There is so much frustration, hatred, and anger in people in our large cities about not being given a fair shake," says Durham. "What a different world it would be if we used our talents to help alleviate needs while showing that *homeless lives matter*."

For more information, please visit 7thdayrecyclery.com. 📍

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THERE'S GREAT JOY

in Leading Someone to Christ

BY KALEIGH BENGE



Despite the Belizean heat, chills ran down my spine and tears welled as the first chords to “Good Good Father” broke the silence, and those precious souls began making their way through the crowd. There in the little town of Santa Elena, they came forward to dedicate their hearts to God until 30 stood together with arms wrapped around each other. What miracles God had accomplished in and through the students in just one week.

In March, Andy Wade, teacher at Highland Academy in Portland, Tennessee, and mission trip coordinator, organized a project with La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital to complete the first phase of their new mission house, so that volunteer doctors and groups could more readily serve. The mission trip team was composed of 24 students and six adults.

“Santa Elena, Belize was my first mis-

sion trip when I was a student at Highland Academy,” reflects Wade. “Since then I’ve returned four times. It’s incredible to see how the investments we’ve made over time have made a difference!”

On Wade’s original trip, they built the first classrooms for the Adventist primary school. Today, they have more than 1,000 students between Eden SDA Primary School and Eden SDA High School. Over the years, those building projects created so much more than a space to learn. It opened up the way for students to come to know Christ — and years down the road, for a Week of Spiritual Emphasis to take place.

Highland students were excited for the opportunity to lead a series of meetings. It was decided that their messages would center around the character and goodness of God, for it is the goodness of God that leads to repentance and a true relationship with

Him (Romans 2:4). The students diligently prepared and practiced sermons, skits, dynamic illustrations, and music specials.

“The genuine smiles and warm receptions of 550 high school students melted my heart,” shares Natalie Hamilton, senior and speaker for Week of Spiritual Emphasis. “Although I worried that the cultural differences would impede the messages, their acceptant responses proved that sharing Christ transcends all boundaries.”

As the students presented day after day, the Holy Spirit came alongside their efforts, and there on a beautiful Friday morning in the little town of Santa Elena, they gathered by the river to witness six baptisms into the Kingdom of God.

There is no greater joy than leading someone to know Christ! ●

Generosity Students RECEIVE CERTIFICATION

BY SHIRLEY FOX



The stewardship certification graduation awards were presented by Michael Harpe (left), South Central stewardship director, to graduates Carolyn Gause-Davis, stewardship ministries leader at New Covenant Church in Memphis, Tennessee; Ruby Moffitt, assistant treasurer; Shirley Fox, treasurer and stewardship ministries leader at Word of Life Church in Memphis. Standing with the recipients are Fred Batten, D.Min., pastor of Word of Life Church; and Michael Gregory (third from left), first elder.



Michael Bray, stewardship ministries leader at South Nashville (Tennessee) Church, received his graduation certification at South Nashville's Revolutionary Generosity Ministry event in February 2017.

Shirley Fox, treasurer and stewardship ministries leader at Word of Life Church in Memphis, Tennessee, and Ruby Moffitt, assistant treasurer, and Carolyn Gause-Davis, stewardship ministries leader, both at New Covenant Church in Memphis, were the first recipients of South Central Conference Stewardship Ministries Generosity-Stewardship Certification-Didactic Award. This initiative was launched in October 2015, at the Generosity Symposium in Jackson, Mississippi, by the SCC stewardship ministries director and associate, Michael Harpe and James Lewis. Part two of the training was at South Park Church in Birmingham, Alabama, in February 2016, and at Camp Meeting 2016 in Huntsville, Alabama. With these live training venues, students also participated in the third part with online training at Conference's stewardship ministries web page.

Individuals, upon completion, become assistants and extensions of the South Central stewardship ministries team, and will participate in stewardship trainings. These three women have already started this phase of stew-

ardship ministry training by leading out in the early morning seminar on February 11, 2017. They shared practical stewardship principles required upon completion of their 55 hours of preparation for the certification. The fourth recipient of this award is Michael Bray, stewardship ministries leader at South Nashville Church, Nashville, Tennessee. His graduation occurred at South Nashville's Revolutionary Generosity Ministry event, which concluded February 25, 2017. He, too, participated by conducting a stewardship workshop that day.

Shirley Fox, Ruby Moffitt, and Carolyn Gause-Davis' graduation was at the conclusion of the "Prosperity in Christ" Stewardship Revival, February 8-11, 2017, in Memphis during the Sabbath morning service. Harpe was the Sabbath speaker, and later in the month was the guest speaker for the South Nashville Stewardship Ministry event.

Many have read and heard numerous times over, "The Lord would that we prosper and be in health as our souls prosper," 3 John 2. The common prosperity Gospel heard by many was not the scope; true prosperity in Jesus

Christ — whole view, not just money — was the focus. Night after night this was the theme heard through unique messages Harpe shared with all in attendance. The spoken word was delivered with clarity as he admonished all to go into the "eye of the storm" with Jesus to help save the unprepared of these end times, because all are stewards of souls too. The attendees were made aware of the "force [that] awakens," the One who assists all in every move they make, the Holy Spirit, the unseen force in lives who is the other Comforter. He shared that when God blesses or uses everyone mightily, "after a victory, watch your step," as the enemy will plot to take you down — but, Jesus is their strength and protector.

During the divine worship hour, Harpe expounded on Matthew 25 by taking the congregation on a "Love Revolution" journey. The central idea was for all to recognize that God is the Creator, Owner, Provider, and Sustainer. By sharing this message with the congregation, it was noted that everything everyone has comes from God, and belongs to Him, and recognizing this and the fact that He is generous helps everyone to create an atmosphere of revolutionary generosity.

After lunch Harpe conducted the afternoon seminar, the finale of the revival. He shared helpful and practical stewardship principles of how to create and maintain a budget. The youth and young at heart gained much insight, as great emphasis was placed on how and why money should be managed God's way. He blessed everyone in attendance with a wealth of resources and materials on the subject of wholistic stewardship: "Time, Temple, Talent, Treasure, Trust, and Testimony." During the revival at Word of Life Church, everyone received the blessings of 3 John 2 as recipients of biblical stewardship with the benefit of prosperity in Christ. ●

Adventist Health System's 2017 Conference on Mission Focuses on Wholeness, Legacy



Terry Shaw, Adventist Health System president/CEO, delivers his keynote address at the 27th annual Conference on Mission.

Church leaders, physicians, and Adventist Health System (AHS) leadership came together as AHS held its 27th annual Conference on Mission in Maitland, Fla. The theme of this year's conference was "Wholeness: Our Legacy, Our Future." More than 400 attendees celebrated the organization's mission of Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ, and discussed how the expression of wholeness and intentional delivery of whole-person care can further that mission to make an even greater impact on patients and communities.

The conference began with a Thursday evening opening session and banquet that featured songs by Lifelong Music, the music ministry of Florida Hospital Church. In addition, Terry Shaw, Adventist Health System president/CEO, delivered an insightful keynote address titled "Wholeness: A Vision for 21st Century Health Care."

"Think about where we all, together, have been called to serve. In the midst of an eclectic mix of society, we have dedicated our lives to Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ – a sacred calling to reach as many people as we possibly can with the healing message of a loving Savior," Shaw said in part during his keynote. "Our daily interactions attest to our desire to wholly meet the needs of those entrusted to our care," he added.

The evening also included an awards ceremony, where six AHS employees were recognized for exemplifying the organization's mission. Pamela Foster of Central Texas Medical Center and Irfan Ali, M.D., of Florida Hospital Wesley Chapel received the Christian Service Award; Michelle Brokaw of Littleton Adventist Hospital and Lorna Jean Hagstrom of Florida Hospital DeLand received the Trustee of the Year Award; and Erika Sku-

la of Manchester Memorial Hospital and Ted Hamilton, M.D., of Adventist Health System received the Crystal Angel Award. The evening concluded with a powerful blessing and dedication of leadership delivered by AHS's own Benjamin Reaves, D.Min.

Friday began with a morning work session that consisted of presentations and discussions by AHS leaders about wholeness and whole-person care. The Friday night worship service featured two emotional and inspiring videos and live presentations that shared how two AHS hospitals played important roles in restoring hope, bringing about healing, and helping make families and communities whole in the wake of tragedy.

The first was a story of faith and forgiveness depicting how Littleton Adventist Hospital helped to repair the community after a 2013 school shooting that took the life of a local high school student. Her parents, who encouraged the community to forgive their daughter's assailant, were present at the Conference. The second video, a story of true resiliency, showcased how, through the care he received at Florida Hospital Orlando, a survivor of the 2016 Pulse nightclub shooting in Orlando was inspired to pursue a career in health care.

In a fitting end to the 2017 Conference on Mission, a Saturday morning worship service gave attendees the opportunity to gather in a time of worship and fellowship. A pastor for 18 years, Bill Knott, editor of *Adventist Review* and *Adventist World*, delivered a sermon titled "Healed – and Healed Again." ●

BY MARIO ROBERTS, SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST AT ADVENTIST HEALTH SYSTEM

Florida Hospital for Children Answers Region's Growing Health Needs with New Level III NICU



The new NICU will span two floors, with expanded capacity for 102 beds.

Just a few short years ago, Florida Hospital for Children's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) would care for around 60 newborns on an average day. As central Florida's population has grown, so has the demand for this critical health service, and the daily average has climbed into the 80s. In order to meet this growing need, Florida Hospital for Children is expanding its services with the opening of a new Level III NICU.

For more than 30 years, Florida Hospital's Level III NICU program has offered the highest level of care available to neonatal babies, serving 1,400 patients last year alone from across the region. A Level III NICU is designed to care for newborn infants with extreme prematurity or who are critically ill or require surgical intervention.

The new NICU, which spans two floors, replaces Florida Hospital Orlando's existing Level III NICU and expands its capacity to 102 beds. The NICU includes

95 private rooms, three Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) rooms to provide critical heart and lung care, and four transitional rooms. These include a set of rooms for twin newborns on both floors.

"The birth of a baby is one of the greatest miracles in life, and can be the most joyful and memorable day of a mother's life. But, for parents whose babies are born premature or sick, it can also be stressful and scary," said Rajan Wadhawan, M.D., chief medical officer and medical director of neonatology at Florida Hospital for Children. "That's where our team of NICU specialists comes in, backed by some of the world's most advanced technologies and the highest level of compassionate care available."

Florida Hospital's 152-bed neonatal network of care stretches across central Florida. In addition to Florida Hospital for Women, NICUs are at Winter Park Memorial Hospital and Florida Hospi-

tal Memorial Medical Center in Daytona Beach, Fla. And next month, Florida Hospital Celebration Health will be opening a new NICU, followed by Florida Hospital Altamonte.

"This vast network of care allows parents to stay close to home while their child receives critical care. At a time of such great stress and fear, this closeness — and knowing that no matter which Florida Hospital NICU their child is in, they're receiving the most appropriate level of care — brings much-needed comfort to families," said Marla Silliman, senior executive officer at Florida Hospital for Women and Florida Hospital for Children.

"It is our dream that someday every child will live to be 100," Silliman said. "We want to give them the best chance at living a long and healthy life. That 'someday' starts today." 🌟

BY FLORIDA HOSPITAL MEDIA RELATIONS

Pathfinders Participate in Annual Work Bee



PHOTO BY: COURTNEY HEROD

Carolina Conference Pathfinder clubs gathered lakeside for their Sabbath worship service.



PHOTO BY: COURTNEY HEROD

One of the honors that was being taught Sabbath afternoon was the Dutch Oven Cooking Honor.

The annual Pathfinder Work Bee was held the weekend of March 17-19, 2017, and was titled #Service4God this year. This popular camping event drew 40 clubs from around the Carolinas, for a total attendance of about 875 Pathfinders, staff, and family members. This Work Bee was not just about cleaning up Nosoca Pines Ranch in Liberty, S.C., but also providing the Pathfinders with a spiritual feast of fellowship, learning, and fun.

The weekend activities started off with a Friday night Vespers, where Pathfinders from Hickory gave a wonderful worship, and the Westminster club provided excellent praise music. On Sabbath morning, the Raleigh Spanish club did a marvelous job raising the flags, worshipping in music continued, and Pathfinders from Columbia First delivered a great message. The Caro-

lina Conference Youth Department is proud of the willingness and courage shown by the young people as they shared their faith in front of hundreds of peers.

After the worship service, the rest of the day was devoted to earning honors. This year several new honors were offered: Bubbles, Artificial Intelligence, Feeding Ministries, and Alive Bible. Guests Matt and Amy Ellis join the group to teach an extravagant Creation honor, complete with a life-size figure showing how tall Adam was at Creation. Another guest, Kelli Czaykowski, president of Friends of Refugees Providing Education and Empowerment (F.R.E.E.), taught the Pathfinders how to minister to refugees in their communities. Sabbath concluded with a spirit-filled Vespers that included fantastic music, a beautiful hand mime performance by the Durham Spanish club, and a powerful

message from Nicole Stallings on the true meaning of service. The fun teen activities, including root beer floats, which were organized by Parker LeClerc, a TLT (Teen Leadership Training), were a big hit this year.

Sunday finally came and the Biscoe Spanish Pathfinders performed an awesome flag-raising ceremony. Afterward, the army of Pathfinders and staff worked hard raking pine straw, spreading pine straw, painting fences, cleaning cabins, and much more. In no time, they had the grounds looking fantastic and ready for the summer season. #Service4God was truly a success because of the combined effort and support from Nosoca's staff, the Pathfinder leadership, and all the Pathfinders who showed what true service for God looks like. 🙏

BY NICOLE STALLINGS

“Yeehaw” Provides Vacation Bible Xperience



Yeehaw! The recent Vacation Bible School (VBS) training workshop took place on Sabbath afternoon, February 11, 2017, and featured the new Cactusville VBX: Where Kids Are Called to Follow Jesus. “VBX” is the acronym for Vacation Bible Xperience; although it’s normally spelled “experience,” Xperience with an “X” catches your attention. Twelve churches were represented at the workshop, which featured an overview of the program; songs; and a skit presented by miners Allison Grundy (“Digger”) and Grace Russell (“Crusty”), and “Sheriff” Rick Russell. And, what would VBX be without a prospector’s bag craft or a delectable western-style snack and meal? It was exciting to have four young people helping at the workshop: Ashley, Al-

lison, and Chad Grundy, and Grace Russell. At Cactusville VBX, Buckaroos and Li'l Cowpokes will learn that God loves them unconditionally, and He has a special purpose for their lives. Through stations such as “Round Up” (opening and closing programs), “Wild Horse Corral” (games), “Trading Post” (crafts), “Sunset Canyon” (prayer), and “Campfire Stories” (Bible story), children will discover how God is calling them. Each day they will memorize a portion of the Gold Nugget, 2 Timothy 1:9, so it becomes part of their thinking. During the week, they will contribute to the mission project, “Operation Wheels,” and have the chance to impact immigrant children and adults from all over the world who now live in Arizona. An opening/closing program DVD provides a skit set in the Old West. The music CD and DVD enhance this fun program by using a variety of music styles and hand motions, including an old song (“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”) done in a new way, and two new songs written by teens. The VBX program is available in English or Spanish, and includes

a separate program for the Li'l Cowpokes (preschoolers). For more information, additional resources, and to see the promotional video, go to www.AdventistVBX.org. You may order a Cactusville VBX kit by contacting the Adventist Christian Book Center. If you’d like to use Western die-cuts for your decorations and crafts, they are available from the Carolina Conference office by request, with advance notice. The Cactusville backdrop and frame, and Cactusville Critter stand-up characters are also available at minimal cost for rental. But, you’d better hurry! Reservations are filling up fast! If you are looking for outreach and follow-up ideas, there are a number of great VBS kits available to borrow by calling the Children’s Ministries Department. You are called to share the love of Jesus with the children of your church and community. What better way to make the most of this summer than by inviting them to VBX and a follow-up activity? They will come! 📌

BY KATHY RUSSELL

Eddlemon Students Taught How to be “Little Samuels”

The children in grades K-1 at Eddlemon Adventist School in Spartanburg, S.C., have learned about Samuel, who was close to their age when he was taken to the temple to be Priest Eli’s special helper. After learning about the duties Samuel faithfully performed, the children have been experiencing what his story might have been like if it happened today.

Armed with the resolve to do their best work, the children enter the sanctuary of the Spartanburg Church every Tuesday, and dutifully straighten every hymnal. They pick up bulletins and papers, throw them in the trash, and re-supply the tithe envelopes. They have

to use their math skills to determine how many tithe envelopes are needed to bring the total number in each slot to five. They discuss with their teacher the importance of taking care of church property in whichever church they attend. The students work together cooperatively, and are happy to help their friends who need assistance. Just as it is recorded in 1 Samuel 2:11 regarding the child Samuel, “He ministered unto the Lord,” the children at Eddlemon Adventist School are following in His footsteps as they learn to “minister unto the Lord” through service. 📌

BY LORI BUSCH



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Lauderhill Church Celebrates Centenarian's Life



Doris Shirley (seated), pictured with her daughter, Olive Fisher, was recognized February 18, 2017, at Lauderhill Church in celebration of her 100th birthday.



Participants in the 100th birthday celebration for Doris Shirley (seated) at Lauderhill Church include Marlene Hunt (left), elder; Shelly Pinnock, clerk; Olive Fisher, daughter (not visible in photo); Lester Elliot, Lauderhill senior pastor; Marisa and Madison Gordon, great-granddaughters; Garry Gordon, associate pastor; Sonia Brown, grandniece; Marcia Gordon, granddaughter; and Judith Charles, adopted daughter.

tion at Mansfield All-age School, and was encouraged to go into dress-making by a local dress maker. She became an apprentice, but had a greater love for the soil. Her dad allocated a plot of land to her where she established herself as a true agricultural entrepreneur. She planted and reaped several food crops, including vegetables of all types. She also raised cattle.

Doris and Lawford Wright were joined in holy matrimony in 1950 and had five children: Olive, Colin, Hezekiah, Septimus, and Sunny. She now has six grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Originally, she was an active Baptist church member, but, with constant study of Scriptures, she and her granddaughter, Marcia, were baptized into the Adventist faith in 1984 in Jamaica.

On Sunday, February 19, 2017, a celebration of Doris Shirley's 100th birthday was held at Ambassador Church's fellowship hall in Lauderdale Lakes, Fla., which was large enough to accommodate the guests. A wide cross section of the church and the community attended.

Lauderhill Church pastors — Lester Elliott, senior pastor, Garry Gordon, associate pastor, and Leroy Liburd, retired pastor — participated in the celebration. Commissioner Marlon Bolton and Lauderdale Lakes Mayor Hazelle Rogers made proclamations to the centenarian. Also in attendance was Lauraine Lynch, representing Broward County Commissioner Dale Holness.

Doris Shirley's life is modeled by the words of hymn writer Eliza E. Hewitt, "Let us then be true and faithful, trusting, serving every day; just a glimpse of Him in glory will the toils of life repay." In a clear, lively, and cheerful tone, she thanked everyone for celebrating with her. ●

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Lauderhill Church has a centenarian — Doris Shirley — who was born February 15, 1917, in Georges Grove, St. Ann, Jamaica W.I. She is a very strong person who suffered many adversi-

ties in her life, beginning as early as four years of age when she lost her mother.

Shirley was raised by her father, Solomon; her older sister, Erethia; and other relatives. She completed formal educa-

BY RUBENA GAY

ASSIST Student Worker Shines for Christ

Thanks to Southern Adventist University's ASSIST grant program for academy students, Christian Lawson has been excelling both in school and as a companion to the elderly. Lawson, along with other students in the program, works to improve the quality of life for older adults. In exchange, the students learn the value of service as they foster positive mutual relationships with the elderly, while also receiving tuition assistance for their participation.

As part of the ASSIST program, Lawson, a junior at Atlanta Adventist Academy (AAA) in Duluth, Ga., has been assigned to three residents at Southland Nursing Home. He chats with them about what is happening in their lives, their past life experiences, and his personal stories and challenges.

"I love talking with all of them," Lawson said. "Ms. Sammons always has encouraging words to share, and Ms. Allen is very wise and inspires me to continue toward my goal of attending college."

Recently Lawson received the Volunteer of the Year award at Southland for his outstanding devotion to the residents. Upon receiving the award, Lawson says he felt very humbled and even cried because of his love for the seniors.

Lawson has no living grandparents, so he enjoys the opportunity to interact with the older generation. He views each of his relationships with them as unique and personal, and enjoys being with them whenever he can.

"My relationship with Ms. Forester mirrors that of a mother and son relationship, whereas my relationship with Ms. Allen mirrors that of a grandmother and grandson," Lawson said.

Having been involved with the ASSIST program for several years, Lawson says he has fallen in love with all of the seniors. Despite his own issues with Crohn's disease, Lawson continues to faithfully serve



Patrelle Major Cross, Southland Nursing Home administrator, recognizes Christian Lawson as Volunteer of the Year.

the residents. He considers his work with them to be a ministry.

"I believe that God has placed within me a desire to help others, and to allow His light to shine through me as I interact with them," Lawson said.

Bob Mills, the academy's assistant treasurer and supervisor for the AAA students in the ASSIST program, has the opportunity to visit each of the participating nursing homes and discuss student involvement with the administrators. Mills shared that each time he checks in at Southland, he receives rave reviews for Lawson's work and his friendliness toward the residents.

"He is continually cheerful and energetic in his work, and is also an avid student leader at AAA," Mills said. "He carries himself with confidence and strength as he socializes with those around him."

When Lawson's parents filled out the application for AAA, they did not know how they were going to be able to pay his tuition every month. With the help of the



Christian Lawson helps Gloria Marshall, an activities assistant at the nursing home, grill hotdogs for the residents.

ASSIST program, Lawson has been able to attend academy without financial struggles.

"I am so thankful to Southern for this program," Lawson said. "Without it, I would not have had the opportunity to attend a Seventh-day Adventist high school for the past three years. This program has been such a blessing to me and my family."

Lawson plans to pursue a degree in long term care administration, and dreams of becoming either a nursing home or hospital administrator.

Southern also has a similar opportunity for elementary school students through the PFE grant program. Providing tuition assistance to students in the PFE and ASSIST programs is just one way that Southern aims to make Adventist education more affordable for more people. 📌

BY ABIGAIL KING

Adventurers Focus on Safety in Cookeville



SUBMITTED BY: KATHY KANE

Adventurers and students from Algood Christian Elementary School learned valuable lessons about safety.

The Cookeville Algood Adventurer Club, a combination of homeschool students and students from Algood Christian Elementary School (ACE) in Cookeville, Tenn., decided to focus on safety. Kathy Kane, Adventurer director, and Dawn Janzen, teacher, went right to the Road Safety and Safety Specialist honors.

“We had just experienced a tornado that barely missed our school here in Algood. Twisted and uprooted trees just missed us, and we knew that these were the patches we wanted to work on,” said Kane. The Adventurers practiced a tornado drill with flying colors. They also walked in and out of a building in the safest way, rehearsing

in case of emergency. The children learned a lot about fire safety, and quickly became knowledgeable.

After the drill, they were met with two local firefighters and a fire truck. One of the firemen was dressed in his equipment, and explained the different tools and protective gear. He also showed how firefighters look a bit like monsters when dressed in protective gear, which includes face masks.

The children saw how the tools are used, and the firefighters explained the fire truck. An interesting item included seeing a thermal imaging camera that helps them to see through smoke.

Near the end of the meeting, the Adventurers discussed having a home safety plan, and the children performed their “safety detective” exercise where they record and report potential problems. They also learned the “safe meeting place,” and how important it is to know your address. 📍

BY KATHY KANE

LifeTalk Radio Changes Lives

Driving north on I-75 at 4 a.m., “Alan” searched the radio dial in his truck. Between Calhoun and Dalton, Ga., an animated speaker on 91.3 FM was quoting Bible verses.

Losing radio coverage, Alan steered his truck off the highway to keep listening. He had to hear the rest.

Impressed by how much biblical support the speaker packed into his presentation, Alan wondered how he could hear it again. And, how could he share it? Grabbing a pen, he wrote down 800-775-4673, the LifeTalk Radio number given at the Message of Hope program.

Later that afternoon in a LifeTalk Radio branch office in Collegedale, Tenn., Becky

Carlson heard from Alan.

Alan said, “I loved his teaching from the Word and would love to join his church ... Thank you very, very much for LifeTalk Radio!”

Carlson found the name and number of the pastor for the Adventist church where Alan lived.

“Connecting listeners with Christ is our mission at LifeTalk Radio,” explains John Geli, manager/director.

“With 24/7 online streaming via www.lifetalk.net, a LifeTalk Radio mobile app for smart phones, and more than 100 affiliate radio stations, plus ROKU and satellite (Galaxy 19, Channel 1004), many more listeners like Alan are hearing God’s mes-

sage of hope — all day, every day.”

“As the Seventh-day Adventist radio network for the North American Division (NAD), LifeTalk Radio exists to help our Adventist churches and individuals to reach their communities for Christ,” says Gordon Pifher, vice president for NAD Media Ministries. 📍



BY BECKY CARLSON

Lisa Swafford Waits for God's Timing



Lisa Swafford is pictured at the 2015 Diabetes Fundraiser, Cure De Tour in Atlanta, with Jeff Bender (left) and her father, John Swafford.



SUBMITTED BY: TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER

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Lisa Swafford is waiting for her second kidney transplant. Claiming Philippians 4:13, she is praying for a donor and a miracle to extend her life.

In a world where everything seems instant, Lisa Swafford is waiting patiently for a second life-saving kidney transplant. She received two transplants, both kidney and pancreas, in 2008 from a deceased donor. The donated kidney was predicted to function from eight to 10 years; Swafford's lasted eight years to the exact date.

Swafford, a member of the Calhoun, Ga., Church, developed Type 1 diabetes as a child, and suffered many complications, including blindness and failure of both her pancreas and kidney. With Type 1 diabetes, the body cannot make insulin. The immune system attacks and destroys the pancreas. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 29.1 million people, or 9.3 percent of the population, have diabetes, with 27.8 percent undiagnosed.

Swafford has been on dialysis for about 10 months, going Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for three and a half hours each day. She is on the national donor waiting list through the United Network for Organ Sharing (<https://www.unos.org/>). She has had 10 to 12 people come forward willing to donate, but they were not accepted for

various reasons. Her boyfriend of seven years, Jeff Bender, has offered to donate. While they are not an exact match, Bender could donate to someone else and Swafford would then receive a kidney from another matched donor.

Swafford says, "We are looking for people who are type O, and we wouldn't have to wait. That would be ideal. I've been on Facebook, and was not successful. We have tried word of mouth. I did find a lady on Facebook who is willing to connect people. She was on Good Morning America. We need to create a media awareness, like this article."

Swafford said her life was blessed after the 2008 transplant. She was able to help serve others, like volunteering at the local food bank. She could go on a hike, something she loves. A shy person, Swafford even publicly told her story hoping to help others suffering from diabetes. She rode her bike with the Tour de Cure in Atlanta, Ga. Sometimes she would raise more than \$1,000 to help fight diabetes. She said, "It was the first time I had felt good since I was a child. I forgot what it felt like to feel good."

The statistics are sobering for organ donation, and while Swafford is at peace with God at whatever the outcome, she wants to live life to the fullest. According to the United Network for Organ Sharing, every 10 minutes someone is added to the national transplant list. They say that 22 people die every day waiting for a transplant, but just one organ donor could save eight lives.

Swafford claims Philippians 4:13, saying, "I can do all things, I can endure all things. I would love to have a kidney, but that may not be His plan. I am trying to do the things that happen when doors open. I am okay trusting in Jesus. He can see the big picture."

Swafford's father, John Swafford, is pleased with the transplant center at Emory Healthcare. He said, "If it could be possible to restore that life and energy again for Lisa, it would be a great blessing to you (Lisa) and our whole family."

Swafford is not alone; there are many out there who are waiting. For more information on how to become a donor, check out www.emoryhealthcare.org. 📍

BY TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER

BMA Students Participate in Spring Break Mission Trip

Bass Memorial Academy (BMA), Lumberton, Miss., students had an opportunity to work during a challenging mission trip to the Dominican Republic this past spring break. It was made possible by ShareHim International, and 10 BMA students made a commitment to par-

ticipate. The students were to conduct, by themselves, an entire nine-day evangelistic series in a city called Hato Mayor Del Rey.

Students Ashely, Amber, Jonathan, Carlos, Chrissy, Alexis, Hadassah, Jacob, Noah, and Kylie; and sponsors Scott Bowes, Katherine Bowes, Todd Casey, and Ander-

son Ramos, served as God’s “amBASSsadors” on this mission. Each student was assigned to a different church with a local translator, and was responsible for presenting 11 sermons prepared by ShareHim. Expectations were high, and so was the anxiety of all the students. Most of the students on the trip had never preached before. As soon as they arrived, though, they felt the warmth of the Dominican Republic people in making them feel welcomed and loved. The students were moved by the kind treatment they received from local pastors, translators, and their families.

There was no time to lose, so the students prepared their sermons and tested their equipment for the different presentations. Since the first night of the meetings, they all felt that something big was about to happen. They felt the power of God working during every meeting with each student preacher. Some of the students were preaching in churches, others were in tents, and the school chaplain was in the middle of a street that they closed down in the evenings. In all the meetings, there were a high percentage of visitors every night.

By the grace of God, 43 people were baptized by the end of the week, and 107 people started preparations for an upcoming baptism. The students were filled with joy and fulfillment, and it was hard to say goodbye when it was time to leave. The students felt that part of their hearts stayed with the people in the Dominican Republic, but most importantly, they were able to share a part of Jesus with them. Only in Heaven will the students have an idea of how many lives were changed as a result of their sacrifice to this mission trip.

For more information on how you can be involved in the next Bass Mission Trip contact Anderson Ramos, chaplain. 📞



Students and chaperones on the Bass mission trip include Scott Bowes (left), Katherine Bowes, Carlos Aguiñaga, Ashely Bowes, Amber Bowes, Anderson Ramos, Kylie Northrop, Hadassah Jackson, Christina Dillenkoffer, Alexis Richardson, Jonathan Aguiñaga, and Noah Gloudeman.



Chaperones Anderson Ramos (left), Katherine Bowes, Scott Bowes, and Todd Casey

BY ANDERSON T. RAMOS

Three Generations Attend Camp Meeting



PHOTO BY: SHERI CIOCAN

Brigitte Cicoan continues her family's legacy of Camp Meeting attendance.

The history of loving fellowship and spirit-filled preaching is evident every year at Gulf States Conference Camp Meeting. The Conference staff decided to ask different Gulf States members what Camp Meeting means to them. In the process, they interviewed the Richardson/Ciocan family, who for three generations has been faithfully attending Gulf States Camp Meetings.

For C.L. Richardson, Camp Meeting has simply been a way of life for him and his family: "I remember going to my first camp meeting when I was six or seven. Since the first Camp Meeting in 1959 at Bass Memorial Academy in Lumberton, Miss., some part of the Richardson family

has been at Camp Meeting every year. We've been camping at the same spot for 40 years, between the blueberry patch and where the tents stop. We planned Camp Meeting from year to year. Next to going to church, Camp Meeting was the utmost in our minds. One thing that impresses me the most about Camp Meeting is you have speakers from different backgrounds, cultures, locations, education, and all sorts of things. They're told what the theme of Camp Meeting is, and the Holy Spirit works, and these people come, and their messages are usually dove-tailed together. I'm sure they don't all get together and say, 'You talk about this, I'll talk about that.' But, the Holy Spirit impresses on their minds the message that the people need to hear."

Sheri Ciocan has been attending Camp Meeting since she was born: "My mother, she was actually going when she was pregnant with me. I have gone my whole life. It's hard to even think about life without Camp Meeting. It's been a huge part of my life. That was my vacation every year. I would save up my personal leave, and that's what I would use it for, to take my kids so that they could have the same experiences that I had when I was younger. I always like the book sale, because I could always get my kids books to read throughout the year; every year getting to see friends that you only see during Camp Meeting; [and] watching my kids experience making new friends and getting closer to God. My daughter was actually baptized at Camp Meeting. Just the closeness of it reminds you just a tad of what Heaven is going to be like."

Sheri's daughter, Brigitte Cicoan, is

the next generation growing up in the Gulf States Conference, and has experienced Camp Meeting: "What has Camp Meeting meant to me? That's a question I could answer in a long essay. I have so many memories that I could probably write a book. As a home schooler, it was always great because that was the time of the year that I got to spend a week with all of my friends. I remember learning about Jesus from my favorite primary teacher, Pastor Martin Fancher, or as I call him, 'Grease Monkey.' I'm not sure how he got that name, but I probably didn't figure out his real name until I was much older. I also remember singing to people at a soup kitchen, and helping out at a nearby orphanage. God used Camp Meeting to mold me into the Christian He wanted me to be. After all, Camp Meeting was where the awesome Pastor Tony Pitt baptized me, and where I made godly friends that I still have today. I'm thankful for the way God used Camp Meeting to show me and others his great love!"

Over the years, Camp Meeting has meant many things to many people. For some it's a vacation and family tradition, for others it's a chance to catch up with church friends you haven't seen in a year, and for others it's a place to be inspired and fired up for the work of ministry. No matter what you come for, the Gulf States Conference hopes and prays that the main goal of Camp Meeting is accomplished in your life — bringing you closer to Jesus. See you at Camp Alamisco April 7 and 8 for convocation, and May 24-27 at Bass Memorial Academy! 📍

BY TYLER ROBERTS

Kentucky-Tennessee Conference Holds 56th Music Festival

Who knows what miracles you can achieve when you believe! The theme for the Kentucky-Tennessee 56th Music Festival was “When You Believe.” The Kentucky-Tennessee Conference believes in giving students an opportunity to meet together and share the talents God has given them. On March 16, 2017, the Highland Academy campus was filled with excitement and activity as students from all over the Conference arrived for the first day of Music Festival.

With a reputation for music excel-

lence, the Kentucky-Tennessee Music Festival receives participation requests from schools outside the Conference. Once again, the festival was blessed with students from Thompsonville Christian Academy in Thompsonville, Ill., and Greeneville Adventist Academy in Greeneville, Tenn. The students from these schools have come in past years, and are always eager to be a part of the festival.

The festival featured the concert band, the string ensemble, and the grades 9-12 and 6-8 choirs. Rehearsals took place

throughout the campus of Highland Academy and Highland Elementary School. Three performances were presented during the festival, with a sacred concert on Friday night, a chamber music concert on Sabbath afternoon, and a secular concert on Saturday night. Clinicians and a few students also performed for the Highland Church Sabbath morning.

It was a blessing to have last year’s clinicians return for the 2017 festival. The concert band included students in grades 6-12 under the direction of Craig Mohr. Mohr teaches instrumental and classroom music at Puget Sound Adventist Academy and Kirkland SDA School in Washington. His wife, Brenda Mohr, conducted the grades 9-12 festival choir. She is currently completing her doctorate in choral conducting. Mohr also conducts the women’s choir at the University of Washington in Seattle. Kelly Wiedemann, who conducted the festival string ensemble, serves as strings instructor at EMU preparatory music program, Harrisonburg City Public School strings program, and orchestra and strings director at Shenandoah Valley Academy in Virginia. A member of the Conference, Veronica McGee, director of the grades 6-8 festival choir, graduated from Union College in Lincoln, Neb. McGee furthered her education with a master of music with an emphasis in vocal performance. She also performed with the Houston Opera Company. McGee is currently a speech/language pathologist in Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

After students attend Music Festival, many of them realize how much they really do enjoy music. One student said, “It’s amazing to be a part of such a wonderful program!” Every participant left with increased musical skills, new friendships, a challenge to grow spiritually, and the opportunity to enjoy the best of Highland Academy life. ●

BY STEPHEN BRALLEY AND PAM WILLIAMS



Veronica McGee conducts grades 6-8 choir.



Highland Academy Bells of Praise is led by Sarah Hillebert.

Anna and Paul Deerr Celebrate 75th Anniversary

Anna and Paul Deerr celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary on January 31, 2017. A surprise reception was presented in their honor by their family on February 12, 2017, at the South Louisville Church in Louisville, Ky. The two met as young teens in Louisville. Paul Deerr joined the Navy, and while on leave he and Anna Deerr were married on January 31, 1942. He shipped out the following December, serving on the destroyer USS Bates, from Normandy to Okinawa where his ship was sunk. Anna worked at Louisville's Nichols General Hospital, a veteran medical facility, during his absence.

After the war he built the home in which they still reside. They had four children, Carolyn (Hooper), Larry, Diane (Whitten-

burg), and Woody. He retired from DuPont as instrument mechanic, and she retired as bookkeeper from the Louisville Chamber of Commerce. Anna's mother was an Adventist and the family studied with her, accepted the truth, and were baptized.

All have served their church in various capacities throughout the years. The Deerrs, with servant hearts, helped build the standing South Louisville Church. They served more than 50 years as Louisville Cherokee Pathfinder director/counselors. Until recent years, Paul served as maintenance man and head deacon, Anna as secretary/go-to lady in the church. Sabbath afternoon fellowship dinners hosted by the Deerrs were enjoyed not only by family, but with friends and new church

members over the years. Anna is 94 and Paul is 95 years young, both still strong in the Lord, and they attribute marital success to their faith and commitment to God, each other, and family. 📞



Anna and Paul Deerr

BY KAREN DEERR

Campus Catalyst Training Held



Attendees of the Campus Catalyst Training Event held March 25, 2017, in Nashville, Tenn.



Pictured are those involved with the Campus Catalyst Training Event. Nathan Fender (front row, left), Nashville First Bible worker; Jon Remitera, Nashville First associate pastor; Angelo Grasso (top row, left), Florida associate youth director; Nelson Silva, Kentucky-Tennessee associate youth director; Ron Pickell, NAD Adventist Christian Fellowship director; Ken Rogers, Southern Union youth director; Lorenaz Shepherd, South Central youth ministries director; Greg Taylor, Kentucky-Tennessee youth director; Melvin Santos, Nashville First pastor.

There is a continual, growing emphasis in the Adventist Church to minister to senior youth and young adults, and the Southern Union continues to look for new and inventive ways to engage these young people. One such avenue was the Campus Catalyst Training Event, held March 25, 2017, at the Nashville, Tenn., First Church.

The Adventist Church has many strong youth ministry groups such as Adventurers, Pathfinders, and Adventist schools. For these ministries, there is a strong network of communication, edification, and support. However, approximately 70 to 80 percent of Adventist youth are attending public schools. Unfortunately and historically, a strong network for Adventist students attending public schools has not been established. The Catalyst event at Nashville First was an attempt to get such a network established, not only in Kentucky-Tennessee, but throughout the Southern Union.

It was a blessing to have the North American Division Adventist Christian Fellowship (ACF) director, Ron Pickell, speak

during the Sabbath School program. Angelo Grasso shared messages on Sabbath morning and in the afternoon. Both speakers expanded on techniques such as establishing a Public Campus Ministry (PCM), working with the local church, and coordinating with other young adults.

In attendance were pastors, lay leaders, and students who were eager to learn all they could in the field of PCM. At least six campuses were represented, as well as five conferences. On Sunday, Ken Rogers joined the PCM team at the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference office to prayerfully consider how to best move forward as a Union in support of the students on public campuses.

Please prayerfully remember this incredibly important initiative and the Adventist youth who are attending private school, home school, and public school. Not only are they an incredibly important part of the Church today, but they are the future of the Church! 📞

BY GREG TAYLOR

Pageland Members Provide “Door of Hope”



Pageland, S.C., clients stand in line to pick up food bags and household products.



Lawrence Elliott, M.D., director of the Door of Hope Food Pantry

The Pageland, S.C., Church’s Community Service Department has been feeding families in Pageland since 2008 through the Door of Hope Food Pantry. To assist in this enormous task, there are about 14 regular volunteers who bag food, cleaning supplies, and other household products for distribution every Wednesday and Friday. The Harvest Hope Food Bank, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Walmart Distribution Center,

Food Lion, and Bi Lo food stores provide nearly 40,000 pounds of food and other products each month at no cost. This allows the Door of Hope to feed from 1,100 to 1,300 families per month.

In addition to food and household products distribution, the Door of Hope Food Pantry provides health screenings, clothes distribution, recipes, and cooking tips, as well as AIDS testing every other month.

In the fall of 2016, the Door of Hope

Pantry was awarded a Food Lion grant which allowed the members, with the help of about 15 Food Lion employees, to paint the entire inside of the building; replace the flooring; purchase new shelving units, three new freezers, and a new computer; and help deliver a truck load of food.

The members have been blessed to be able to provide for many in the community, and it is their prayer that this will help lead some families to Jesus. “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me,” Matthew 25:35, 36.

The Door of Hope Pantry doesn’t just provide food, it provides hope. ☛

BY LAWRENCE ELLIOTT, M.D.

Berean Children Help Children in Inter-European Division

The Sabbath School children of Berean Church in Charlotte, N.C., proudly display their “Mission Banks,” which were obtained from the General Conference in Silver Spring, Md., through the efforts of their missionary teacher, Barbara Lucas.

The children were so excited when they received the banks that they immediately began to think of ways to fill them. As they listened to the mission stories in church each week, they were determined to find a way to help those in need. These little ones eventually decided to help other children worshipping in the Inter-European Division acquire a new place to worship, while also learning about healthy living.

The children of Berean began their collections at the beginning of the fourth quarter in 2016. They began to save their lunch money, and to ask family and church members for donations. What seemed like a huge undertaking for these small soldiers of Christ turned into a tidal wave of giving, and, by the end of the quarter, they had collected \$216.60 which they proudly presented for their 13th Sabbath offering.

As they look ahead in 2017, these young people remain excited about their mission and hope to present an even larger offering at their next 13th Sabbath celebration. ☛

BY BARBARA LUCAS



Charlotte Berean children and adults display their “Mission Banks,” used to collect their 13th Sabbath offering for children in the Inter-European Division.

East Market Street Church Holds Vow Renewal Ceremony



Fourteen couples participated in the Vow Renewal Ceremony at East Market Street Church in Greensboro, N.C.

The Word of God tells all in Genesis 2:24, “Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.”

Just before the beginning of a new Sabbath day, on Friday evening, April 8, 2016, East Market Street Church in Greensboro, N.C., held its first Vow Renewal Ceremony. The Family Life Ministries Department, under the leadership of Karreem and Audrey Hogan, members of East Market Street Church, sponsored the beautiful ceremony. Fourteen couples, ranging from eight months to 41 1/2 years of marriage, participated in the renewal of vows.

The ceremony was officiated by Melvin Preston, South Atlantic Conference family life ministries director. He shared with and provided valuable insight to the couples. “Every now and then you have people who will come and renew their vows, and then you have others who say ‘what’s the use in renewing,’” said Preston. “People renew their driver’s license every few years, teachers and doctors renew their license, and now people come together to renew their vows to each other, and not just to each other, but to God, which should be taken seriously.” He believes that it is only “the power of God that can take two totally different individuals from different walks of life, and bring

them together to live in harmony according to God’s will, working with each other and not against, for the common goal of making it to the kingdom!”

Preston’s main charge to the couples was “to continue to trust God, always put God first because God is the author of marriage.” He advised that after being married for almost 42 years, that marriage is still between a man and woman as God created in the Garden of Eden.

Kenneth Boswell, pastor of East Market Street Church, and his wife, Patricia, also shared in the occasion. Boswell charged the husbands in reaffirming their marriage, and reminded them of their commitment and love to their wives by striving to be sensitive and understanding, and to bring out the qualities of forgiveness and compassion in themselves and each other. Patricia Boswell charged the wives in recommitment to their husbands, promising to encourage, inspire, and cherish, holding them in highest regards.

After the couples recommitted themselves to each other and prayer was given, the husbands saluted their wives with hugs and kisses. As Mark 10:9 says, “What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.” 📌

BY ALICIA REVELLE



Melvin Preston (above), South Atlantic Conference family life ministries director, officiated the Vow Renewal Ceremony. Kenneth Boswell (right), pastor of East Market Street Church, and his wife, Patricia, charged the couples in recommitment of their marriage vows.

First Love Church Members Pay Off Mortgage



Nickalos Baker, pastor; Conference administrators Sonya Crayton, treasurer, and John S. Nixon Sr., D.Min., executive secretary (praying); and Benjamin Jones, president, acknowledge the blessing God bestowed on First Love Church.



Celebrating First Love Church's mortgage burning ceremony were Sonya Crayton (left), South Central treasurer; Virnora Crawford, elder; Benjamin Jones, South Central president; and Thomas Donley, former pastor.

First Love Church members in Paducah, Ky., rejoiced over paying off their mortgage, and celebrated their happy achievement on February 11, 2017, a milestone for a church which sprouted from humble beginnings. South

Central Conference administrators — Benjamin Jones, president; John S. Nixon Sr., D.Min., executive secretary; and Sonja Crayton, treasurer — were present to share in the convivial celebration of burning the mortgage documents.

The church history can be traced back to 1925, in a little red brick building on the corner of South 8th Street and Adam Street, which has been standing for at least 92 years. The name then was Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church. Since that humble beginning, the church has been blessed with many gifted pastors. In 1990, Joseph Follette, pastor, and the members decided to look for a new place of worship. Carie Cole came up with the new name First Love Church.

In 1996, the late William Pergerson, pastor, and First Love members purchased land at H.C. Mathis Drive. In 1998, Thomas Donley, pastor, and the members sold Ephesus Church, and purchased the St. Paul AME Church they had been renting. In 2012, under the leadership of R. Broussard, pastor, the members agreed to go beyond making monthly payments, which contributed to increased giving and a rapid decrease in the mortgage debt. The increased giving resulted in paying off the mortgage five years early in 2016. There were many contributors who started with the project, but now rest in Jesus.

With revolutionary generosity, the members will remodel the sanctuary, add two classrooms, extend the fellowship hall, and most importantly, put in a baptismal pool. The next upcoming events include Vacation Bible School, July 10-13, and a tent revival, July 22-August 5, at the H.C. Mathis Drive site. The members believe they have come this far by faith, and that God has not failed them yet.

The church family is intentional about soul winning; evangelism is a process, not an event. The members anticipate 25 baptisms this year at First Love, and they solicit your prayers. 🙏

BY NICKALOS T. BAKER, PASTOR

Bethany Christian Academy Touch Lives With Living Water

In Isaiah 44:3, Jesus promises to, “Pour water upon him that is thirsting and floods upon the dry ground ...” Families of Bethany Christian Academy (BCA) in Montgomery, Ala., are claiming that promise through active outreach.

Last year, BCA was challenged by police officer and school supporter Dustin Smith to collect 100 cases of water to send to Flint, Mich. The hearts of the students were touched to learn of the innocent children who were adversely affected by the lead content in their water supply. They passionately and excitedly exceeded the challenge. Barry Shipman, BCA bus driver, accepted the task of transporting the 137 cases of water. Shipman, a retired long-distance truck driver, graciously turned down offers to accompany him, and braved the 860-mile journey through cold and snow alone. BCA rejoiced for the successful mission, as well as traveling mercies extended to Shipman.

Later last year, BCA was once again informed of a water crisis in a community much closer to home. Lamison, Ala., is an unincorporated community of Wilcox County, located 90 miles from Montgomery, Ala. Hundreds of Lamison’s citizens were forced to dig wells to enjoy the benefits of water. Unfortunately, those who

were unable to do so were left to live with no water sources in their homes. The crisis in Wilcox County was brought to the attention of BCA outreach director by K.K. Middleton, pastor of the Sweet Canaan Baptist Church in Tuskegee, Ala. BCA excitedly launched the partnership project. Shipman once again answered the call by delivering two loads of more than 275 cases of water to the Lamison citizens. Middleton was present to assist with the first load, and then motivated BCA’s students to continue their efforts to relieve the suffering of others. A second load was

sent approximately three months later, and plans are being made to conclude the school year with a third load in the spring.

John 4:14 assures that, “Whosoever drinketh of the water that I give him, shall never thirst but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.” BCA prays that as lives are uplifted by the gift of basic water, hearts will be uplifted toward Jesus ... the Water of Life. ☛

BY DOROTHY SANDERS

Christian Education Leads Five Pathfinders to Baptism

The Mose family includes Benjamin, nine, Jeremiah, eight, Korynthianne, 12, Mychal, seven, and NyAsia, 11, who decided to walk with the Lord all the way, and were baptized at Emmanuel Church in Mobile, Ala., on Sabbath, November 19, 2016. Each child attended Em-

manuel Christian Academy in Mobile for the past three years. Earlier in 2016, the Mose children joined Emmanuel Christian Academy’s Gulf Coast Warriors Pathfinder Club, under the leadership of Bonnie Hawkins-Jordan, and their love for Christ began to overflow and lead them to baptism. Bap-

tism is an outward expression of an inward change, and the Emmanuel Christian Academy family is proud of the change the Gulf Coast Warriors Pathfinder Club helped make in the lives of the Mose family. ☛

Southeastern Holds 2017 Leadership Summit



Gregory Mack, Southeastern president, presents the strategic imperatives of the Conference.



Dan Jackson, North American Division president, offered a prayer of commitment for Southeastern leadership.

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Under the Leadership of Gregory O. Mack, Southeastern president; Michael K. A. Owusu, executive secretary; and Robert Patterson Jr., chief financial officer, more than 1,600 pastors, lay leaders, members, and friends gathered at the Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek Resort in Orlando, Fla., for the 2017 Southeastern Conference Leadership Summit. With the focus of becoming a mission-driven Conference by “sharing hope and restoring wholeness” throughout its territory and beyond, it was evident that the Lord blessed with excellent training and Spirit-filled inspiration.

As stated by Mack, “We firmly believe that it is high time for us as a Conference to become more mission driven: no longer will Southeastern Conference be driven by events, big days, and celebrations. We will set a new direction — one that moves ministry forward.” As the recently elected

leader, he further stated that, “Southeastern intends to become and remain intentional about sharing hope and restoring wholeness to our communities through mission-driven initiatives.” The 2017 Leadership Summit served as the launch of the initiative for all leaders throughout the Conference.

Southeastern has partnered with the North American Division (NAD) in Sharing Hope and Restoring Wholeness. The administrators, departmental directors, pastors, principals, teachers, and office staff met in prayer in various orientation sessions to develop the Conference mission statement, tagline, core values, and five-point strategy to guide the institution forward. In a well-articulated presentation at the Summit, Michael Owusu, D.Min., and Mark Brown, Ph.D., family/health ministries director, shared those developments with all the attendees. Owusu and

Brown affirmed, “SEC is poised for greatness — to the glory of God.” Southeastern has been blessed with significant personnel and institutional strengths that must be leveraged for mission accomplishment, while areas of weakness should be strengthened.

With delight, Mack passionately outlined four major imperatives that are strategically aligned with Southeastern’s mission that will help the Conference to leverage and reinforce its mission:

- Youth and Education: We will give our best to our youth and children.
- Transformational Leadership: We will lead like Jesus, promoting a culture of integrity, accountability, and excellence at all levels.
- Community Outreach and Evangelism: We will reach and transform communities with hope and wholeness.
- Financial Stewardship: We will position ourselves to support and fund mission while nurturing a culture of fiscal transparency and accountability at all levels.

The Summit started on Friday morning, February 2, 2017, with training and development sessions for all Southeastern pastors. During these sessions, the pastors received resources and information on many different topics, including pastoral leadership, accountability, and mission. They



Southeastern church and Conference officers committed themselves to mission-driven leadership.



Attendees participated in a small group discussion during a presentation led out by Roxanne Stone from the Barna Group.

were challenged to strive for excellence and relevance, especially in this age of moral relativity. Many pastors expressed thanks and appreciation for the presentations, and recommitted themselves to sharing hope and restoring wholeness in their respective districts.

The Leadership Summit continued with other plenary session speakers: Dan R. Jackson, NAD president; Roxanne Stone, editor-in-chief of Barna Group; Barbara Y. Davis, executive leadership coach of Chang Results Consulting; Jim Davidson, Southern Union executive secretary; Benjamin

Jones, president of South Central Conference; and James Doggette, senior pastor of Patmos Chapel Church. Adding to the success and the richness of the meetings were several breakout sessions with speakers who shared their expertise and various approaches to reach and impact communities with the Gospel.

More than 40 churches signed up to become mission-driven congregations, and Southeastern Conference administrators and directors stand ready and willing to assist each church in adopting this new mission-driven strategy to its local context. The

Bible reminds all that, “The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth laborers into His harvest,” Luke 10:2. Never before has there been such a need in society for the Good News of salvation as there is today. More churches and schools are expected to unite in the plan to carry God’s message of hope and wholeness to many communities. May hearts continue to burn within as all look forward to the soon return of the Lord, Jesus Christ. 📌

BY SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATION

Miami Bethany Takes Church to the Community

Members of the Miami Bethany Church held their first Brownsville Unity Day. The outdoor event was held on the property directly across from the church. Klottrell Long, personal ministries leader, encouraged each department in the church, along with several community agencies, to organize and sponsor booths. The children’s ministries department provided arts and crafts activities for the many church and community children.

The special day was the result of a challenge by M. Curtis Powell, pastor of Miami Bethany, and supported the theme of “Building up the Church.” Powell and his wife, Nicole, welcomed the community friends. “Instead of inviting the community to the church, we took church to the community;” said Powell. “Partnering with the various agencies, we were able to provide a holistic

approach to ministry that went beyond the walls of the church.” Several community dignitaries as well as the local police department representatives, came out to support the program.

Lola Moore, pastor and young adult ministries director for the South Central Conference, was the guest worship speaker for the day. Moore provided a mighty word from God. Following the worship service, the hospitality committee provided lunch for more than 150 people. The daylong event culminated with a concert by gospel music recording artist, Jalisa Faye, and several local talents. The members hope to make this an annual event. This successful event is just the beginning of the great things God is doing in Miami, Fla. 📌

BY BETHANY COMMUNICATION TEAM





ACHATA, CAROLYN ANNETTE WILSON (WARD), 72, born Oct. 13, 1943 in Big Stone Gap, VA, died Nov. 5, 2015 at her home after bravely fighting lymphoma for several years. She chose Bradley County as her home in 1969 after living in many places all over the southeast. In addition to McDonald, TN, she made homes in Salisbury, NC, Marietta, GA, Portland, TN, Fletcher, NC, Wytheville, VA, Miami, FL, Knoxville, TN, Collegedale, TN, and Cleveland, TN. She published two books on genealogy and enjoyed canning and traveling.

She was a graduate of Marietta Church School in Marietta, GA (1956), Highland Academy in Portland, TN (1960), University of Miami (R.N., 1967), and University of TN, Memphis (M.S.N., 1990).

Although she worked as a nurse in hospitals in Fletcher, NC, and Hialeah Hospital in the Miami area, she found her calling in public health in the mountains of Virginia under the tutelage of Dr. Schuller. Her public health career in the Tennessee Department of Health, Southeast Region, began in 1969, where she served 30 years, spanning 1969-2011, at the county and regional level as a public health nurse, immunization program manager, and Children's Special Services Coordinator. She also spent a number of

those years in home health nursing. She shared her enthusiasm for public health with her Southern Adventist University nursing students from August 1994 to June 2002, and then again on a part-time basis from 2011-2015. She passionately interacted with students and taught them about the impact they could have as healthcare providers in the community. One major contribution to both nursing education and the community was her development of free Foot Care Clinics for elderly and disabled clients. She was preceded in death by her parents: Woodrow M. Wilson and Naomi Dalrymple Wilson, and her sister, Darlene Wilson Becker.

She is survived by her three children: Wendi Anderson and husband, Lee, of Urbanna, VA; David Achata and wife, Amy, of San Clemente, CA; and Sonya Bullock and husband, Chris, of Kennesaw, GA; seven grandchildren: Daniel Bullock, Ana Achata, Ava Bullock, Isaac Achata, Ada Anderson, Jett Bullock, and Naomi Anderson; two siblings: Kenneth Wilson and David Wilson.

Interment was in Collegedale Memorial Gardens, followed by a potluck celebration of a life well lived back at the Collegedale Church. Pallbearers were Kenneth Wilson, David Wilson, David Achata, Lee Anderson, Chris Bullock, and Daniel Bullock.

AKERS, GEORGE HILLRY, 90, of Collegedale, TN, died Feb. 4, 2017. He was the son of the late Hillry B. and Kitty H. Akers.

He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Southern California in 1966, and was a lifelong educator and administrator for the Seventh-day Adventist educational system. He served more than 51 years from 1947 to 1998 in teaching and leadership roles, and continued to be active until recently on a voluntary basis. During his career, he served at the academy level as boys' dean, teacher, and principal; at the college and university level as professor, dean of students, academic vice president, and president. Akers was also an ordained minister of the Adventist Church, and head of the worldwide Adventist education system for five years.

His family, close friends, many students, and colleagues will remember him for his warmth and charm, both at a personal level and professionally. He's remembered fondly as an insightful and inspirational speaker, teacher, and administrator who particularly focused on the integration of faith and learning.

The Akers family lived all over the United States, but spent a majority of their time at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, MI, where Akers mentored education students and was the first dean of the School of Education. The Akers retired to Collegedale, TN, in 2003.

He is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Imogene A. Akers of Collegedale, TN; one son, Daniel (Darlene) Akers of Oceanside, CA; four grandchildren: Daneen (Stephen Eyer) Akers, Deeanne (Garret) Akerson, Kallen (Josh) Thornton, and Cade Akers; five great-grandchildren: Lily, Enoch, Thaddeus, Abel, and Lucy; one sister, Eolin Ann (Donald) Tripp, of New Market, VA; several nieces; and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Douglas Allen Akers, and his sister, Miriam Dalecki.

The funeral service was held at the Collegedale Church. Interment is at Rose Hill Cemetery in Berrien Springs, MI.



ALLEN, CHARLES ROBERT "CHUCK," 70, born April 1, 1947 in Millington, MI, died Feb. 3, 2017 at his home in Portland, TN, after an 18-year up-and-down battle with cancer. He graduated from Adelphian Academy (AA) in 1966.

A student job at AA, Michigan Conference, in the cafeteria started him on a lifetime career in food service. He worked with chefs at Andrews and Loma Linda universities, and at Battle Creek, MI. He worked for 43 years in denominational kitchens, starting at Florida Hospital. He then became head chef at Southern Adventist University, and then food service director at Shenandoah Valley Academy, Highland Academy, Adelphian Academy, Tennessee Christian Medical Center, Highland Hospital, and Blue Mountain Academy. He retired to Portland, TN, in 2010, and was an active member of Highland Church.

He is survived by his wife, Kaye Allen of Portland, TN; one son, Martin Allen of Hendersonville, NC; and one daughter, Kelly (Darren DeBaillon) Allen. He was preceded in death by his parents: Robert and Esther Allen; and one daughter, Tammy Allen.



BLOODWORTH, CLIFFORD B., 95, born Oct. 26, 1921 in Bartow, FL, to parents Edwin Earl Bloodworth and Ellen Paulsen, died Dec. 31, 2016 in Altamonte Springs, FL. He was a member of the Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL, for more than 60 years.

In September 1942, Cliff was drafted into the U.S. Army. He spent nearly two years overseas in the Asiatic Pacific Theatre including the Bismark Archipelago and the Philippine Islands as a medic in the Headquarters Company of the 658th Amphibious Tractor Battalion. He was always proud of his military service and contribution to the liberation of the Philippines.

He then joined his father and brother as plasterers in the St. Petersburg, FL, area where he met church school teacher Velda Jean Burke. They were married in the Forest Lake Academy chapel in August 1949. Later they moved to the Forest City, FL, area. Cliff worked in construction trades and in the engineering department at the Florida Hospital for more than 20 years. He retired from there for the second time at the age of 80.

His children and his grandchildren were his pride and joy. He enjoyed holiday gatherings and potluck picnics on their lakefront. The more the merrier was his motto, and everyone was welcomed.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Velda "Jean"; two daughters: Jill (Michel) Henderson of Denver, CO, and Jackie (Rick) Herschberger of Forest City; one grandson; two granddaughters; one great-grandson; numerous nieces; and nephews.

The graveside funeral service was performed by Pastors Larry Stephens and Ron Torkelsen. The military service complete with honor guard was held at the Highland Memory Gardens in Apopka, where Cliff was interred.

BURTNETT, LAWRENCE REED, 87, born in 1929 to the late Mae and Frank Burtnett of South Lancaster, MA, died Jan. 5, 2017 at Standiford Place at Hospice of Chattanooga, TN. Larry was one of four children. While he grew up in Massachusetts, he graduated from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, MI, with a bachelor's degree in business management. This is where he met Clara Belle Carson of Hillsdale, MI. They were married in 1951.

Larry graduated in 1957 and this was when he moved his family to Nashville, TN, where he worked for Southern Publishing Association as a periodical manager. Many years later, that company merged with Review and Herald in Hagerstown, MD, where he retired after 39 years. All of these 39 years were devoted to the publishing ministry of his beloved Seventh-day Adventist Church. In retirement, Larry and Clara first moved to Crossville, TN, and then to Chattanooga, TN.

He is survived by his loving wife, Clara Belle; two sons: Dan (Debbie) Burtnett, Dennis (Cindy) Burtnett; four grandchildren: Ryan, Ashleigh, Brittney, and Courtney. He was preceded in death by his brothers: Harvey and Frank; one sister: Vivian; and one son: Ronald.

A Celebration of Life service was held Jan. 15, 2017 at the Collegedale, TN, Church in the activities room located in the basement, with Pastor Cherie Smith officiating. Burial followed at Collegedale Memorial Park.



BUNKER, DR. MARTHA G., 84, beloved mother and friend, born April 5, 1932 in Wilson, NC, died of Alzheimer's on Jan. 9, 2017 in Berrien Springs, MI. She was the daughter of the late Walter and Marie Whitely. She made the decision to be baptized as an Adventist while still a teenager.

At the time of her death, she was a member of the Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL. She graduated from the Florida Sanitarium and Hospital School of Nursing as an RN on Nov. 7, 1954, and worked for the hospital for many years.

After her four daughters were grown, she went back to school and worked toward a higher degree in nursing. Later in life, she received her degree in medicine in St. Croix, so she could work as a missionary doctor among the islanders. While there, she gave numerous Bible studies to prison inmates and others on the islands. Members of the Kress Church in Winter Park, FL, supported her by sending Bibles and study guides to help further the Word of God. She came back to Florida and worked at Florida Hospital, Mt. Dora Nursing Center, and Florida Living Nursing Center until she could no longer work because of illness.

She loved beautiful, colorful things and was an artist, interior designer, flower arranger, and gardener. She loved helping others and sharing the Word of God. She was a blessing and an inspiration to all who knew her, and never ceased praying for her family that they would meet her in Heaven. Her life was a testimony to the love of Jesus Christ. She joins her husband, Frank E. Bunker, waiting in peace until the Lord comes again.

She is survived by her four daughters: Bonnie Bunker of Orlando, Tina Gilchrist of Kansas, Sandra Bunker of Tennessee, and Michele Trubey of Michigan; two sisters: Dorothy Bell of North Carolina, and Brenda Fayard of Georgia; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.



HARDEMAN, DORIS CHERRY, 90, born Dec. 8, 1925 in St. Petersburg, FL, to the late Nathaniel and Willie Mae Cherry, died Oct. 8, 2016. She was a retired teacher/educator with 44 years of service in the Seventh-day Adventist schools.

Her teaching career include being staffed at West Palm Beach, FL, Orlando, FL, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Clearwater, FL, Detroit, MI, Tampa, FL, and St. Petersburg. She received her formal education at Oakwood College (now Oakwood University) in Huntsville, AL, Florida A&M University, and Andrews University. She also enhanced her career in education by working for the South Atlantic, Lake Region, and Southeastern conferences.

She is survived by her daughter, Dr. Cheryl Hardeeman; cousin, Ann Doris Whatley; the Henry family; William Terrell; Laura Danley and family; the Hardeeman family; Adele Lowry and family; the Johnson family; one goddaughter, Juliette Scott; one grandson, David Thomas; friends: Viola Cain, Brenda Mims Foster, the Boykins family, Sharon, the Howard family, the Barday family, Diane, Karen Winston and family, Colata McKenzie and family, and the Mitchell and Earle families.

HOOVER, EVELYN LOUISE, 57, was born on Dec. 5, 1959 in San Antonio, TX, died March 4, 2017 in Madison, TN, after a four-year battle with cancer. She was a member of the Madison Campus Church in Madison, TN.

Louise began her work with denominational service in secondary education at Jefferson Academy in Jefferson, TX. In 1989, she moved to Shenandoah Valley Academy and then Rio Lindo Academy serving as a dormitory dean. She served as the dean of students in the Montana Conference before returning to Madison to be close to her family.

Over the last 20 years, Louise has filled various positions at Madison Campus Elementary in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. She loved music and Pathfinders. She sang and played an instrument, conducted elementary choir and band, and served as treasurer and counselor in Pathfinders. Her passion was leading young people to a relationship with Christ.

Through the years, many people have grown to know and love Louise and her infectious smile and loving, caring spirit. She will be greatly missed by many.

She was preceded in death by her parents: William "Bill" and Evelyn Hoover. She is survived by one brother, William "Billy" (Angie) Hoover Jr.; one niece, Malorie Hoover; one nephew, William "Wil" Hoover III; one great-niece, Courtney Warden; one great-nephew, Christopher Warden; one step-niece, Abbey Muncy; family; and friends.



PARRISH, TRUMAN, 78, born March 4, 1938 in West Fork, AR, died Jan. 20, 2017 at The Bridge at Highland in Portland, TN. He was a member of the Highland, TN, Church.

He graduated from Highland Academy and Southern Adventist University, as well as earned a master's degree from the University of Arkansas and the University of Michigan.

He taught in the Adventist School System for 49 years. Schools he served were Forest Lake Academy, Maitland, FL; Tri-City Junior Academy, Greensboro, SC; Mount Pisgah Academy, Candler, NC; Ozark Academy Elementary School, Gentry, AR; Holly SDA Elementary School and Adelpian Academy in Holly, MI; Highland Academy, Portland, TN; and West Palm Beach Jr. Academy, West Palm Beach, FL. He ended his teaching career in the West Palm Beach Public School System. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Parrish of Portland, TN; one son, Clint (Gina) Parrish of Brentwood, TN; one daughter, Rosalie (Derek) McCracken of Pittsburg, PA; three stepchildren: Rick (Carmen) Rodgers of West Palm Beach, FL, Bob (Cindy) Rodgers of Orlando, FL, and Lisa (Bryan) Allen of Napa, CA; six grandchildren: Taylor Rodgers, Taylor (Parrish) Wright, Brandon McCracken, Kyle McCracken, Austin Rodgers, and Kelina Rodgers. Truman was preceded in death by his parents: Gilbert and Opal Parrish.

PIERSON, PAULINE WINNIFRED NOSWORTHY, 82, died Dec. 23, 2016 after a three-year battle with lung cancer. She was a loving, family lady. She is a published author, and served as president of the Southern Adventist University Symphony Guild for six years. She was an insurance agent and worked as administrative assistant in various Chattanooga, TN, offices and at Southern Adventist University. Her favorite pastimes included travel, writing and photography.

She is survived by her husband, Don R. Pierson; her son, Dennis Pierson and his wife, Gail; and her daughter, Robbi Pierson Anderson and her husband, Duane; four grandchildren: Ryan, Elizabeth, Nathan, and Matthew; four step-grandchildren: April, Jason, May, and June; and three step-great-grandchildren. The funeral service was held Jan. 8, 2017 at the Collegedale Church.





QUIGLEY, WILLIS B., 94, born Aug. 17, 1922, in Pottstown, PA, died Oct. 15, 2016 in Orlando, FL, as a result of viral pneumonia. He was a member of the Florida Living Church in Apopka, FL. After graduation from Washington Missionary College (now Washington Adventist University) in Takoma Park, MD, he pastored churches in Trenton, NJ, Battle Creek, MI, and Van Nuys, CA. He next served as president of the New Jersey Conference from 1967 to 1971, and Potomac Conference from 1971 to 1973. From 1973 to 1978, he was president of the Columbia Union Conference where he facilitated the first PREACH Program, which was a ministry for non-Adventist pastors. Ahead of his time, he co-versed with his predecessor Cree Sandefur over the first ordination of a woman as a local church elder. In 1978, he became a part of the General Conference Ministerial Department. He was the author and world coordinator for the “Thousand Days of Reaping” which ended in 1985 with 1,171,390 baptisms. He was also author of the “Harvest 90” program. In 1985, he retired to Florida, where he served as an interim pastor for several churches and built a number of houses.

Whether he was a husband, father, pastor, administrator, or builder, he served his Lord with integrity, passion, and vision, and he was respected and loved by many.

He is survived by his wife of 76 years, Ellinor Gainer Quigley; one son, Bob (Bonnie) Quigley of Maryland; two grandchildren: Rob (Heather) of Maryland, and Shelley; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted at the Markham Woods Church in Longwood, FL. “He was a great dad to me,” says his son. “Dad always said that the purpose of the Church is for winning souls for Christ. He fought a good fight and has finished his course, awaiting the return of our Lord.”

REED, PETER, 82, of Ooltewah, TN, born July 15, 1934 to the late Kate and Ernest Charles Read in Watford, England, died Nov. 30, 2016, at his residence.

Peter attended Newbold College graduating with his ministerial diploma in 1954, and later graduated with a B.A. in religion from Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University) in 1955. His pastoral duties began in Canada, and then to England and later to Dayton, OH, in 1968, and then Tennessee in 1981.

Peter loved the outdoors and was passionate about gardening. He was also an avid collector of model trains.

He is survived by his loving wife, Fay Hanna; three daughters: Kathy (Norman) Brooks of Ooltewah, TN, Cheryl (Tim) Eberhardt of Ukiah, CA, Magen (Soua) Vang of Florence, KY; two grandchildren: Chrissy (Josh) Parson, and Peter Eberhardt; one great-grandson, Azariah Joe; and numerous extended relatives in England and the US.

The funeral service was held Dec. 3, 2016 at Chattanooga, TN, First Church. Pastor Dale Tunnell officiated. The burial was held Dec. 4, at Collegedale Memorial Park.



RYALS, VIRGINIA W., 90, born Sept. 27, 1926 in Detroit, MI, died Feb. 14, 2017 in Ocala, FL. She was a member of the Dunnellon Company and a Seventh-day Adventist for 76 years. She was employed by the denomination for 14 years: Lookout Mountain, GA for four years; Greenville, TN for two years; and Miester Memorial, TN for nine years. She is survived by her husband, John Ryals; one son, John Ryals II of Golden Valley, AZ; three daughters, Linda Herbert of Fleming Isle, FL, Karen Rendos, St. David, AZ; and Connie Leggett of Joseph, OR; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor Monte Robinson and Pastor Swinyar.

ATKINS, BEVERLY JEAN, 88, of Ooltewah, TN, born on Sept. 9, 1928, died Dec. 8, 2016.

BAKSH, MARTHA, 84, born Sept. 20, 1932, died Nov. 22, 2016. She is survived by her three daughters: Marvinna Baksh, Maureen Baksh-Griffin, and Michelle Baksh; one daughter-in-law, Christina Baksh; one son-in-law, Jerry Griffin; five grandchildren: Cass Baksh-Hussain, Ava Baksh, James Baksh, Jeremy Baksh-Griffin, and Michael

Baksh-Griffin; one sister, Zanab Khushi Khan; one niece, Gloria Raizada; and two nephews: Wesley Khan and Philip Khan and their families. Martha's life can be summarized as a social activist nurse who has lived with a philosophy of giving until it hurts, and then giving more. She has often quoted Scripture saying, “Cast your bread upon the waters for you will find it after many days,” Ecclesiastes 11:1. As opposed to storing up funds for retirement and her funeral, she opted to give to whoever needed

support, helping others to establish their lives, and to advance their own stories. She looked forward to meeting her Savior, Jesus Christ, her husband, Morris, and her two sons, Marvin, whom she lost as a stillborn child, and Michael, who perished Sept. 11, 2001, at the World Trade Center in New York City. Martha has spent the last seven years in Chattanooga, TN, and has enjoyed God's green Earth here, but her final resting place is in Englewood, NJ, where her husband Morris is buried, in their shared burial

plot. A memorial service was held Dec. 3, 2016 at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Collegedale Church, Collegedale, TN.

BROOKS, WANDA LEE TOLL, 85, born Feb. 20, 1931, died July 1, 2016. She was a member of the Powderly, KY, Church.

BURDICK, BILLE K., 84, of Ooltewah, TN, born March 31, 1932 in Shelby, MI, the daughter of the late Richard and Ellen (Collins) Kelly, died Feb. 5, 2017 at Lakeland Medical Center in St. Joseph, MI. She earned her bachelor's degree and was a teacher for a time before devoting herself to being a homemaker and caring for her family. She is survived by two sons: Gary Burdick of Berrien Springs, MI, and Rich Burdick of Montrose, CO; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Burdick.

CAMPBELL, SHAUNA GLASS, 51, of Chattanooga, born in Lubbock, Texas on Aug. 8, 1964, died Nov. 18, 2015. She is survived by her two daughters: Caity Campbell and Kelsey Campbell; her parents: Dwain and Judy Glass; and one brother, Gregory Glass.

CHENCINSKI, ZOILA, 92, born Nov. 5, 1923 in Yurimaguas, Peru, died Sept. 18, 2016 in St. Petersburg, FL. She was a member of the Madison Church for 13 years. She is survived by one brother, Alejandro Estrada of St. Petersburg, and two sisters: Sofia Lee of St. Petersburg, and Judith Ede Panduro of Pucallpa, Peru.

CHENEY, RICHARD, 68, born May 13, 1948 in White Plains, NY, died Feb. 14, 2017 in New Port Richey, FL. He was a member of the New Port Richey Church for three years. He is survived by his wife, Beverly; one daughter, Sarah Cheney Schedler of New Port Richey; and two sisters: Bobbie Cheney Hickman of Port Charlotte, FL, and Jacquie Cheney Hawkins of Lake Wales, FL. A memorial service was conducted by Pastor Glenn Aguirre.

CINQUEMANI, VINCENT, 94, born Nov. 27, 1922 in Milwaukee, WI, died March 3, 2017 in Apopka, FL. He was a member of the Florida Living Church in Apopka for two years. He is survived by his wife, Alvina; one son, Jeff Cinquemani of Apopka; three daughters: Barbara Kurlinski of Bremerton, WA, Bonnie Schaller of Seattle, WA, and Theresa Clark of Apopka; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. The memorial service was conducted by Pastor James King at the Forest Lake Church in Apopka.

CROTZER, CAROLYN, 80, born June 27, 1936, died Jan. 16, 2017 in New Port Richey, FL. She was a

member of the New Port Richey Church for six years. She is survived by four sons; and two daughters.

EDWARDS, JANET CAROL DEVINE, 74, born Nov. 30, 1941, died Oct. 9, 2016. She was a member of the Powderly, KY, Church. She was a graduate of Highland Academy class of 1959. She is survived by her husband, Tommy Edwards; their three children; four grandchildren; and one sister, Martha Devine Heltsley.

FRENCH, SARAH LEE WHITT, 78, born Nov. 1, 1938 in Kernersville, NC, died Jan. 10, 2017 in her home in Portland, TN, after a long battle with cancer. She was a member of the Highland, TN, Church. She graduated from Southern Adventist University in 1962 and married Norman French in 1966. Sarah worked as a tax practitioner while Norman taught 29 years in the Adventist school system. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Norman of Portland, TN; one son, Steven French of Frankfurt, Germany; one sister, Margaret Wilburn of Kernersville, NC; one stepson, Raymond French of Portland, OR; three stepdaughters: Norma (Paul) Whitehead, Donna (Steven) Lennon of Portland, TN, and Wanda (Michael) Bonner of Highlands Ranch, CO; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

GRIFFIN, JEANICE BEEMAN, 96, born Dec. 17, 1920 in Dallas, TX, died Jan. 23, 2017 in Collegedale, TN. Herman and Jeanice served in the ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Houston, Albuquerque, Cleburne, TX, and Shreveport, LA. She is survived by her two sons: Charles J. Griffin of Ooltewah, TN, and Glynn E. Griffin of Richmond; seven grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Herman James Griffin. The memorial service was held on Jan. 28, 2017 in the Collegedale Church Chapel.

HAMMOCK, KENNETH LEE, 86, born June 19, 1929 in Scott County, TN, died July 31, 2015 at the Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge, TN. He was a member of the Stearns Church in Stearns, KY. Kenneth loved blue grass music and enjoyed his Thursday night Music Barn for more than 20 years. He was a skilled woodworker making many cherished items, especially grandfather clocks for his family and friends. He loved jokes and enjoyed telling them until the end. He loved his family, his church family, his music friends, and especially children. He is preceded in death by his parents: Maude Keeton Hammock and Virgil Hammock; one brother; one son, Dennis; and one grandson, Keith. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Florence Barrett Hammock; one daughter, Carol (Owen) Taylor; one daughter-in-law, Sharon Hammock; four grandchildren: Linda (Paul) Bowling,

Kenny Hammock, Michael (Tara) Taylor, and Lora Flinders; eight great-grandchildren: Kayla, Cole, Hunter, Maci, Hannah, Isaac, Addison, and Maggie; many other relatives; and friends.

HARPER, EDWARD DALE, 70, of Hixson, born March 7, 1946 in St. Louis, MO, died Dec. 19, 2016. Edward was a loving father and grandfather. He loved his grandchildren with all his heart. He was a hard worker who loved sailing and target shooting. He was a history buff who loved antiquing. He was a St. Louis Cardinals fan. He was a very friendly man, who never met a stranger. He was a member of the Collegedale, TN, Church. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Pat Harper; two sons: Steven (Denise) Harper and Mark (Carrie) Harper; two grandchildren: John and Lucy Harper; his mother, Lucille Harper; two sisters: Janet Straw and Shirley Benton. He was preceded in death by his father, Harry Harper.

HICKMAN, EARL DAVID, 66, born Sept. 19, 1949, died Jan. 10, 2016 at the Baptist Regional Hospital in Corbin, KY. He was a truck driver and last worked for Key Transport in Sidney, OH. He was an avid NASCAR fan. He was preceded in death by his parents: Earl and Delphia (Nevels) Hickman; four brothers: Harold, James, Donald, and Johnny; two sisters: Ilene Hickman and Emma Hickman Summers. He is survived by four sons: David Hickman of Louisiana, Harold Taylor of Louisiana, Kenny Hickman of Pine Knot, KY, and Brian Hickman of Helenwood, TN; three daughters: Anna Hickman and Melissa Hickman of Louisiana, and Ruth Hickman Bruce of Pine Knot, KY; four sisters: Charlene Burchett of Sidney, OH, Pauline Jones of Smithtown, KY, Violet Helman of Sidney, OH, and Janet Driskell of Sidney, OH; and 23 grandchildren.

HICKMAN, NINA KATHALEEN "KATIE", 92, born July 1, 1924 in Oneida, TN, died Sept. 24, 2016 at Signature Healthcare McCreary. Katie was a member of the Stearns, KY, Church for many years. She had a passion for nursing and caring for people. She continued to do so even after retiring. Katie also volunteered at the Christian Care Center. She enjoyed quilting, golfing, needle point, painting, playing the piano, and was an avid UK Wildcats basketball fan. Preceding her in death are her parents: Oscar C. and Loretta (Stephens) Litton; her husband, Jefferson Hickman Jr.; and one sister, Adrian Spencer. She is survived by two sons: Jefferson (Sharon) Hickman III of Burnside, KY, and Rick (Darlene) Hickman of Nicholasville, KY; four grandchildren: Rick, Jonathan, Jefferson, and Shannon; and four great-grandchildren.

HYATT, CHRISTINE SCISSELL, 84, born June 14, 1932, died Jan. 11, 2017. She was a member of the

Memphis-Raleigh Church in Memphis, TN, where she and her husband lived most of their 66 years of marriage. She was preceded in death by her parents, Florence and Wallace Fortner; and one brother, Wilburn Fortner. She is survived by her husband, Stanley Hyatt; two daughters: Lesa Rena (Bobby) Hilburn, and Beverly (Mark) Fletcher; one son, Allen (Sherri) Hyatt; three grandchildren: Heather Brook, Allison, and Drew; and one great-grandson, Landon Lawrence.

JOHNSON, HAROLD S., 88, born Feb. 11, 1928 in Newport, KY, died Aug. 15, 2016 in Avon Park, FL. He was a member of the Avon Park Church for 25 years. He was an educator and a pastor from 1953 to 2016. He is survived by one son, Stephen Johnson of Apison, TN; one daughter, Karen Burns of Batesville, AR; and three grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor Frank Gonzalez at Avon Park Church. Interment was at the Laurelbrook Cemetery in Dayton, TN.

JOHNSON, MARY B., 97, born Nov. 2, 1919 in Dallas, TX, died Jan. 17, 2017 in Apopka, FL. She was a member of the Forest Lake Church in Apopka for 12 years. She is survived by one son, Loyd Edwin (Stephanie) Johnson of Apopka; one daughter, Nancy (Larry) Skinner of Longwood, FL; one grandson, James Johnson of Zephyrhills, FL; two granddaughters: Shannon (Erin) Perkins of Erin, TX, and Tracey (Mark) Mastrapa of Apopka; and four great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband of 56 years, Loyd F. Johnson. A private family service was held, and the interment was in Dallas, TX.

LAMSON, DEFOREST WILLIAM, 91, born Dec. 2, 1925 in South Haven, MI, died March 7, 2017 in Huntsville, AL. He graduated from high school in Covert, MI. He was drafted into the United States Navy during WWII, later he graduated from Walla Walla College (now Walla Walla University) in Walla Walla, WA, in 1950 with a B.S. in physics. He was employed as an engineer by General Electric Corporation for 35 years, working on various projects integral to the space program while living in several locations around the United States. He retired from General Electric in 1991. He was a faithful and contributing member of Central Church in Huntsville, AL, from 1962 until his death. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen; his brother, Truman (Gwen); three daughters: Janet, Julie, and Karla; two sons: Michael and Paul; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; nieces; and nephews. He will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him.

LEE JR., ROLAND H., 91, born Dec. 2, 1925 in Miami, FL, died Dec. 12, 2016 in Sebring, FL. He was a member of the Avon Park, FL, Church. He

served in the Navy during WWII and the Korean War. For 39 years he was married to Letha Crosby, who preceded him in death. He then married Doris McClellan, and they retired in Avon Park where he was active in his church and the Historical Society of Avon Park. He is survived by his wife, Doris; one son, Roland Lee III; one daughter, Dixie (Oswald) Matics; two step-daughters: Judy (Loren) Ewing and Joy (Bruce) Bradley; two sisters: Eunice Milling and Rachel Demeree; six grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents: Roland Lee Sr., and Gilla (Williams) Lee; two brothers; and one sister. The celebration of life service was conducted at Avon Park Church.

MCLARTY, BARNEY ESTES, born May 24, 1918 in Oxford, MS, died Aug. 4, 2016 in Columbia, MD. He was a 1945 graduate of Loma Linda University School of Medicine and practiced in Memphis, TN, for four decades. He was an active member and leader of his local church, and an ardent supporter of Christian education. He co-founded the Adventist Amateur Radio Network, working it as W4STU. Barney was a member of the Memphis First Church for about 70 years, and then Calhoun Church for about 15 years, before moving to Maryland for the last five years of his life. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marcella Whitney, in 2009 after 65 years of marriage. He is survived by his six children: Marilynn Peeke, Arthur, John, Jean Cutrell, Gary, and Ruth; 13 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

MCKIBBIN, ROLLAND D., 83, died Dec. 31, 2016 at his residence. He was born in Los Angeles, CA, to the late John and Hazel McKibbin. Rolland enjoyed model trains and gardening. He is survived by his two daughters and sons-in-law: Cheryl (Yves) Monnier, and Brenda (Bryce) Ruth. He is also survived by four grandchildren: Daniel, Lauren, Jacklyn, and Christopher. He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Virginia McKibbin; parents (listed above); and four siblings.

MELITI, SALVATORE M., 89, born Sept. 6, 1927 in Little Ferry, NJ, died Jan. 30, 2017 in Vero Beach, FL. He was a member of the Avon Park, FL, Church. He served in the Navy on the USS North Carolina during World War II. At the age of 20, he married his bride, Elizabeth Catherine Piromalli on November 16, 1947 in the Lyndhurst Catholic Church in New Jersey. Through the influence of Sal's sister, Laura, and her husband, Pastor Sal LaRosa, they were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. After learning the masonry trade, Sal started his own masonry business, and later brought his brothers and eventually his sons into the business. As a member of the Hackensack Church in New Jersey, he took an

active part in ministry as a Sabbath School superintendent, teacher, and church elder. Sal and his brothers did the masonry work when three churches came together to build a school in Waldwick, NJ. The Meliti family moved to Waldwick to give their boys an Adventist Christian education. In 1969, they moved to the country and built a home in Tranquility, NJ, where their boys could attend Garden State Academy. Sal became chairman of the building and plans committee and helped build Tranquility Church. He was not only a builder of a school and church, but he was a builder of good Christian men as evidenced by his three sons. Sal dedicated himself to his family, friends, and his faith. He read God's Word daily, and this influence was felt by all who knew him. He lived every day of his life anticipating the soon return of the Lord, and he shared this knowledge with almost everyone. Every telephone conversation always ended with him saying, "Keep the faith." Toward the end of his life, he spent every day devoting himself to the care of his dear wife of 68 years. He is survived by his three sons: Glenn (Eva) Meliti of Stroudsburg, PA, Wayne (Gail) Meliti of Vero Beach, and Dennis (Debbie) of Sebring; one brother, Victor Meliti; three sisters: Mary D'Ambrosia, Ellen Realmonte, and Alice Vollender; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Elizabeth; his parents; two brothers: Frank Meliti and Paul Meliti; and one sister, Laura LaRosa. The memorial service was conducted by Pastor Frank Gonzalez at Avon Park Church.

MILLER, ALLAN W., 86 born Feb. 18, 1930 in Newport, VT, died Feb. 15, 2017 in Tavaris, FL. He was a charter member of the North Lake Church in Leesburg, FL, and a Seventh-day Adventist for 70 years. He built churches in Florida and in Latin American countries: Guatemala, Cuba, Dominican Republic, and Honduras. He is survived by his spouse of 64½ years, Lorraine Miller; three daughters: Jane (Randy) Allen, Judy (Milton) Closser, and Joanie (Elward) Leftin; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor Obed Graham at Highland Memorial Gardens in Apopka, FL.

MUNGALL, CYNTHIA M., 65, born July 8, 1951 in Opp, AL, died Aug. 20, 2016 in Tampa, FL. She was a church member for 47 years. She worked at Walker Memorial Hospital/Florida Hospital Sebring from 1983 to 2016. She is survived by her husband, Dennis Mungall; three sons: Todd (Lisa) Turner of Sebring, FL, Justin Turner of Avon Park, FL, and Destin Mungall of Austin, TX; one daughter, Deleyla (Drew) Glass of Austin, TX; three brothers: Mark Walden of Avon Park, Dale (Cynthia) Walden of Manassas, VA, and Kevin (Kris) Walden of Aztec, NM; and three grandchildren. The service was

conducted by Pastor Frank Derrick at the Avon Park Church. Interment was at the Lakeview Memorial Gardens.

NELSON, GLENN RAY, 76, born Oct. 3, 1940 in northern Minnesota, died Nov. 29, 2016, with his wife, Kay, and daughters, Glenda and Janean, by his bedside in Flat Rock, NC. He was a member of the Arden, NC, Church. He attended Thief River Falls Church School and Maplewood Academy. He was a truck driver, plumber, retirement home manager, and artist. He lived in Minnesota, Illinois, Idaho, Florida, Tennessee, Georgia, and finally retired in North Carolina. Glenn was a family man who loved to call family and friends on the phone to keep in touch. He enjoyed playing games, hiking the North Carolina parks and hills, playing practical jokes on his family, making brownies, and watching football. His gentle manners, hugs, and great sense of humor will be missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife, Kay; two daughters: Glenda and Janean; two sisters: Fern Nelson Hymer and Nadine Nelson; and three brothers: Ronald Dwayne Nelson, Arlee James Nelson, and Richard Dean Nelson. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Lydia (Blom) Nelson, and one brother, Floyd Allen Nelson.

NOVY, ALTA L., 76, born March 21, 1940 in Walla Walla, WA, died Jan. 27, 2017 in Sebring, FL. She was a member of the Avon Park, FL, Church for 15 years. She served part time in food service at Hayes Memorial Hospital in San Marcos, TX, for four years; Adelphian Academy in Holly, MI for two years; Sandia View Academy in Corrales, NM, for two years; La Sierra University in Riverside, CA, for seven months; and Nameless Valley Youth Ranch in Leander, TX, for one year. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Ralph Novy; three sons: Ronald M. Novy of Orlando, FL, Andrew L. Novy of Port Orchard, WA, and Mark A. Novy of West Carrolton, OH; one daughter, Teresa L. Blankenship of Miamisburg, OH; two brothers: Eugene Jacobus of Cornelius, OR, and LeRoy Jacobus of Spokane, WA; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. The service was conducted by Pastor Paul R. Boling at Avon Park Church.

NUTT, WILLIAM PAYSON, 91, of Ooltewah, TN, died Jan. 2, 2016. He was a member of the Collegedale, TN, Church where he served as a deacon for many years, a retired supervisor from McKee Foods after 40 years, a member of the VFW Collegedale Chapter, and a Navy Veteran of WWII. He is survived by his four children: William Nutt of Orlando, FL, Bruce Nutt of Loma Linda, CA, Gary Nutt of Collegedale, TN, and Deborah Browne of Orlando, FL; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; several nieces; and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Valerie Nutt; his parents:

Payson and Mable Nutt; and four sisters: Irene, Janette, Muriel, and Shirley all of Maine.

OWENS, SARAH SUE VEAZEY, 79, of Ooltewah, TN, born March 14, 1936 in Birmingham, AL, where she lived until 1971, died Nov. 21, 2015. She was a member of the Collegedale, TN, Church. She was always self-employed as a beautician, remodeler, artist, decorator, builder, and worked with an architectural committee for the last several years. She led a very full, talented, and varied life. Being a unique person, she always looked for beauty in her own life or helping others to find it in their homes and lives. Sue had a wonderful sense of humor, and encouraged many to a brighter outlook for their day. Her faith assured her of a loving God who sees us through all joys and trials. She is survived by two children: Bobbie Sue Owens (Chris) Farrow, Randy Martin (Sue) Owens; two grandchildren: Brandon L. (Catherine) Farrow, and R. Cole Owens; and two great-grandchildren: Caden Farrow and Allison Farrow. She is also survived by a very special brother, Gene (Phyllis) Veazey. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 60 years, Bobby Gene Owens; and granddaughter, Christina Brooke Farrow Stone.

The funeral service was held Nov. 23, 2016 in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Mike Pettengill officiating. A sunset burial will be held at Collegedale Memorial Park Cemetery.

PETTIT, CHARLES L., 87, born March 13, 1929 in Bath County, KY, died Dec. 7, 2016. He was a member of the Louisville First Church, Louisville, KY. He retired from General Electric. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harlan William Pettit and Ollie Vanlandingham Pettit Parker; one sister, Mary Katherine Pettit Jones; three brothers: Archie Wendell Pettit, William "Billy" Harlan Pettit, and William Cleff "WC" Parker. He is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Shirley Pettit; nieces and nephews: Debi (Bobby) Trent and their daughter Kelli Trent, Wendell (Freda) Jones and their son Jason (Cassie) Jones, Tom (Rick) Jones, Donald (Melody) Dixon, Cathy (Victor) Whalen, and John (Janice) Dixon.

PITT JR., WILLIAM "BILL" CLYDE, 87, born Feb. 15, 1929 in Greenbrier, TN, died Dec. 3, 2016 at his residence in Springfield, TN. He was a member of the Cross Plains, TN, Church. He was an accountant at Madison Hospital and retired from the US Army and TN Army National Guard. He was preceded in death by his parents, William Clyde Pitt Sr. and Nellie Mae Murphy Pitt; and sister, Eva Jane Traina. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Thelma Wetmore Pitt; one son, William (Jennie) Pitt; two daughters: Barbara Jane Pitt and Penny (Greg) Simpson; one brother, Ronald E. Pitt; 10 grand-

children, Benjamin (Hope) Pitt, Dwayne Thaxton, Philip (Kelly) Alred, Kyle Knapp, Olivia Reynolds, Lekisha Petway, Tomeka Davis, Kerrie, Andrew, and Patrick Simpson; and 12 great-grandchildren.

POST, LLOYD, 84, a resident of Ooltewah, TN, died Feb. 15, 2017 at his home.

SARDAR, MARIAH, daughter of Chuck and Maggie Dean; and sister of Jeffree and Joshua, died Dec. 8, 2016.

SCHRYER, CAROLINE M., 81, born Dec. 8, 1935 in Houston, TX, died Feb. 1, 2017 in New Port Richey, FL. She was a member of the New Port Richey Church for 37 years. She is survived by her husband, James Schryer; two sons: Randy Schryer of Holiday, FL, and Tony Schryer of New Port Richey; two daughters: Lisa (Royce) Shiveley of Fayetteville, OH, and Cindy Schryer of Holiday; four sisters: Eva Powell of New Port Richey, Carmen Kuhn of Tiffin, OH, Ruth Lozano of Houston, TX, and Josie Valdez of Harlingen, TX; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. The memorial service was conducted by Pastor Glenn Aguirre at New Port Richey Church. Interment was in Bushnell, FL.

SHERMAN, CAROL M. COSTERISAN, 77, born Sept. 16, 1938 to the late Fred and Jessie (Hunt) Costerisan, died Aug. 10, 2016 at St. Clare Meadows Care Center in Baraboo, WI. She graduated from Wisconsin Academy in Columbus, WI, in 1956. She went to Emanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University) in Berrien Springs, MI, where she met and married Edwin Sherman on July 20, 1958. She had two sons, Jerry and Bradley. From EMC, Carol moved briefly to Florida and from there to Collegedale, TN. While there, she received her cosmetology degree and worked in the beauty shop next to the Village Market for several years. In the 1970s, she moved to Ukiah, CA, where she became a CNA. In 1994, she moved back to Reedsburg, WI, and worked in various nursing homes until her retirement. She is survived by her sister, Jessie Schroeder of North Carolina, and one brother, Francis Costerisan of North Carolina; nieces, nephews, and other relatives. She remained a faith Seventh-day Adventist all her life. She was preceded in death by her two sons, Jerry and Bradley; brothers: Freddie, Floyd, and Richard; sisters: Alma and Alfreda.

SHIPP, KAREN D., 47, born Dec. 3, 1969 in St. Augustine, FL, died March 15, 2017 in St. Augustine. She was a member of the St. Augustine Church for 28 years. She is survived by her mother, Grace (Donald) Yost; father, Roy Eugene (Iris) Ash; three daughters: Jennifer Ridenour of St. Augustine, Natalie Ridenour of St. Augustine, and Elizabeth

Shipp of St. Augustine; and five grandchildren. The memorial service was conducted by Pastor Jonathan Pawson and Barry Seals at the St. Augustine Church.

SILAS, REGINALD RENE', 54, born Sept. 2, 1962 to Dr. Samuel L. Silas Sr. and Mary B. Silas in Carbondale, IL, died Jan. 18, 2017. He received his formative education in the Southern Illinois School System, and graduated from Carbondale Community High School. He went on to pursue his academic career at Western Illinois University in Macomb, IL, where he earned a degree in Broadcasting Communications. Reginald was a natural leader, and his passion to positively impact others was evident throughout his professional career. He served as technical director with CNN, master control technician with WAGA Fox 5 and WATC Channel 57. He also had great pride in the formulation of his company Silas Video. He was joined in marriage with the love of his life, Sandra M. Benson, on May 30, 1993, in Madison, TN. They were blessed with a daughter, Lacy Moselle Silas (20), a son, Austin Lloyd Silas (18), born on Reginald's birthday. Reginald was very active in his church as elder, deacon, IT, security, building committee, prison ministries, nursing home ministries, radio ministries, and in whatever capacity he was needed. He was ordained as an elder at Mountainside Church in Decatur, GA, on Sabbath, January 14, 2017. He is survived by his wife, Sandra M. Silas; one daughter, Lacy M. Silas; one son, Austin L. Silas; his father, Dr. Samuel L. Silas Sr.; his mother, Mary B. Silas; two sisters: April Y. Silas and Kimberly M. Silas; two brothers: Terrance P. Silas and Rickie (Claire) Benson; and a host of aunts; uncles; cousins; nieces; nephews; extended family; and friends. His brother, Samuel L. Silas Jr.; fraternal and maternal grandparents: Pete Jenkins and Sallie B. Griffin; his father-in-law, Lowell Benson and mother-in-law, Bernice Benson, all preceded him in death.

SONNENBERG, JEAN H., 88, born April 24, 1928 in Stearns, KY, died Dec. 29, 2016. She was a member of the Louisville, KY, First Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, David and Virginia Ray. She is survived by her daughters; grandchildren; many more family members; and friends.

STEVENS, DR. DAVID J., 89, a resident of Collegedale, TN, since 1948, born in Omaha, NB, died Feb. 28, 2017. He spent his childhood years in Illinois, and as a teenager served and survived the Allied World War II effort as a Merchant Marine on the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. He relieved pain as a Doctor of Chiropractic in Rossville, GA, from the 1960s through 1997. He served the Ooltewah, TN, Church as head elder for many years, and the Samaritan Center in Ooltewah as a long-term board

member. He was also a painter, author, pilot, traveler, gardener, jokester, and a generous giver to those in need. He is survived by his beloved wife of 66 years, Shirley Marie Stevens; three children: Jeff Stevens, Sharon (David) Hopper, and Susan Myers; four grandchildren: Jaime Myers (Sam Lachance), Jackie (Eric) Bates, Kelsey (Weston) Porter, and Kayla Hopper (Travis Bibb); five great-grandchildren: Blake Porter, Cade Porter, Katie Porter, Macie Bates, and Riley Bates. His entire family lives in the Chattanooga area, along with many cousins.

THIEDE, CORNELIA THOMAS ZANES, 97, born Aug. 29, 1918 in Hudson County New Jersey, died July 15, 2016 at the Laurels Skilled Nursing Facility in Hendersonville, NC. She was a long-term member of the Arden, NC, Church. She had also lived many years in East New Jersey and Zephyrhills, FL. She is survived by her two children: Connie Zanes (Gerald) Hayward of Hendersonville, and John (Shirley) Zanes of McDonald, TN; four grandchildren: Vilkki Hayward Thompson, Julie Hayward Jones, Paul Zanes, and Mark Zanes; one great-grandson, Christopher Lindsay; and one great-great-granddaughter, Sadie Ann Lindsay. She died looking forward to the coming of Jesus.

WANG, ANNA H., 105, born Nov. 24, 1911 in China, peacefully passed to her rest in Ooltewah, TN, on Nov. 25, 2016. She led a remarkable life of service in nursing and health care administration, in both China and the United States. She was placed in a Lutheran orphanage at age five. Later in nursing school, she was awarded a scholarship to study medicine in London, England, but she chose to stay and marry a man, James D. Wang, with whom she would share her life with for the next 65 years. While he was in the U.S. for advanced studies, the Sino-Japanese War broke out, and she with an infant and toddler, had to flee for their lives — plagued by starvation, illness, and privation. But it was during this time, amidst the unbelievable carnage of war, that she made a major contribution to humanity. Against all odds and risking her own life, she, in her mid-20s, solicited funds to build a bomb shelter and single-handedly proceeded to establish an urgent care center and the first women's hospital in the area. Here she delivered and cared for hundreds of babies and their mothers. Upon returning to China, her husband established the China Training Institute, an SDA junior college. He later served in the China Division as head of the Education Department, Young People's Department, and Religious Liberty Department. In 1948, they immigrated to the U.S. when he was invited by Emanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University) to join its faculty. In 1952, the family settled in Knoxville, IL, where they established The Good Samaritan Nursing Home and Retreat Center. She served as owner-administrator

for the next 46 years until retirement. Leaving to cherish her legacy of faith are three daughters and their husbands: Esther and Dr. Ben Lau, Drs. Ruth and C.Y. Liu, Drs. Rebekah and Chuck Scriven; one daughter-in-law: Betty Wang; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Dr. James D. Wang; one son, Dr. John S. Wang; and one great-granddaughter, Whitney Watson. A memorial service was held at the Collegedale Community Church with Dr. Chuck Scriven officiating.

WILLIAMS, JAMES EDWARD, 69, born Jan. 5, 1948 in Leflore County, Greenwood, MS, to the late Eddie B. Williams and Johnnie Mae Anderson, died Jan. 20, 2017. He graduated from Threadgill High School, class of 1967, and Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena, MS, with a bachelor degree in criminal justice. He went on to serve his community as a police officer in the areas of the Mississippi Delta: Greenwood, Greenville, Indianola, Itta Bena, Morehead, Ruleville, Winona, and his alma mater MVSU. He also had the skill of a carpenter, and was known for building many contraptions. He was an active member of the Shiloh Church in Greenwood, MS, where he served as elder and deacon for many years. He was very active with the youth, the choir, prison ministries, nursing home ministries, and many other ministries. He then transitioned to the Gulf States Conference Greenwood, MS, Church where he also served as an elder and personal ministries director, and assisted with the Community Services Department. In his free time, he enjoyed drawing, fishing, reading, or working on a car, but his favorite past time was talking and eating. He was an avid singer, and enjoyed writing his own lyrics to many popular hymns. He enjoyed the company of his family and friends, and fellowshiping with church members. He was always ready and willing to lend a hand to a family member, friend, or stranger in need. He is survived by his wife, Addie Williams; eight children: Linda Williams and Christine Self of Indianapolis, IN, Aries Wilson of Greenwood, Merkita (David) Mosley of Conyers, GA, Tomika Edwards of Huntsville, AL, Jamal (Misty) Williams of Princeton, TX, MeJias Williams of Midland, TX, and Okemas (Amanda) Williams of Staunton, VA; three brothers: Eddie T. (Mary) Williams of Cleveland, MS, and Bernard Williams and Keith Williams of St. Louis, MO; and four sisters: Mary (Houston) Martin of Greenwood, Bonita Anderson and Cynthia Anderson of St. Louis, and Marilyn (Frank) Moore of Greenwood; 14 grandchildren: James Jackson, DeRon Robinson, Gajuan Wilson, Dayjounque Wilson, Jamia Williams, Emaje' Williams, Davia Mosley, Alexis Edwards, Jahais Williams, Shanece' Williams, Nakoyah Edwards, Jayden Williams, and Okelani Williams; eight great-grandchildren; cousins; nieces; nephews; friends; and loved ones. He was preceded in death by his brother, Woodrow Williams.

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HISPANIC CAMP MEETING - May 5-7. NPR.

SAU GRADUATION WEEKEND - May 5-7. Southern Adventist University Campus.

LAY-LEADER & FAMILY RETREAT - May 10-21. NPR.

MPA GRADUATION - May 21. MPA.

LAKE JUNALUSKA CAMP MEETING - May 28-June 3. Lake Junaluska, NC.

ADVENTURE CAMP - June 18-25. NPR.

JUNIOR CAMP - June 25-July 2. NPR.

SHAREHIM BOOT CAMP TRAINING - June 25. Carolina Conference Office.

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May 21. Daytona Beach, New Smyrna Beach, Titusville, Cocoa, Fort Pierce. (Southeastern Conference: Palm Bay.)

June 4. East Pasco in Zephyrhills, Brooksville, Homosassa, Spring Hill, New Port Richey, Clearwater, St. Petersburg.

June 11. Lady Lake, North Lake, Ocala, Cross City, Perry, Tallahassee.

June 25. Palm Coast, Palatka, St. Augustine, Orange Cove, Jacksonville First, Jacksonville Southpoint. (Southeastern Conference: Jacksonville Ephesus.)

July 9. Winter Haven, Avon Park, Arcadia, Cape Coral, Ft. Myers, Lehigh Acres, Naples.

July 16. Midport, West Palm Beach First, Boynton Beach, Margate. (Southeastern Conference: Port St. Lucie, West Palm Beach Ephesus.)

July 23. Tampa First, Brandon, West Coast Christian Academy in Bradenton, Sarasota, North Port, Port Charlotte.

July 30. Pompano Beach, Ambassador

in Lauderdale Lakes, Sunrise, Plantation. (Southeastern Conference: Mt. Olivet.)

RED ZONE - May 26-28. Camp Kulaqua, 23400 NW 212 Ave., High Springs. End-of-year celebration for Pathfinder & Adventurer Ministries. Registration: \$7 per person or \$9 after May 16. Details: floridaconference.com/events/red-zone-2017

SUMMER CAMP/FAMILY CAMP 2017 - Camp Kulaqua, 23400 NW 212 Ave., High Springs. Cub Camp (ages 7-9), Junior Camp (ages 10-12), Teen Camp (ages 13-17) and Horsemanship Specialty Camp (cowgirls ages 11-16). Details and registration: campkulaqua.com/kulaqua-s-summer-camp

June 4-11. Week 1. Summer Camp: \$496. Horsemanship Specialty Camp: \$626.

June 11-18. Week 2. Summer Camp: \$546. Horsemanship Specialty Camp: \$626.

June 18-25. Week 3. Summer Camp: \$546. Horsemanship Specialty Camp: \$626.

Sept. 1-4. Family Camp. Rates vary based on accommodation choice. campkulaqua.com/kulaqua-s-summer-camp/year-round-programs/family-camp

SINGLE PARENT RETREAT - Aug. 4-6. Camp Kulaqua, 23400 NW 212 Ave., High Springs. Programming for parents and children. Details: floridaconference.com/events/single-parent-retreat-0

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER - May 4.

ADVENTURER FAMILY FUN DAY - May 7. Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Crandall, GA.

WILL CLINICS WITH LES SPEER - May 7, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Marietta Church, GA and 3-5 p.m. at Lakeview Church, GA.

HEALTH RALLY - May 13, 2-5 p.m. Chatsworth Church, GA.

WILL CLINICS WITH LES SPEER - May 14. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Atlanta North Church, GA and 3-5 p.m. at Austell Grandview Church, GA.

KOREAN CAMP MEETING - May 19-21. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.

COLLEGEDALE CAMP MEETING - May 31-June 3. Speaker: Randy Roberts, senior pastor for the Loma Linda University Church. On Sabbath, June 3, 2:30 p.m., the men are invited to the Men's Leadership Summit: Deep Mountain. There is a "God in Shoes" project, June 1, 2. Also included are seminars on Bible Study,

Disabilities, Gardening, Health, Prayer, Trust Services, and Women's Ministries. Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, TN.

COHUTTA SPRINGS YOUTH CAMP TRAINING - June 1-10. Crandall, GA.

OLDE TIME CAMP MEETING - June 8-10. Speaker: Doug Jacobs, professor of ministry and homiletics at Southern Adventist University. Meister Memorial Church, Deer Lodge, TN.

COHUTTA SPRINGS YOUTH CAMP - June 11-18. Junior Camp I (ages 10-12), Paintball Camp I (ages 13-17), and Fit for Life I (ages 10-13). Register online at www.cs-yc.com. Crandall, GA.

COHUTTA SPRINGS YOUTH CAMP - June 18-25. Junior Camp II (ages 10-12), Paintball Camp II (ages 13-17), and SIT Camp (ages 15+). Register online at www.cs-yc.com. Crandall, GA.

Some events require pre-registration; details at registration.gccsda.com.

GULF STATES

ELDERS' CERTIFICATION - May 5-7.

LOGOS TRAINING - May 8-9.

BASS MEMORIAL ACADEMY GRADUATION - May 19-20.

HOOVER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL GRADUATION - May 20.

CAMP MEETING - May 24-27. Bass Memorial Academy.

REFORMATION TOUR - June 6-18.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP - July 15-30.

TREASURERS' TRAINING - July 23.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

HIGHLAND ACADEMY BOARD - May 11. Highland Academy.

CAMP MEETING - May 26-June 3. Highland Academy Campus.

HISPANIC CAMP MEETING - June 9, 10. Highland Academy.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - June 20. Conference Office

CONSTITUENCY ORGANIZING COMMITTEE - June 25. TBA.

PASTORS' RETREAT - July 30-Aug. 2. Indian Creek Camp.

50+ CAMP - Aug. 8-Aug. 13. Indian Creek Camp.

PATHFINDER/ADVENTURER LEADERSHIP WEEKEND - Aug. 25-27. Indian Creek Camp.

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	MAY 5	MAY 12	MAY 19	MAY 26	JUN. 2	JUN. 9
ATLANTA, GA	8:24	8:30	8:35	8:40	8:44	8:47
CHARLESTON, SC	8:05	8:10	8:15	8:19	8:24	8:27
CHARLOTTE, NC	8:05	8:18	8:24	8:29	8:33	8:37
COLLEGEDALE, TN	8:30	8:36	8:41	8:46	8:51	8:55
HUNTSVILLE, AL	7:35	7:40	7:46	7:51	7:55	7:59
JACKSON, MS	7:45	7:50	7:55	7:59	8:03	8:07
LOUISVILLE, KY	8:38	8:45	8:51	8:57	9:02	9:06
MEMPHIS, TN	7:49	7:55	8:01	8:06	8:10	8:14
MIAMI, FL	7:54	7:58	8:02	8:05	8:09	8:12
MONTGOMERY, AL	7:29	7:34	7:39	7:44	7:48	7:51
NASHVILLE, TN	7:38	7:44	7:50	7:55	8:00	8:04
ORLANDO, FL	8:03	8:08	8:12	8:16	8:19	8:23
TAMPA, FL	8:06	8:10	8:14	8:18	8:22	8:25
WILMINGTON, NC	7:59	8:05	8:10	8:15	8:19	8:23

SOUTHERN UNION CAMP MEETING 2017 SCHEDULE

CAROLINA

Portions of Camp Meeting will be viewable at www.carolinasda.org/camp-meeting
 English.....May 28-June 3.....Theme: *Sharing Him*Lake Junaluska, NC
 Sunday-Wednesday Speaker: Don Livesay
 Thursday-Sabbath Speaker: Mike Tucker
 Hispanic.....September 8, 9.....Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, SC
 Low Country.....October 28.....Summerville Community Church, Summerville, SC
 Speaker: Jonathan Paulien

FLORIDA

Please note: Florida Camp Meeting is held in the spring.
 English.....April 20-23.....Theme: *Filled with His Spirit*
 Speaker: Dan Jackson.....Camp Kulaqua, FL
 Accommodation/Meal Registration and archived sermon video: floridaconference.com/campmeeting
 Spanish.....April 28-30.....Theme: *Llenos de Su Espiritu*
 Speaker: Frank Gonzalez.....Camp Kulaqua, FL
 Accommodation/Meal Registration: floridaconference.com/campestre

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Details: www.gccsda.com
 Korean.....May 19-21.....Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA
 English.....May 31-June 3.....May 31-June 3
 Theme: *More Like Him*.....Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, TN
 Speaker: Randy Roberts
 Olde Time.....June 8-10
 Theme: *More Like Him*.....Meister Memorial Church, Deer Lodge, TN
 Southern Deaf.....August 9-13.....Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA
 Speaker: Douglas Silva
 Northeast Tennessee.....September 22, 23
 Theme: *More Like Him*.....The Oaks, Greeneville, TN
 Sabbath in the Smokies.....September 29, 30
 Cades Cove (Great Smoky.....Mountains National Park), TN
 Hispanic.....October 27-29.....Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA
 South Georgia Blitz.....November 11
 Theme: *More Like Him*
 Speakers: Various Conference directors at churches throughout South Georgia.

GULF STATES

Theme: *Will Your Anchor Hold?*
 Speaker: Mike Tucker.....April 7, 8.....Camp Alamisco
 May 24-27.....Bass Memorial Academy
 Wednesday and Thursday Speaker: Elder Jim Gilley
 Friday and Sabbath Speaker: Dr. Joe Kidder

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

English.....May 26-June 3
 Theme: *Hidden in Christ*.....Highland Academy, Portland, TN
 Speakers: Dan Jackson, Clifford Goldstein, Richie Halversen, Philip Samaan, and Ken Wetmore
 Hispanic.....June 9, 10.....Highland Academy, Portland, TN

SOUTH ATLANTIC

June 8-17.....River Oaks Campground, Orangeburg, SC

SOUTH CENTRAL

Theme: *We Would See Jesus*
 Latino.....May 25-28.....Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL
 English.....June 2-10.....Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL
 Korean & Haitian.....June 2-10.....Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL
 Friday Keynote Speaker: Dr. Rupert Bushner Jr.
 Speaker 1st Sabbath: Benjamin Jones Jr.
 Speaker 2nd Sabbath: Dr. Wesley Knight

SOUTHEASTERN

English-Adult/Main Pavilion.....June 15-24
 Theme: *Sharing Hope, Restoring Wholeness*.....Hawthorne, FL
 Speaker 1st Sabbath: Pastor Gene Donaldson
 Speaker 2nd Sabbath: Pastor Paula Olivier
 Youth Pavilion.....June 15-24.....Hawthorne, FL
 Haitian-Adult/Main Pavilion.....June 28-July 1.....Hawthorne, FL

SUMMER CAMP 2017 SCHEDULE

CAROLINA

Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, SC
 [Register online at www.nosoca.org]

Traditional Camps

Adventure (ages 7-11).....June 18-25
 Junior Camp (ages 10-13).....June 25-July 2
 Teen (ages 13-16).....July 2-9

Specialty Camps

Horse Camp Trip to Virginia (ages 14-17).....May 28-June 2
 Lifeguard Camp.....June 4-June 9
 SIT Camp (ages 16-17).....June 11-23
 Water Sports Camp (ages 13-16).....June 18-25
 Horsemanship I Camp (ages 12-16).....June 18-25
 Horsemanship II Camp (ages 13-16).....June 25-July 2
 Basketball Camp.....June 25 - July 2
 Horsemanship Camp III.....July 3 - July 9
 Family Camp (all ages).....July 10-14

FLORIDA

Camp Kulaqua, High Springs, FL
 [Details: www.campkulaqua.com]

Cub Camp (ages 7-9).....June 4-11
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12).....June 4-11
 Teen Camp (ages 13-17).....June 4-11

Horsemanship Specialty Camp

(Cowgirls ages 11-16).....June 4-11
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9).....June 11-18
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12).....June 11-18
 Teen Camp (ages 13-17).....June 11-18

Horsemanship Specialty Camp

(Cowgirls ages 11-16).....June 11-18
 Cub Camp (ages 7-9).....June 18-25
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12).....June 18-25
 Teen Camp (ages 13-17).....June 18-25
 Horsemanship Specialty Camp
 (Cowgirls ages 11-16).....June 18-25
 Family Camp.....September 1-4

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Cohutta Springs Youth Camps - Online registration
 and details at www.cs-yc.com

Camp Staff Training.....June 1-June 10

Regular Camps

Junior I.....June 11-18
 Junior II.....June 18-25
 Adventure.....June 25-30
 Teen I.....July 2-9
 Rock Solid Teen I.....July 2-9
 Teen II.....July 9-16
 Rock Solid Teen II.....July 9-16
 Family Camp.....July 18-23

Rad Camps

Paintball Camp I.....June 11-18
 Fit for Life I.....June 11-25
 Ultimate RAD Camp/Paintball Camp II.....June 18-25
 SIT Camp.....June 18-25
 RAD Horse Trip/Wakeboard Camp I/
 Paintball Camp III.....June 25-July 2
 CIT Camp.....June 25-July 2
 Fit for Life II.....June 25-July 16
 Basketball Camp/Whitewater & Kayak Camp/
 Gym-Masters Camp.....July 2-9
 Gym-Masters DAY Camp.....July 3-7
 Golf Camp/Wakeboard Camp II.....July 9-16
 Surf Camp.....July 16-23
 WIT Camp
 (every week except June 25-July 2).....June 11-July 16

GULF STATES

Camp Alamisco, Dadeville, AL
 Details: www.Alamisco.org
 Adventure Camp (ages 7-10).....June 4-11
 Junior Camp (ages 10-12).....June 11-18
 Teen Camp (ages 13-16).....June 18-25
 Family Camp 1 (all ages).....July 3-9
 Family Camp 2 (all ages).....July 6-9

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Indian Creek Camp, Liberty, TN
 Staff-in-Training (ages 15½, 17).....June 4-9
 Junior Camp I (ages 8-12).....June 11-18
 Junior Camp II (8-12).....June 18-25
 Teen Camp (ages 13-17).....June 25-July 2
 Family Camp I (all ages).....July 4-9
 Middle Family Camp (all ages).....July 9-16
 Family Camp II (all ages).....July 16-23
 Teen Adventure Camp (ages 13-17).....July 23-28
 Basketball Camp (ages 13-17).....July 23-28
 Gymnastics Camp (ages 13-17).....July 23-28
 Lifeguarding Camp (ages 15-17).....July 23-28

SOUTH ATLANTIC

River Oaks Campground, Orangeburg, SC
 Junior Bible/Summer Camp (ages 8-17).....June 25-July 2

SOUTH CENTRAL

Camp Thunderbird, Chattanooga, TN
 Staff Orientation.....June 11-17
 Cub/Friendship Camp (ages 6-14).....June 18-25

Sports Camp I (ages 7-17).....June 26-July 1
 Sports Camp II (ages 7-17).....July 2-8

SOUTHEASTERN

Southeastern Conference Campground, Hawthorne, FL
 Youth Summer Camp.....July 9-23

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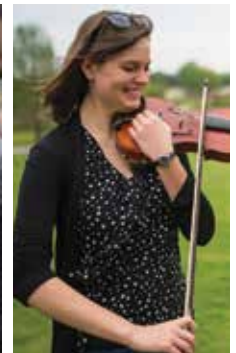
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