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Do “Fire-Escape” Prayers Affect God?



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From the Bible’s perspective of history, I see a picture of God as a personal Being Who alertly listens to prayers and then responds. Jesus filled in that portrait, and the disciples took up praying right where Jesus left off, making specific and personal requests for God to act.

The most famous prayer, the Lord’s Prayer, Jesus gave spontaneously in answer to his disciples’ request for help. Introducing this model prayer, Jesus acknowledged that God already knows our needs in advance: “But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before you ask Him. After this manner therefore pray ye...,” Matthew 6: 7-9.

Some see God’s omniscience as a disincentive to prayer: Why pray if God already knows? In contrast, Jesus treated God’s knowledge not as a deterrent, but as a positive motivation to pray. We do not have to work to gain God’s attention through long words and ostentatious displays. We don’t have to convince God of our sincerity or our needs. We already have the Father’s ear, as it were. God knows everything about us and still listens. We can get right to the point.

Prayer holds together the shattered fragments of the Creation. It makes history possible. Indeed, the great events of the Old Testament — Abraham’s family, Joseph’s rebound in Egypt, the exodus, the wilderness wanderings, the victories of Joshua and King David, deliverance from Assyria and Babylon, the rebuilding of the temple, the coming of Messiah — took place only after God’s people had cried out in prayer.

Throughout, the Bible depicts God as being deeply affected by people, both positively and negatively. God “delights in those who fear Him and who put their hope in His unfailing love.” Yet, as the prophets tell, at times God also feels wearied by disobedience, and eventually God’s patience reaches an end point: “I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself: now will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once,” Isaiah 42:14, KJV.

The New Testament presses home that our prayers make a difference to God and to the world:

- Ask and it will be given to you.

- And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well...The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

- The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are attentive to their prayer.

- You do not have because you do not ask God.

Underscoring these lavish promises, the Bible tells of prophets and apostles praying for physical healings, and even the resuscitation of dead bodies; Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, Hannah, and Elizabeth praying against their infertility; Daniel praying in a den of lions even as his three friends had prayed in the midst of fire. When God sent the prophet Isaiah, the most God-connected person of his day, to inform King Hezekiah of his imminent death, Hezekiah prayed for more time. Before Isaiah had left the palace grounds, God changed His mind, granting Hezekiah 15 more years of life.

In a sort of negative proof of the power of prayer, three times God commanded Jeremiah to stop praying; God wanted no alteration in His plans to punish a rebellious nation. Prayer had, after all, softened God’s resolve before.

“Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned,” the prophet Jonah proclaimed to a heathen city. But, when God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, He had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction He had threatened. Four times the Old Testament reports that God “relented” or “changed His mind” in response to a request, and each shift forestalled a promised punishment.

Finally, I pose the question: Does praying “fire-escape” prayers affect God? Does prayer in our crises matter? The answer is yes. By using prayer rather than other, more direct means, God chooses the most freedom-enhancing style of acting in the world. God waits to be asked. Does God’s will advance more slowly because of that choice? Yes, it does in the same way parents slow their pace when the baby is learning to walk. Their goal is to equip someone else, not themselves. (*Adapted from Philip Yancey in his book on prayer.*)

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AN ECLIPSE TO REMEMBER

Through a rare natural phenomenon, Southern Adventist University is bringing together Seventh-day Adventist schools across the country.

BY ANGELA BAERG

A rare natural phenomenon will occur on August 21, 2017 — a magnificent total solar eclipse. Although eclipses of various magnitudes occur frequently, the last time an eclipse this spectacular took place in North America was in 1918. Some people travel the world in search of extraordinary eclipses, but during this event many United States residents will be able to view one from their own front doors.

The eclipse will first be visible in Oregon and pass through the Midwest before arriving in the Collegedale, Tennessee, area around 2:30 p.m. Those located in the center of its path — also called the “center of totality” — will witness an eclipse that lasts about two and a half minutes.

Since Southern Adventist University is located only 40 minutes away from where the center of the eclipse will pass, the Physics and Engineering Department faculty plan to capitalize on this unique opportunity for hands-on scien-

tific study. They will host a field trip for physics students, an on-campus viewing party for all majors, and a virtual viewing party that is open to all North American Division (NAD) Seventh-day Adventist schools.

A Rare Opportunity

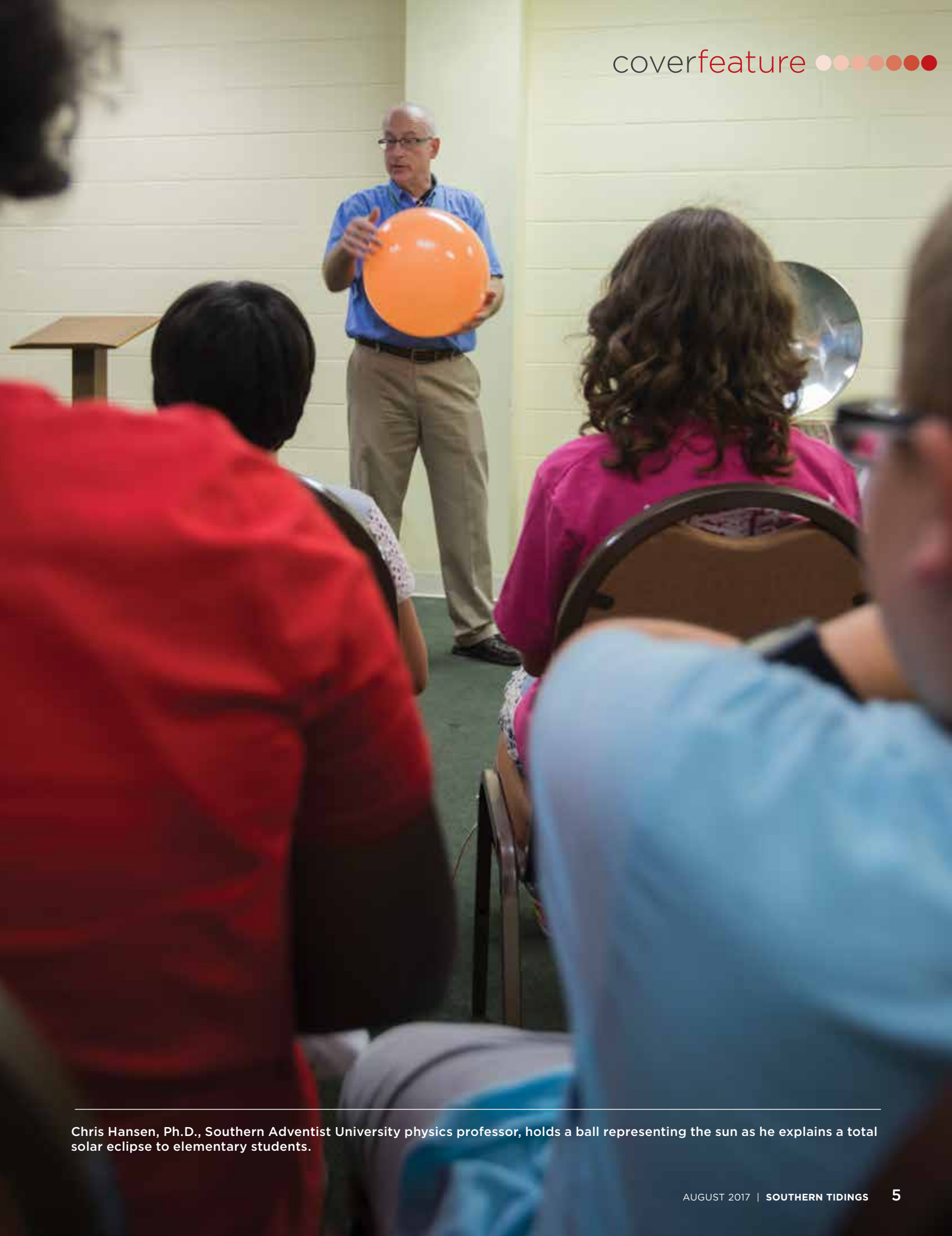
A solar eclipse is caused by the moon passing between the sun and the Earth, casting a large shadow on Earth’s surface. The most common type is a partial solar eclipse, which occurs when the sun, moon, and Earth are not perfectly lined up, so the sun is only partly obscured. The second type of eclipse is an annular eclipse, when the moon does not completely block the sun, but instead appears like a dark disk on top of a brilliant ring. Finally, the last type of eclipse is a total solar eclipse, where the sun, Earth, and the moon are in a direct line. In this scenario, the sky becomes very dark, as if it were night.

It is this last and most rare form of eclipse that will occur on August 21.

Rarer still is for an event of this magnitude to happen in one’s own backyard. To make the most of this opportunity, Southern’s Physics and Engineering Department is canceling all indoor classes on August 21, and instead spending the day in the most cutting edge, thought-provoking classroom of all — the great outdoors.

Together, students, faculty, and staff will travel to the center of totality in Athens, Tennessee, to view the full length of the eclipse and run experiments. They will log the pivotal moments during the eclipse, attempt to photograph the different phases, and use a spectrometer to compare and contrast the spectrum of the sun’s corona in full sun and in totality.

The students who remain on campus will also have a special viewing party. Although Collegedale is not at the center of totality, more than 99 percent of the sun will be covered, and students will use special eclipse-viewing glasses to see the eclipse in near-totality.



Chris Hansen, Ph.D., Southern Adventist University physics professor, holds a ball representing the sun as he explains a total solar eclipse to elementary students.

Collaborative Learning

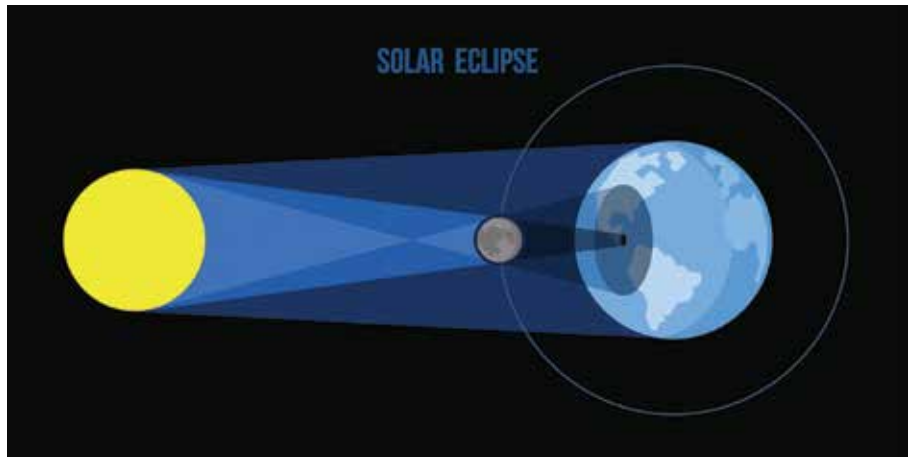
This opportunity is so unique and exciting that Chris Hansen, Ph.D., Physics and Engineering Department chair, did not want to limit it to Southern students alone. Instead he came up with the innovative idea to host a virtual viewing party. With the help of the NAD Office of Education, he reached out to all of the Seventh-day Adventist schools in the Division within the scope of the eclipse. He offered them free eclipse-viewing glasses if they would perform experiments, take pictures, and share their results with sister schools via Southern’s website, southern.edu/eclipse. Anyone will be able to view the results as they are posted.

“It is a great opportunity to build community within our Seventh-day Adventist school system,” Hansen said. “Plus it’s science related, which makes it even better.”

This virtual viewing party is the first of its kind within the North American Division school system, and so far Hansen has received an enthusiastic response. Twenty-six schools in the path of the eclipse — including at least 12 in the Southern Union — have signed up to participate, totaling more than 1,500 viewers. Schools range from the western-most school of Gem State Academy in Caldwell, Idaho, to the eastern-most school of Myrtle Beach Seventh-day Adventist Christian School in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Chadd Watkins, principal of Highland Academy in Portland, Tennessee, has signed up the 100 staff and students of his school to participate. “I’m hoping the students will enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime event,” Watkins said. “I want them to realize that we were created by the Master, and what we see is a result of His works, not some cosmic explosion. I hope all the schools are reminded that we are fearfully and wonderfully made.”

Kelli Vigil is a teacher at Rapid City Seventh-day Adventist School in Rapid City, South Dakota. She has signed up the 17 students at her school, and is looking forward to the eclipse. As a teacher in a small school, she is very grateful for the free resources to enable them to participate in an experiment like this, and for the opportuni-



ECLIPSE VIEWING ABCS

Eclipses can be as dangerous as they are amazing, so remember these safety tips as you prepare for your viewing experience.

- Use special-purpose solar filters for eye protection, such as eclipse-viewing glasses or hand-held solar viewers. **DO NOT LOOK DIRECTLY AT THE SUN WITHOUT PROTECTION.**
- If you are taking photos, make sure you use a special solar filter so that you don’t harm your camera’s imaging sensor.
- Do not look at the uneclipsed or partially-eclipsed sun through an unfiltered camera, telescope, binoculars, or other optical device, even if you are wearing eclipse-viewing glasses or a viewer.
- If you know what to watch for, there are several distinct events that occur throughout an eclipse, such as “Bailey’s Beads” and shadow bands. They happen around four pivotal moments called “contact times.” These include:
 - C1, the moment the lunar disk first touches the solar disk,
 - C2, the exact second when the lunar disk covers the sun,
 - C3, the moment when the sun pokes out from behind the moon again, and
 - C4, the exact moment when the moon quits covering the sun.

There are several solar eclipse timer apps for your cell phone that can help you know when each of these phenomena occur, so you don’t miss anything. For more information about the eclipse, visit southern.edu/eclipse.



Students, wearing special glasses, stare at a bright light simulating the sun as they learn about eclipses.

SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY OUTREACH

In addition to providing a strong education for their students, the science professors at Southern are also working to offer learning opportunities for the community at large. One such project is a website about the origins of life from a creationist perspective. It has many free, informative presentations that can be utilized by teachers, homeschooling families, pastors, or anyone else with a desire to learn. Topics range from dinosaurs to the origins of the universe. To learn more, visit southern.edu/origins.

Another outreach is a monthly star watch, a great opportunity for community members to observe the splendor of God's Creation. Dates and times for the next viewing can be found at southern.edu/calendar.

Joshua Barrow, '15, a physics and math alumnus currently pursuing a doctorate in physics at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, appreciates these collaborative efforts.

"I was tremendously blessed during my time at Southern by the professors and students who surrounded me," Barrow said. "I know that I wouldn't be where I am today if they hadn't been pushing me to be the best physicist that I can be. I think projects like these are a step toward the kind of world we all hope to one day be a part of — all, as one, looking up into the sky, ready to be astonished by only a small part of the glory of Creation."



Southern is providing free eclipse-viewing glasses to schools participating in the project

ty for her small school to feel connected to the Adventist community at large.

"Science is the fingerprint of God, but that is sometimes lost in the complex concepts and tricky vocabulary,"

Vigil shared. "The more interactive and hands-on our science work can be, the better! I think this will be an experience my students will always remember." 📍

Angela Baerg is a Montessori preschool teacher who graduated in 2006 from Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tennessee.

Adventist Health System Expands

FOCUS ON MISSION, MINISTRY

BY MARIO ROBERTS



Ted Hamilton, M.D., will lead mission and ministry for Adventist Health System as its new chief mission integration officer and senior vice president of mission and ministry.



Orlando "Jay" Perez, M.Div., has been promoted to vice president of institutional ministries and will focus on expanding mission in inpatient settings.

Adventist Health System (AHS) has expanded its Mission and Ministry Department, and announced two key leadership changes that will further solidify and advance its mission of *Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ* throughout the Health System and in the communities it serves. Ted Hamilton, M.D., has been promoted to chief mission integration officer and senior vice president of mission and ministry, and Orlando "Jay" Perez, M.Div., has been promoted to vice president of institutional ministries, focused on expanding mission in inpatient settings.

"We are guided by our mission in everything we do as an organization, and I am confident that our new direction, leadership, and expanded focus will help distinguish Adventist Health System as a beacon of light in health care, and as we get closer to the consumer, enable us to provide our Christian healing ministry to patients in all care settings, at each stage of care delivery," said Terry Shaw, president/CEO for AHS.

Hamilton, who will report to Shaw, will provide direction and oversight of mission and ministry for AHS, developing and im-

plementing strategy, cultivating mission-focused leaders, and promoting and incorporating mission across all the organization's inpatient and outpatient areas. He previously served as vice president of medical mission for AHS. His experience also includes serving as senior medical officer for Florida Hospital, director of Florida Hospital's family practice residency, executive director of the Loma Linda Faculty Medical Group, and medical director for HMO Georgia. He currently serves as chair of the executive committee for the Coalition for Physician Well-Being. A graduate of the Loma Linda University School of Medicine, Hamilton completed his family practice training at Florida Hospital. He also earned a master's degree in business administration from the Rollins College Crummer Graduate School of Business.

In what is a new role in the organization, Perez, who will report to Hamilton as well as Daryl Tol, president/CEO of AHS's Central Florida Division, will be responsible for the integration of mission across all inpatient settings, mission onboarding for AHS employees, the Mission Integration Peer

Review process, chaplaincy services, and the AHS Master of Divinity/CPE program. He previously served as vice president of mission and ministry for Florida Hospital, and has also served as assistant vice president for mission and service excellence at Florida Hospital. An ordained minister, Perez also has experience in both pastoral ministry and clinical ministry at hospitals in Texas and Florida. He earned a master's degree in divinity from Andrews University Theological Seminary, and an undergraduate degree in theology from Southwestern Adventist University. He is certified by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education as a CPE supervisor, and serves that organization as a member of the Certification Committee.

The Mission and Ministry Department, which is based at AHS's corporate headquarters in Altamonte Springs, Florida, also oversees clinical mission integration, congregational ministries, corporate campus ministries, CREATION Health, mission communication and resources, physician engagement, and the spiritual ambassadors program. ●

*Conference President Adopts***PLANT-BASED DIET**

BY TYLER ROBERTS



PHOTO BY: TYLER ROBERTS

Dave Livermore (left), president of the Gulf States Conference, stands with Mark Sandoval, M.D., president of Uchee Pines Wellness Center in Seale, Alabama.

Dave Livermore, president of the Gulf States Conference, could barely walk into his house in early January this year. He had a problem with his health. “My job is very busy ... I didn’t watch what I ate. I’d just run through drive-through, drink coffee; I was out of control.” His wife, Teresa, sensed something wasn’t right, and she was very concerned. He said, “I’m always okay, I’m just that type of guy. I was having pains in my heart, but I thought, ‘I’m just an old guy; that’s just the way life is.’”

When a trip to Uchee Pines was suggested by Brian Danese, Conference treasurer, Livermore was reluctant. “I wasn’t interested in the lifestyle. I just thought, ‘Why are we going to Uchee Pines?’” Livermore and his administrative team arrived at Uchee Pines on January 8, 2017,

for five days of tests and procedures. At the end of their stay, Livermore met with Mark Sandoval, M.D. The diagnosis was clear: heart trouble, diabetes, bad kidneys, and a susceptibility to dementia were all staring him in the face. Something had to be done. Livermore drove all the way home in silence. “I just shut my phone off ... I was praying and thinking, how could this happen ... I know better. I went home to my wife; she had never seen me this scared.” Determined not to let his prognosis get the best of him, Dave and Teresa dedicated themselves to a plant-based diet. “I will never call it a diet; it is definitely a lifestyle.” Smaller portions, fewer meals, daily walks, no dairy or cheese are just a few of the major changes that Livermore had to adjust to. The transition was not easy. “The first probably three weeks

you feel like you’re going to die. I was starving. Letting go of snacks and sweets and eggs and cheese was tough.” Having the constant support of his wife is one of the ways he was able to make it through. “My wife went on this with me ... I’m not sure I could have done this alone. She’s helped me so much.”

Although the road hasn’t been easy, both have already seen the results of sticking to a plant-based diet. At the writing of this article, Livermore has lost more than 50 pounds. This puts him in spitting distance of his overall goal of 200 pounds. Teresa has lost more than 30 pounds as well. “My daughters are doing it, my neighbors are doing it. I’ve seen a significant difference in everything. I’m not perfect, I still struggle, but I’m not going back,” said Dave Livermore. ●

HELP LAOS GROW ADVENTISM

BY KHAMSAY PHETCHAREUN AND DAVID EKKENS



SUBMITTED BY DAVID EKKENS

Here is the land that has been purchased to build Living Water Academy. The Adventists in Laos are trying to raise money to fund the academy. There are currently only 1,300 Seventh-day Adventists in Laos, and only a little over one percent of the population call themselves Christian.

Soon after the beginning of Seventh-day Adventism, education became a strong right arm of the Church. The result of that strong arm today is that the Adventist educational system is one of the largest Protestant education systems in the world.

God has given His people many blessings through the schools. But, you might miss out on those blessings if you live in a country that does not have Seventh-day Adventist schools. A communist country

like Laos, which neighbors Thailand and Vietnam, has only 1,300 Adventists and no Adventist schools.

Actually, in 1957, they started an Adventist school in northern Laos. Pioneer missionary Dick Hall hired a local community teacher to educate 12 Hmong boys. Three and a half years later, the Indochina War forced Hall to evacuate, and the school closed.

Providently, one of the 12 boys remained faithful, and he later became the first Lao

Adventist Church pastor, and built the first Lao-speaking Adventist church in Laos. That initial primitive attempt at Adventist education produced fruit.

Since the recent revival of the Adventist work in Laos, the members have felt a fervent desire for schools where their young people can learn about their friend, Jesus. Lao Attached Field (LAF) decided to build a high school where students could learn, not only the usual subjects, but also the distinctive Adventist beliefs.

God blessed the search for land; they found a prime location next to Phou Khao Khouay Biodiversity National Park, south of Vientiane. The newly named Living Water Academy is projected to cost \$1,000,000.

God impressed donors to give \$100,000, and LAF borrowed \$50,000 from Southeast Asia Union Mission (SAUM) to complete the purchase. Now the \$50,000 must be repaid. The Lao pastors and administrators have agreed to take a salary cut to pay back the loan, which will take them several years. The fact that they are willing to sacrifice says how important they believe a school would be. Unfortunately, the Laos pastors are barely surviving with their current pay; a salary reduction is unthinkable.

The 1,300 Seventh-day Adventist Lao members are also committed to building this new school: more than 100 members worked on the land last January, installing cement fence posts and clearing land. Soon electricity will be available and a well drilled. The property can then be used for camping. LAF plans to hire caretakers to stay on the property and begin a cattle-raising industry.

Many years ago, there was no Georgia-Cumberland Academy or Collegedale Academy, but our struggling members rose to the challenge, and those schools were built along with many others. Today we can help meet a new challenge, to help fellow Adventists provide education for their young people.

Georgia-Cumberland Conference members are partnering with LAF to raise approximately \$1.7 million to help build Living Water Academy and fund 10 other soul-winning projects in Laos. One million dollars to build a school may seem like a lot of money. But, think about it — it would only take 100 Sabbath School classes to raise that if each class donated \$10,000.

Or, if each of the 40,000 members of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference gave \$25, we could build Living Water Academy, to the glory of God. Join the club. Ask your Sabbath School class to set a goal of \$25 to \$100 per person for one month.

Or, let's dream big. Imagine the Holy Spirit inspiring 10% of the 286,000 mem-



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Those in the country of Laos are in need of new churches and schools. Pictured is a typical Sabbath church service.

LAOS FACTS

Laos was founded in the 14th century.

It is one of the few remaining communist countries (1953-present).

Poor transportation, sanitation concerns, and little electricity are challenges.

Laos has more than six million people.

Rice dominates agriculture; about 80 percent of arable land grows rice.

Laos is 91,875 square miles along the Mekong River.

Buddhism is the main religion; only 1.5 percent identify as Christian.

bers of the Southern Union to join the 40,000 Georgia-Cumberland Conference members in giving \$25 each; there's another \$700,000. That would print a lot of books, train a mighty force of lay pastors, and build language schools and churches. This could all happen in a country where Christ's name is barely known and the communist government highly restricts proselytizing.

Other projects for developing the Adventist church in Laos include publishing Seventh-day Adventist books for distribution to thought leaders, Buddhists, and students. This is a miracle that God performed: the books are being printed at the Lao National Publishing House — the cost was \$100,000. Church planting in pioneer or newly entered areas — the cost is \$80,000. English language schools — the cost is \$260,000. Pastor training — the cost is \$120,000.

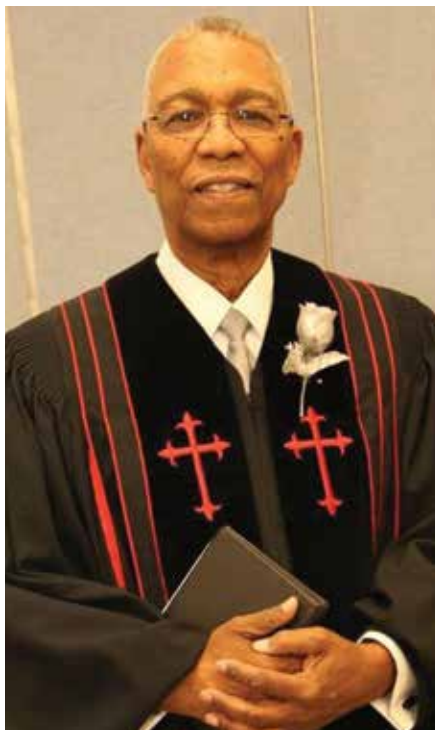
Any of the above projects could be broken down into smaller increments. If you and your Sabbath School class would like to help fulfill the great commission on the other side of the world, email dekkens@southern.edu or call 423-713-5232. 📞

William Clinton Scales Jr.: Another General Sleeps

JOY COMETH IN THE MORNING

William Clinton Scales Jr. was born March 18, 1935, in Charleston, West Virginia, to the late William C. Scales Sr. (1915-2010) and Myra Mills Scales (1919-2015). They adored their only child they nicknamed Junior, and from birth they taught him to love, trust, and obey God. When he was a toddler, the family moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where they became active members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Junior was a good child who understood his calling at a young age. At the age of eight, after his life was spared in an automobile accident, he decided to become a preacher — and he never changed his mind. Junior’s parents, who were strong believers in Christian education, sent him to Ramah Academy.

After elementary school, he packed his bags and headed south to Huntsville, Alabama, where he would spend the next eight years at Oakwood Academy and Oakwood College (now Oakwood University). As he matured and outgrew the name Junior, he became known and loved as Billy, a distinguished young man with a silky smooth voice, an easy smile, and a strong love for God. While in college, Scales sang with the Cathedral Quartet, who traveled extensively, and did evangelistic work during the summers with his mentor, Earl E. Cleveland. Scales learned much from Cleveland, and adopted many of his evangelism techniques. In 1956, he graduated with a B.A. degree in religion and theology, and a minor in vocal music. After marrying Lois Yates, a fellow Oakwoodite from Chattanooga, Tennessee, Scales continued his education at Andrews University, majoring in Bible and systematic theology, and minoring in counseling, earning his master’s degree in



William C. Scales Jr.

1958. Both Oakwood and Andrews universities have honored him as Alumnus of the Year.

Scales began his pastoral ministry in the Central States Conference, and was ordained to the Gospel ministry in 1962. While honing his pastoral skills, he assumed the role of father after he and Lois adopted two children, Larry and Linda. His ministry path led him to the Allegheny Conference, and then to the Allegheny East Conference where he served as Conference evangelist from 1965-1971, while also pastoring several churches in Virginia. In 1966, Scales and the Cathedral Quartet joined Cleveland for a groundbreaking crusade in

Trinidad that resulted in 812 individuals being baptized in one summer. Another highlight of that trip was the recording, *Trinidad Triumph*, featuring sermons by Cleveland and the music of the Cathedral Quartet.

In 1971, the Scales family moved to Maryland to pastor Berea Temple, which was then the largest Adventist church in Baltimore. He and his father both believed that they were “born to win souls,” and together they wrote a series of easy-to-understand Bible study lessons they called the “Real Truth.”

One lesson series turned into two, and then grew into an entire evangelism program that was modeled after Cleveland’s methods, and strongly influenced by the book *Evangelism* by Ellen White. The Real Truth program is a wholistic approach to evangelism that includes the presentation of the Gospel, health principles, family enrichment, youth outreach, the ministry of music, literature, and personal evangelism, with a strong emphasis on lay member involvement.

Through the years, Scales was blessed to have his parents as part of his ministry team serving as Bible instructors and as part of the Singing Scales Family. Later, children Larry and Linda would replace their grandparents, maintaining the family’s tradition of music.

In 1978, Scales was called to the Seventh-day Adventist World Headquarters to serve as the associate secretary of the Ministerial Association Department. In 1986, he became ministerial director of the North American Division, where he was instrumental in the development of *Ebony Evangelism*, a project specifically designed for African-American evangelism and church



William Scales Jr. (third from left) was a member of the Cathedral Quartet.



The William Scales Jr. family included his wife, Lois; daughter, Linda; and son, Larry.



The singing Scales family included William Sr. (left), Myra, Lois, and William Jr.



William Jr. and Pat Barnett Scales married in 1999.

growth. In addition to his departmental duties, he worked tirelessly to raise funds to hold evangelistic meetings, not only in North America, but also in many countries around the world. Before retiring from the Division in 1997, Scales was inducted into the Martin Luther King Jr. Collegium of Preachers and Scholars at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, and was honored as a world class preacher and evangelist. After the death of Lois Scales (1934-1998), he met Madeline (Pat) Barnett, a retired elementary school teacher from Ohio, whom he married in 1999. In 2003 the couple moved, along with Scales' parents, to Birmingham, Alabama, where they would begin a new ministry. Scales served as the general coordinator of Real Truth Ministries, an evangelistic outreach ministry started in 1999, and led by Timothy Lewis, evangelist. Using the methodology designed by the Scales father/son team, Real Truth Ministries' evangelistic projects have led to more than 16,000 bap-

tisms worldwide, and the establishment of 28 new Seventh-day Adventist churches. In 2012, Scales was called out of retirement by the South Central Conference to pastor three churches in the Birmingham area. Never putting aside the mantle of evangelism, not even during his illness, this great man of faith spent his last days planning a crusade for summer 2017. At the time of his death, he was serving as the pastor of the Bessemer First and Brent Adventist churches.

Nearly every summer for most of his life, Scales was involved in an evangelistic crusade that resulted in thousands of souls being baptized, and new churches being raised around the world. At the close of each service, he would leave the audience with these words: "Have faith in God. Your sins He'll wash away, your night He'll turn to day. Have faith, my friends, in God."

Scales went to sleep in Jesus on Sabbath evening, May 27, 2017. He is survived by his wife, Pat; two children, Larry Scales and

Linda Scales McLaughlin; three stepchildren, Pandora Taylor, Chesca (Tarus) Ottison, and James (Jada) Barnett II; nine grandchildren, Charles (Geneva) Pargo III, Jessica (Dajon) Chapman, Karl Mercer II, Timothy Pope Jr., Jamiri Bennett, James Barnett III, Chelynn Pargo, Jaslyn Barnett, and Ciara Pargo; five great-grandchildren, Charles Pargo IV, Cheyenne Pargo, Chauncey Pargo, Chance Pargo, and Jalia Rose Chapman; four first cousins, Sheree Lambert, Shannon Rogers, Karen Coleman, and Alex Coleman; Anthony Wims, whom he loved like a son, and his family; a host of extended family members; and many close friends, who can look forward to that glorious day when death and sorrow will be no more.

"May God grant us spiritual vision to see the invisible, strong faith to believe the incredible, and divine power to achieve the impossible so that the work can soon be finished and we can all go home," W.C. Scales Jr., *Ministry* magazine, June 1989. ●

Before They Cried, HE ANSWERED

BY **MARIEL LOMBARDI**



The Tirado family includes daughter-in-law Carly (left), son Eric, Miguel, Mayra, son Miguel Jr., and daughter-in-law Jessica.



Miguel Tirado is shown in Luquillo, Puerto Rico, in September 1989, after Hurricane Hugo destroyed his home.

Miguel Tirado lived in Luquillo, Puerto Rico, a very picturesque village surrounded by hills and abundant vegetation. He attended the local Adventist church, had a house, a very nice family, and a stable job. He never imagined any changes in his location or lifestyle. However, man proposes and God disposes.

In September 1989, Hurricane Hugo passed through the island wreaking havoc. Returning to his home, Miguel found the sad reality that it no longer existed. His home had been totally destroyed. As if this was not enough, since the storm had generated a critical situation everywhere, many companies had also suffered damage, and he lost his job. It was a desperate situation. A sense of helplessness seized him.

Sabbath came and the family went to church. Most of the men testified how God had protected their homes. Prayers of gratitude were shared about the Lord's care for His own. Miguel left church that Sabbath feeling even more depressed. Somehow he must have not been among God's children, he thought. The Lord had protected everybody but him. He had to rethink his whole life, and decide what he was going to do. Together with his wife, Mayra, he decided to become more actively involved in the activities of the church, and to seek God's will for their future.

Soon the pastor noticed that Miguel had

the gift of teaching and communicating ideas clearly, and that his desire to collaborate had grown considerably. Seeing that he was now in the process of finding a course for his life, he thought it appropriate to make him aware of this gift, and invited him to think about going to the seminary to study theology. Miguel was surprised since this thought had never crossed his mind. At first he resisted the idea. But, he and Mayra prayed about it. After a few days, they decided to go to Andrews University Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Miguel began to study with great enthusiasm. The road was not easy, considering that he had a family to take care of. However, the couple was determined to follow the plan that they were sure God had laid out for their lives. The financial situation was not comfortable, but they managed to survive. With a little time still left to graduate, the coffers began to hit rock bottom. They did not know how they were going to survive. They fell behind in tuition payments. One day a letter arrived from the University informing him that he had a few days to make his tuition payments current, or he would not be able to continue his studies. As always, they joined in family prayer. They fervently asked God to help them pay the debt. The next day they started their regular activities, and

when the mail came, they found an envelope with a check. They were curious to find out who had sent it and why. No one owed them money. As they opened the envelope, to their surprise they found that the check had been written for the exact amount they needed to pay Miguel's past-due tuition debt. When they looked at the date the check had been dispatched, they noticed that it had been sent days before they had received the letter from the University's Finance Department, and days before they prayed for this money. With an indescribable joy in their hearts, they clearly saw that God is willing to answer prayers before they are lifted.

The Tirado family had put their lives in God's hands, and they were willing to use their talents for His service. God kept His promise.

"And before they cry, I will answer; While they still speak, I will have heard," Isaiah 65: 24, 25 NKJV.

Miguel finished his studies and graduated with a master of divinity degree. He and Mayra are developing a powerful ministry at the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, where he serves as director of the Hispanic Ministries Department. 📍

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GOD WILL PROVIDE

BY **MARIEL LOMBARDI**

About three months ago, Beatriz Verdecia was driving through the Atlanta, Georgia, streets on her way to the Christian book store. Her mind was puzzled. She had been thinking of ways to improve the way she and her husband, Miguel, managed their finances at home. She was sharing her thoughts with God. Her goal was to start saving money, but that never seemed to be possible. In addition, Miguel was accustomed to giving Bibles away, which is why she was heading to the Christian book store.

She was happy about Miguel's eagerness to share his faith, but she thought they were spending a lot of money on Bibles, considering that the price for each Bible is \$35.99, and Miguel's list of acquaintances that did not have a Bible kept growing; hence, she was heading to buy two more Bibles.

As she kept driving, she glanced at the Sam's Club store. She had not planned to stop there, but for some reason, she decided to do so. She went into the store, and browsed around for groceries. All of a sudden, something caught her attention: there was a sign indicating Bibles for sale. "What in the world!" She thought. "Since when did Sam's start selling Bibles?" She approached the stand where the Bibles were displayed, and found that the Bible she was going to buy for \$35.99 was \$15.99. She froze. Her eyes were wide open. It seemed like God was telling her, "I am behind Miguel's new project, and I am more than willing to help!"

Beatriz bought the Bibles, and went back home. When Miguel was getting them ready to give away, he pulled the \$15.99 price stickers off, and saw underneath each of them was another sticker for \$35.99.



Miguel and Beatriz Verdecia

God spoke to Beatriz that day, and guided her to get the tools she needed to fulfill the mission. She and Miguel felt blessed.

"Now may the God of peace..... equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ,

to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen," Hebrews 13:20, NIV.

And, He will! 🙏

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It Is Written Breaks Ground for New Ministry Headquarters



Artist's rendering of the new It Is Written headquarters in Collegedale, Tenn.



Sixteen participants prepare to break ground on July 10, 2017.



John Bradshaw (left), It Is Written speaker/director; Charles Reel, treasurer; and Jesse Johnson, manager, hold up the shovel used by Bradshaw at the groundbreaking that was signed by the 16 participants.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the new It Is Written ministry headquarters was held July 10, 2017. More than 300 attended the event that took place in Collegedale, Tenn.

The groundbreaking ceremony featured It Is Written representatives, government and business leaders, and Seventh-day Adventist Church leadership, including Dan Jackson, North American Division president; Roger Hernandez, Southern Union evangelism director; Ed Wright, Georgia-Cumberland Conference president; and Katie Lamb, Collegedale City mayor.

Guest speakers welcomed the ministry to Collegedale with open arms. You “bring a legacy of providing hope and life to millions of people around the world, and now that’s centered right here in Collegedale,” said Ben Wygal, Ph.D., assistant to the president of Southern Adventist University. John Bradshaw, It Is Written speaker/director, shared the ministry’s history of innovative media ministry, and explained how the new ministry headquarters would enable more people to be reached with the Gospel.

Originally headquartered in California, the 61-year-old media ministry moved to Tennessee in 2014, and has been leasing office and warehouse space in Chattanooga.

In 2016, It Is Written selected the nearly nine-acre lot in Collegedale as its permanent location because of the support of the Conference, Union, and the proximity to Southern Adventist University, a strong partner of the ministry.

“It was four or five years ago when we learned that It Is Written was entertaining the prospect of a potential move. Immediately we became interested about the prospect of collaboration with It Is Written, the Southern Union, and the Georgia-Cumberland Conference,” Wright said. “Since then our dreams have been more than fulfilled. The shared philosophy that It Is Written brings to this collaboration is significant. It has already had an impact. It is a wonderful win-win situation.”

In preparation for the groundbreaking ceremony, Bradshaw felled the first tree on the property, and 16 shovels turned the soil. A large portion of the land will be cleared in the coming months, and construction is expected to begin this fall.

Construction of the new ministry headquarters is targeted for a 2018 completion, with excavation beginning in August 2017. The two-story building will be 40,905 square feet and include office, studio, and warehouse space. The new ministry head-

quarters will also house a fitness center, resource shop, and mission museum. River Street Architecture of Chattanooga has completed architectural plans, and P&C Construction of Chattanooga will serve as the general contractor on the project.

See building plans, purchase a commemorative brick, and see updates at itiswritten.com/newhome. 📍

BY ANNALYSE HASTY

ADU Students Explore Holy Lands During University's First Bible Tour

A group of students from Adventist University of Health Sciences (ADU) participated in the University's first-ever Bible tour in April and May 2017. The trip was organized by Zdravko and Bozana Stefanovic, from the Health and Biomedical Sciences Department, as an alternative way for students to earn credits for their religion courses. Leaving the day of spring graduation, the group included 16 students, two faculty members, and Zdravko and Bozana Stefanovic.

It was an exciting step for ADU to be able to offer a student experience like this. Many members of the group had never traveled abroad before, but they were in good spirits and embraced the experience with positive attitudes, according to the Stefanovics.

The two-week trip was split equally between Greece and Israel, with the group landing in Athens, Greece, and leaving from Tel Aviv, Israel. They visited many important biblical sites around Athens, such as the Acropolis, and then traveled to the old city of Corinth for a day stopping by the Corinth Canal. Heading north, they spent a day enjoying the incredible scenery of the Meteora, formations of immense pillars and huge rounded boulders in Thessaly, Greece.

In Israel, the students had the chance to see many historic spiritual sites up close, such as the city of Bethlehem and its Nativity Church, said to be the birthplace of Jesus. In Jerusalem they visited Gethsemane, the famous garden where Jesus prayed before the night of his crucifixion, and the nearby Temple Mount. In the Nazareth Village, they walked through an open-air museum that reenacted village life in the Galilee in the time of Jesus. They had a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, and visited Capernaum and the Church of Beatitudes, where Jesus is believed to have delivered his Sermon on the Mount.

A highlight of the trip for many of the



The tour group poses with the city of Jerusalem in the background.

students was visiting the famous Dead Sea, Earth's lowest elevation on land, and one of the world's saltiest bodies of water. The salinity is so high that you can easily float right on its surface, which the students were excited to experience.

The group enjoyed learning about local cultures and customs. They ate local Arabic, Greek, and Jewish food, and learned Hebrew, Greek, and Arabic expressions. In their free time between tour stops, they could shop and explore areas like downtown Athens. While on the tour bus, they would read significant passages from the Bible that connected them spiritually with each place they visited. Faith and religion remained the focus as the students came face-to-face with centuries-old sacred sites.

Most of the students didn't know each other before setting out on the trip, but bonded through this shared, unfamiliar experience. They talked about challenges they had or were currently going through, discussed the decisions they'd made, and prayed together. It was an emotional experience for many of them, with some of the girls currently in school to go into a sec-

ond career or feeling at a crossroad in their lives. But, the trip gave them a chance to relax, meditate, and enhance their relationship with God. As one student later described in her journal, "This has been such a powerful, inspirational, and spiritual experience, and I truly believe my connection with God has changed for the best!"

Overall, ADU's first Bible tour was a definite success: the students visited many significant religious sites, and learned more about them first-hand than they would have being in a classroom and reading out of a textbook. The group's motto for the trip was, "We are not tourists, we are pilgrims." The group was even honored with pilgrim certificates when in Israel.

As they moved through these historic Holy Lands, they embodied that pilgrim sentiment to the fullest. They went through a life-changing experience — connecting deeper to their spirituality, and taking those lessons back with them to enhance their education, careers, and ties to family and friends. ●

BY LISA MARIE ESSER

Leaders Celebrate Major Milestone as Hundreds of Formerly Homeless Now Have Homes



Florida Hospital donated \$6 million to end chronic homelessness in central Florida and in return, 580 homeless Floridians were given a place to call home.

Executives with the Central Florida Commission on Homelessness and Adventist Health System’s Florida Hospital joined Buddy Dyer, Orlando mayor; Teresa Jacobs, Orange County mayor; Jose Alvarez, Kissimmee mayor; Peggy Choudhry, Osceola County commissioner; and John Horan, Seminole County commissioner, to announce more than 100 formerly homeless people have moved into homes as a result of the region’s “Housing First” initiative.

In 2014, Florida Hospital made a \$6 million donation to end chronic homelessness in central Florida — the largest one-time private commitment of its kind. Central Florida leaders leveraged this contribution to launch a campaign to end the cycle of chronic homelessness in the region by transitioning to the Housing-First model, in which the chronically homeless are provided a home, extensive support services, and case managers.

“We are thrilled to celebrate this significant milestone in central Florida’s history. This pilot to build a new system of care would not be possible were it not for the collaboration and support of our community partners in the tri-county area,” said Shelley Lauten, CEO of the Central Florida Commission on Homelessness. “While the

pilot shows great promise, it is important we remember the work we have done as a community must not stop. We will continue to work together to effectively end chronic homelessness in central Florida — by making it rare, brief, and one-time.”

The Housing First model is a proven approach that seeks to end the vicious cycle of chronic homelessness that costs communities, local governments, hospitals, and businesses millions of dollars each year.

When Florida Hospital joined the initiative with its donation, the organization identified 100 homeless central Floridians who most frequently visited the Emergency Department during a one-year period. In that time, their combined total hospital charges were nearly \$15 million in uncompensated care.

“Every day, hundreds of people enter our emergency rooms. We provide life-saving surgeries, treat their infections, and try to heal them. But, if a patient is homeless and has no social, financial, mental, or medical support, they return to our hospitals time and time again,” Daryl Tol, president and CEO of Florida Hospital and the Central Florida Region – Adventist Health System. “While there is a cost benefit to ending chronic homeless, as a faith-based organi-

zation, it’s what we are called to do. We believe housing is healing.”

Leaders with the Central Florida Commission on Homelessness, Homeless Services Network, and other community partners shared several results of this pilot project, including the following:

- 168 people housed since September 2015.
- 73 additional people receiving case management and waiting for a home.
- More than \$4 million spent so far for the Housing First program: \$2.5 million for case management, and \$1.2 million for housing.
- Additionally, Florida Hospital reports a nearly 60 percent reduction in Emergency Department visits by the formerly homeless involved in the pilot program who have been housed one year or more.

“Our region’s effort to house our homeless population is another example of the power of collaboration. Florida Hospital’s commitment to ending chronic homelessness was a catalyst for developing a coordinated, long-term solution to address one of our region’s most complex challenges,” said Buddy Dyer, Orlando mayor. “I am proud that, as a result of this partnership, our community has surpassed our initial goal under the Housing First model.”

Significant strides have been made outside the Florida Hospital-related funding, too. During the same time, more than 580 additional chronically homeless central Floridians were housed as a result of the regional Housing First efforts.

“While much has been accomplished, an immense need remains,” said Martha Are, executive director of the Homeless Services Network of Central Florida. “We know there are at least 1,000 more chronically

homeless men and women in central Florida who need our help with housing.”

For the formerly homeless such as Ann Anderson, a house and the key services are literally life-changing.

“Having a home is a huge blessing,” said Anderson, who lived in a tent behind a business in Orange County. Anderson said she appreciates the simple things, like being able to get a glass of cold water to drink.

Elected officials who have been supportive of

the Housing First initiative applauded the efforts and results the region is experiencing so far.

“As a region, we have a proven track record of success through collaboration. On issues that range from affordable housing to the intensely complex issue of homelessness, we’re more effective when working as a region,” said Teresa Jacobs, Orange County mayor. “Through an interdisciplinary approach that includes not just the jurisdictions, but also our health care, housing,

social services, and mental health professionals, we’ve been able to align priorities in support of ‘Housing the First 100’ program. Through the Homeless Services Network, and in partnership with Florida Hospital, we’ve been able to make real progress in housing a very vulnerable group of high-need, chronically homeless individuals.”

BY FLORIDA HOSPITAL CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

Integrating Spirituality into Hospital Care:

Murray Medical Center Creates Spiritual Life Council to Focus on Spiritual Health

Hospitals have a long history of being a place for healing the body. When the unexpected happens, whether sickness or injury, the hospital is where people turn for help. For most, physical care is the full extent of the services offered, but Adventist hospitals are different. For more than 150 years, Adventists have held an inspired understanding that true healing comes from treating the whole person — body, mind, and spirit. In order to achieve wholeness, one must address all aspects of healing. This philosophy of care changes the very dynamic of hospitals, and places spiritual care at the forefront.

Adventist Health System’s Murray Medical Center answered this need by establishing a Spiritual Life Council, developed specifically to integrate spirituality into the life of the hospital, and to strengthen its ability to live out its mission of *Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ*.

The role of the council is to strategically develop programs, celebrations, and worship experiences for all, to enhance personal and collective spirituality for patients and employees. They are tasked with creating an atmosphere that is welcoming to all faith traditions and backgrounds, while honoring the hospital’s Seventh-day Adventist heritage and identity.

“Mission is at the heart of everything we do, and with the creation of the Spiritual Life Council, we will continue to develop mission strategy, nurture relationships, worship, and create a spiritual atmosphere for our patients, staff, and community,” explained Karen Steely, chief executive officer at Murray.

The council is composed of individuals who have a keen interest in the enhancement of Murray’s spirituality, and who represent a fair cross-section of hospital leadership, staff, and community clergy. There is a balance of faiths represented, with one constant — every person has a heart for mission and is committed to furthering that mission in all that they do.

“We see patients every day that are sick, tired, worried, and stressed. How can we help them feel a sense of God’s peace? Through the way we care, the events and programs we offer, prayer, and most importantly by living out our mission,” stated Lorena Bowers, Murray chaplain/spiritual care coordinator and chair of the Spiritual Life Council. “We have the opportunity to do all of these things and more with new formation of our council.”

BY MEGHAN BRESCHER HALLEY



Lorena Bowers, spiritual care coordinator/chaplain at Murray and chair of the Spiritual Life Council, believes this initiative will better embed spirituality into the hospital.



Caring for the spirit is a fundamental part of healing, and the Spiritual Life Council is tasked with ensuring that mission is at the forefront.

World Youth Group Trains God's Workers in Cuba

Nearly 20 years ago, the youth Sabbath School class at the Westminster, S.C., Church decided they wanted to start a mission project in Cuba. Since that first project in 1997, World Youth Group has grown into an established non-profit corporation, and is a member of Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries. Today, it is one of the largest soul-winning ministries in Cuba, training the people there to be lay medical missionaries who can minister to their peers. So far, World Youth Group has trained 550 youth in Cuba, sending more than 60 of them into 32 Cuban cities where the Gospel has never been heard.

Although this group encounters many challenges when engaging with the government, they continue to hold true to their four main pillars of ministry. First, World Youth Group trains young Cubans (through a one-month medical missionary course) to relieve suffering in practical ways. Second, they send their course graduates to one of the 1,000 towns in Cuba that have never heard about the Adventist Church and its beliefs. Third, they bring in young missionaries from North America to hold evangelistic series in the newly reached cities. Finally, World Youth Group establishes a church or company in the town by purchasing a house and holding weekly meetings there. Because of their prior positive involvement in the various communities through medical work, the government is more willing to



New medical missionaries

grant them permission to worship.

Throughout their ministry, World Youth Group has witnessed multiple miracles of both healing and soul-conversion. Last year, Rodolpho, a videographer for a communist television station in Cuba, took their medical missionary course. After becoming a trained medical missionary, he began sharing his experience and his love for Jesus. Each day he would have a conversation with his boss, focusing on his new Adventist beliefs, and finally gaining the courage to offer her Bible studies. She quickly agreed, and they began staying at the office an extra hour each evening to study God's Word and discuss their findings. When World Youth Group conducted another medical mission-

ary course earlier this year, Rodolpho's boss took the course and was baptized. With such inspiring soul-winning stories happening on a regular basis, World Youth Group looks to the future with great anticipation.

As World Youth Group furthers their ministry in Cuba, they continue to witness God's mercy and grace. Their goal is to send out 40 additional medical missionaries; therefore, they crave the prayers and assistance of the people in the Carolina Conference. If you would like more information about this ministry, please visit their website, www.worldyouthgroup.com. 📍

BY ABIGAIL KING

Missionaries Important in Church Plants

During its recent constituency session at Nosoca Pines Ranch, the Carolina Conference celebrated 30 new church plants that were started between 2011 and 2015. With an average of six new church plants per year in the last quinquennium, the Conference is setting its hopes high

for the next five years. The Conference has a faith goal of planting 12 new church plants per year between 2016 and 2020, which is a total of 60 new church plants. Although this is exciting, it is critical that new church plants are not ignored once they attain group or company status.

Many mission groups are healthy and have an excellent lay leader. However, several groups are seeing little to no growth, and need a couple or a family to help them evangelize and bring in more members. To attain company status, a mission group must have 30 baptized members, and an average



attendance of at least 30. Important factors for church growth include a positive relationship with the mother church, a leader that is focused on evangelism and relationships, a good location and facility in a populous area, and good structural health. Some groups and companies in the Conference are missing one or more of these attributes, and desperately need the assistance of their fellow church members in the Conference.

Brad Cauley, Conference church planting coordinator, believes that just two people coming into a small group can help spark growth. The Conference is urging mission-

ary-minded Adventists to prayerfully consider assisting a mission group in North or South Carolina. Whether you are willing to move to a new area, join a small mission group planted near you, or visit a group once a month to assist in the services, your help will prove vital to their growth.

Several groups that would benefit from your consideration are Gaffney Mission Group, Outer Banks Living Waters Mission Group, Stanley Mission Group, Kannapolis Harvest Mission Group, and Valdese Great Hope Mission Group. The Gaffney group is specifically looking to increase their atten-

dance by having Adventists from surrounding counties join them in their missionary endeavor. The Kannapolis and Valdese groups are small congregations with good leadership who need a few more members to boost evangelism and discipleship. Mission groups are not the only congregations that could use the assistance of fellow church members. The Charlotte Myanmar International Company and the Lumber River Company would also love to have new members come to help spark growth in their congregations.

There are many other groups and companies in the Carolina Conference that would also benefit from new members with a missionary mindset. Even small churches, such as the Orangeburg, S.C., Church, would benefit from new workers in their field. If you are excited about the opportunity to assist in the growth of the smaller congregations, please contact Brad Cauley by email, bcauley@carolinanews.org, or by phone, 704-596-3200, ext. 5711. ●

BY ABIGAIL KING

Church Treasurer Honored for 60 Years of Service

Twenty-three-year-old Shirley G. Styron began serving as the church treasurer for the little Kinston, N.C., Church on July 1, 1957. Her baptism had taken place only four months earlier, and her young heart was eager and willing to work for her church and her Lord.

This year the first day of July marked 60 years of Styron's faithful service as church treasurer for the Kinston Church. She has volunteered in the same church position longer than anyone else in the history of the Carolina Conference.

To celebrate Styron's accomplishments and recognize her tireless dedication to the Lord's work, Conference officers asked her to come onstage during the Wednesday evening meeting at Camp Meeting this past May. They presented her with a dozen roses and a commemorative plaque, and honored her with words of appreciation and encouragement.



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Leslie Louis, Carolina Conference president, reads the inscription on the plaque presented to Shirley Styron, Kinston Church treasurer for 60 consecutive years of service in one position at Kinston.

All are called to serve God and fellow man. This is part of actively worshipping the Father, and responding with a thankful heart to what He has done in the lives of His children. Styron's many years of ser-

vice are a testament to her commitment to God, and to His blessings as she continues working for Him in the Kinston Church. ●

BY LESLIE LOUIS

Learning Tree Academy Holds Graduation

Learning Tree Academy at the Apopka, Fla., Church held its annual baccalaureate program on May 20, 2017. The morning message delivered by Sandra Doran*, then associate superintendent of education at Florida Conference, encouraged the young people to never give up. The service was enhanced by testimonials from former students.

Graduation was held during a week-night with 31 children participating. This outreach ministry, which has served the community for more than 20 years, is a quality children's day care service licensed and approved by the

state of Florida for children two months to five years of age.

The philosophy of Learning Tree Academy follows Proverbs 22:6: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

*Sandra Doran, Ed.D., was recently appointed head of schools for North Tampa Christian Academy near Wesley Chapel, a 21st-century innovative campus on 43 acres, which will be opening in the fall of 2018. 📍



PHOTO BY: ROBERT BROOME

The dedication of the Learning Tree Academy staff to develop the children emotionally, spiritually, physically, and cognitively was clearly evident by the graduates' smiling faces.

BY ROBERT BROOME

Norland Church Holds Women's Ministries Weekend



Participants of Norland Church's women's ministries weekend, themed Sole Sisters

Sole Sisters was the theme for the women's ministries weekend, May 19-21, 2017, at Norland Church in Miami Gardens, Fla. The weekend kicked off on Friday with a praise and worship session followed by Casey Coehlo's presentation featuring a story of two sole sisters in the Bible, Ruth and Naomi. All shades of blue as well as all types of shoes were encour-

aged to be worn by attendees.

On Sabbath, "The Sisterhood of Shoes, Buy One, Get One," presented by Christine Rose, first lady of Eliathah Church in Tamarac, Fla., opened eyes to the fact that Jesus Christ was the One who paid the full price so sinners can be set free. The sermon ended with five power-laced prayers in which every person in the congregation was included.

Later that evening, 78 women carpooled to Hilton Singer Island for Vespers on the beach, where a beautiful sunset brought a close to the Sabbath.

On Sunday morning, a prayer walk was interrupted by rain; however, a few women decided to continue praising God and creatively conducted a poolside devotion.

After a sumptuous breakfast, the final program featured Rozlyn Stewart, first lady of the West Palm Beach, Fla., Church. She elaborated on who sisters are, and the characteristics of sisterhood in the Church and in society as a whole.

Participating in various activities made the sisterhood concept more practical to the sisters of Norland. The weekend was well spent together in the presence of the heavenly Father. Because of Him, all can truly say they are sisters in the Lord. 📍

BY IRIS ERRAR

Casselberry Spanish Church Hosts Community Service Day



Community service award winners and guests attending Casselberry Spanish Church include Tina Stafstrom (left), development manager, who accepted an award on behalf of The Sharing Center; Sergeant Jennifer Chapman, community coordinator for the city of Casselberry Police Department; the Four Winds Saxophone Quartet composed of award recipient Samuel Johnson, José Agüero, Antonio Smith, and Gimel Gonzalez; and Kyle Becker, Apopka city commissioner.



Karel Perez (left), pastor, presented a community service award to The Sharing Center, which was accepted by Tina Stafstrom.

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The Casselberry, Fla., Spanish Church recognizes its presence as a vital member of the community. In a special Sabbath celebration, community service awards were presented and a Christmas in June program was launched.

Among the guests attending the service were Sergeant Jennifer Chapman, community coordinator for the City of Casselberry Police Department; the Four Winds Saxophone Quartet as musical guests; and Kyle Becker, Apopka, Fla., City commissioner, who was also an award presenter.

Community Service Awards were presented to the following:

- **Professor Samuel Johnson**, minister of music, Cuban American — For more than 20 years, he has dedicated his talents ministering to thousands in the United States and Cuba with in-

struments and an extraordinary voice. His passion is visiting the aged in nursing homes and hospital patients in need of companionship, and bringing hope to the terminally ill and their grieving families.

- **The Sharing Center** of Longwood, Fla., accepted by Tina Stafstrom, development manager — For more than 30 years, the Sharing Center has brought hope and dignity to those in a season of need. The Thrift Center Program has donated \$600,000 worth of clothing, household goods, and furniture to its clients annually. Each year, the center distributes more than 35,000 bags of food valued at close to \$1 million. Homeless families can wash and dry clothing, shower, and receive professional haircuts and shaves.

Using computer stations, the approximately 3,000 homeless visitors have the opportunity to redirect their lives through counseling and networking. Poverty is a cruel reality in many communities. Most pitiable of all are the children. The Sharing Center provides heartfelt attention to children. One of their offerings is the Bless Our Soles project. Three times each year, more than 1,200 children are given new shoes.

Since November 2016, the Casselberry Spanish Church has been involved with The Sharing Center's Food Pantry Ministry. Its latest collaboration is a project the church proclaimed as Christmas in June, launched on community service award Sabbath. The center's greatest need for food is during the summer months. Partnering with the congregation was Emmanuel Church of Pine Hills, Fla. (Claude Hardcastle, pastor, and Erica Aiken, community service director); Rock Springs Community in Apopka; and Taverna Italian Restaurant, Apopka. At the project's end, food was provided for 25 families. 🍷

BY MICHAEL BERNARD

Columbus Pathfinders Meet Historic Buffalo Soldiers

Hearing the words “at ease,” the Columbus, Ga., Pathfinders relax from their formal stance. Director Ann Trumbo gives another command, and they sit in their seats to listen as Grady Snell Jr., retired first sergeant, gives his presentation.

Snell is founder and CEO of the Global Association of the Buffalo Soldiers Recognition and Riding Club. He was the guest speaker at an April 29, 2017, Pathfinder meeting held at the Columbus First Church. After riding into the church parking lot on his motorcycle, Snell spoke to the Pathfinders about the original Buffalo Soldiers, who were the first all-black peacetime regiments in the U.S. Army.

Joined by three other veterans, Snell showed videos about the rich history, and answered questions asked by those in the audience. All four men were dressed in army attire decked with emblems symbolizing their many years of service.



SUBMITTED BY SHELBE JOHNSON

The Columbus, Ga., Pathfinders welcomed guests from the Buffalo Soldiers Recognition and Riding Club.

The original Buffalo Soldiers consisted of six black army units that were established through an act of Congress in 1866. They fought after the Civil War and until the 1950s, serving in the 9th and 10th Cavalry and the 38th, 39th, 40th, and 41st infantry regiments. The four infantry regiments were later reorganized to form the 24th and 25th infantry regiments.

Under Snell’s leadership, the Global

Association of the Buffalo Soldiers Recognition and Riding Club raised \$60,000 to erect a memorial at the National Infantry Museum in Columbus, honoring the brave soldiers and preserving their legacy for future generations. The club, with more than 100 members, is very involved with volunteer work in their community. 📍

BY SHELBE JOHNSON

Dalton Members Host J Fest Booth

For the fourth year, the Dalton, Ga., Church has hosted a booth at J Fest, Chattanooga, Tenn.’s largest Christian music festival on May 20, 2017. Members are privileged to offer books, Bible study guides, sermon CDs, and other materials to connect the thousands of Christians at J Fest with the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Booth visitors are encouraged to sign up for a drawing where they are given the option to commit/recommit their lives to Christ, request prayer, Bible studies, and/or information on Christian education.

Nearly 1,700 books were distributed, plus more than 500 Bible study guides, and about 500 sermon CDs. The outreach was helped with advertisements on the J Fest big screen featuring John Bradshaw, It Is Written speaker/director, and Jamie Jorge’s Healing Concert Series. The booth also offered a donation of 600 books from the Knoxville, Tenn., Pathfinder club, nearly

700 copies of *Hero of Hacksaw Ridge*, and more than 500 copies of *Steps to Christ*.

After helping pass out literature, Learning Tree School principal Twila Brown said, “Praising God for the powerful witness of Desmond Doss’s life as he stood tall for God! The *Hero of Hacksaw Ridge* book brought in so many young people to our booth, and many seeds were planted at J Fest. Joseph Paulson added, “It was good sharing our faith, and my prayer is that they draw closer to Christ.”

When the day was complete, 73 people requested Bible studies, and four prize winners requested DVDs of the “Unlocking Prophecy” Daniel and Revelation series by Chester Clark, Dalton Church pastor.

The church prays that God use the results of J Fest 2017 to bring souls to the Kingdom. 📍

BY BRENT GOODGE



SUBMITTED BY BRENT GOODGE

Dalton Church members attended J Fest in Chattanooga for the fourth year. They gave away Adventist materials, including items on Desmond Doss.

Cohutta Dedicates Will Green Wake Park



Matt Green, brother of Will Green, cut the ribbon for Will Green Wake Park at Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Sunday, June 25, 2017. With his parents, Scott and Jennifer, Matt is happy campers will know about Will through the Wake Park. Pictured are Ed Wright (left), Conference president; Rob Lang, Cohutta Springs Youth Camp director; Matt, Scott, and Jennifer Green; Kurt Allen, Conference treasurer; and Gayln Bowers, Cohutta Springs Conference Center executive director.

PHOTO BY: TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER

customized signage sharing Green’s values and spiritual goals.

Donors were more than generous providing funds to support the project, according to Lang.

“More people are going to hear Will’s name and know it’s cool to love Jesus,” said Jennifer Green, Will’s mother and member of the Markham Woods Church in Longwood, Fla., who was excited to talk about the project. “And, because Rob so generously let us share what it means to live like Will on the signs along with the link to the website (www.LiveLike-Will.today), Will’s light will keep shining for Jesus as people read how he radically lived to glorify God.”

Matt Green, younger brother to Will Green and a second year dental student at the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, said, “It is so awesome! Will envisioned this wake park and talked to me about it a bunch of times.” Matt Green said the wake park makes it easier for campers to learn how to wake board. It is easier for them to get back up because it has more of an upward pull, and with the remote control there is less time wasted waiting for the boat to circle back into position.

Matt Green, like his brother, spent time working at Cohutta Springs Youth Camp. He said, “It just means a lot. It is really cool. Will’s heart was at camp. This is where a lot of kids get to know Christ. It is just really awesome Will can still be able to impact people.”

Lang is grateful to the generous donors who partnered to complete this project. “Will Green lived an exceptional life. Scott and Jennifer Green are amazing parents who raised such a faithful son. Will’s faith and values will now continue to be a witness and to inspire young and old alike until Jesus comes! He was a real champion for God,” said Lang. ●

BY TAMARA WOLCOTT FISHER



Reed Hansen, friend of Will Green, and eight-time World Wake Skate champion, was one of the first to ride the Will Green Wake Park along with Matt Green.

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Will Green’s favorite Bible text lives on in his legacy: 2 Timothy 1:7 says, “For God did not give us a spirit of timidity or fear, but a spirit of power, of love, and self-discipline.”

Friends, family, and camp staff from Cohutta Springs Youth Camp in Crandall, Ga., gathered Sunday, June 25, 2017, for the grand opening of the Will Green Wake Park. Everyone came to honor the memory of this special, God-fearing young man.

The idea for a wake park originated with Green, and Rob Lang, Cohutta Springs Youth Camp director, added it to the camp wish list. Following Green’s memorial ser-

vice, Martin Stiles offered to make a generous donation to help get the ball rolling to build a wake park in Green’s honor.

A wake park is basically a way to wakeboard without a boat. The wakeboarder’s rope and handle are attached to a remote control motorized cable that circles two pulleys at each end of the park. Along with two jumps and two rails, the wake park at Cohutta Springs Youth Camp includes a new building to store equipment and house the sophisticated technology that operates the electric motors, new docks, a concrete patio with a large canopy area with tables and chairs, landscaping, and

Fort Walton Beach Women's Ministries Hosts Self-Defense Seminar



Melissa Martinez (left) demonstrates a self-defense technique with one of the Fort Walton Beach Church participants.



Ruben and Melissa Martinez demonstrate a self-defense technique.

The Fort Walton Beach, Fla., Church Women's Ministries Department, headed by Kerrian Hazley, hosts monthly seminar sessions. The first session was Sunday, March 26, 2017, at 1 p.m. The seminar was entitled "Self-Defense Seminar for Women." It was presented by Melissa Martinez and her husband, Ruben Martinez. Both have military training: she is in active duty in the Air Force, and he is in the Air Force Reserves.

Melissa Martinez has a special interest in helping women stay safe, and her husband is currently learning other martial arts techniques. Both of their expertise proved excellent in helping women feel a little more confident to traverse this sin-laden world. Of course, they all know that their primary defense is God and His Word, but it is always helpful to have extra techniques under their belts, just in case something does go awry.

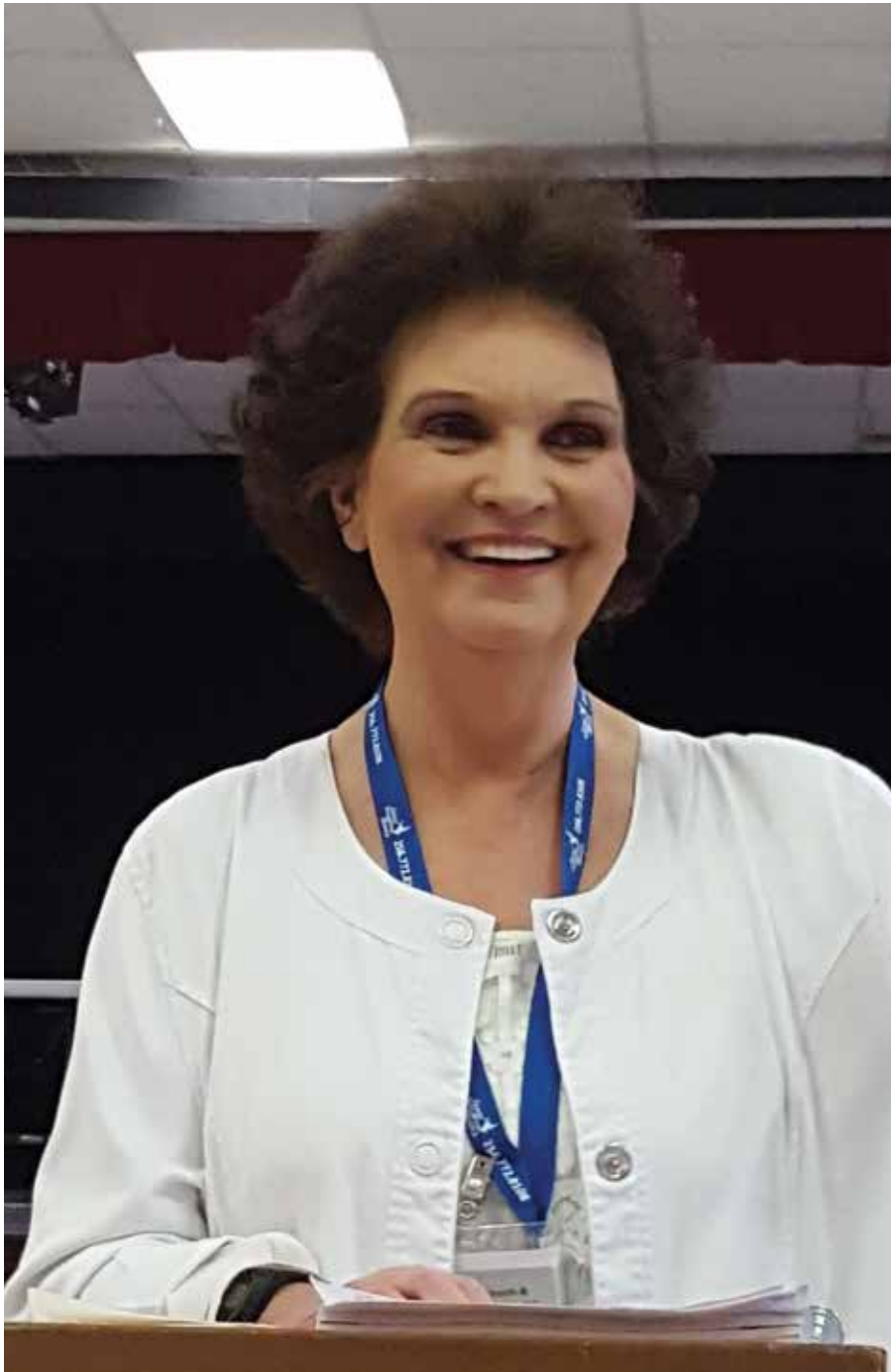
This first session was about passive

techniques to defend themselves. They are planning to have a part-two class in the fall to learn more techniques. All the women who participated had a lot of fun and learned a lot.

The Fort Walton Beach Women's Ministries Department continues to be very active. They also have a weekly prayer line and Bible studies. ●

BY KERRIAN HAZLEY

Athens Church Hosts Alzheimer's Seminar



Rebecca Jarrard, R.N., was the keynote speaker for the Alzheimer's seminar at the Athens, Ala., Church.

What are the 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's disease? How does Alzheimer's differ from dementia? Who's at risk? What countries are leading the world in diagnosed Alzheimer's disease? What steps can people take to prevent or fight Alzheimer's? Is there a diet that can help? These are just some of the questions that were addressed at the free seminar sponsored by the Athens, Ala., Church on April 25, 2017, at the Athens Senior Center. The public was invited to participate in a program that addressed the growing concern of all Americans — where more than five million people have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's in the U.S. alone, and the number is growing.

The Women's Ministries and Community Services departments at the Athens Church hosted the program led by Janet Arnett and Vera Stewart. The keynote speaker was Rebecca Jarrard, R.N., an Adventist nursing supervisor for Athens Health and Rehab Center. Jarrard is known nationally and internationally through her books, *When Alzheimer's Touches a Family* and *Behind the Scenes of a Five-Star Skilled Nursing Facility*. Jarrard not only gave a thorough briefing on how Alzheimer's affects all, but she provided free handouts and allowed the public to ask questions addressing critical concerns.

Jarrard's commitment to the needs of the powerless, whoever they are, was evident. Her focus as an advocate for her patients and their families was uplifting and encouraging — especially to those who on a daily basis deal with the disease. Following the question-and-answer session, refreshments were served to all attendees. 🍷

BY SANDRA PRICE

Young People Saturate Their Minds With God's Word



Murfreesboro Armor Bearers

Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE) is an annual event the Southern Union participates in and is very excited about. Hundreds of teams from across the nation participate, but only the most well-versed and learned make it to the final round. This past April, for the first time in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference history, one of its teams made it all the way! The Murfreesboro, Tenn., Armor Bearers

came home with a first place ranking at the national level!

Cindy, 13, and Sophie, 11, Barreda are sisters who were on the winning team. They reflect on their accomplishments: "There are always spiritual rewards from studying God's Word, but this experience made it more motivating, especially knowing that our Conference would be very happy with our outcome," Cindy

Barreda shared. "I felt extremely excited, and jumped up with all my teammates!" said Sophia Barreda. In connection to how PBE has influenced her spiritual life, she added, "Even though this PBE season has ended, I will continue to read the Bible, and will do so for the rest of my life."

As you can imagine, it took motivation, tenacity, and determination to obtain this hard-earned result. It is exciting that the young people are saturating their minds with God's Word. They are soaking it up and anxious to learn more — an experience worth having!

The trip to Chicago, Ill., for the national finals would not have been possible without the generous support and donations from friends, church family, and the Conference. For this, the team and staff are extremely grateful and give God the glory! 🙏

BY REBECA LOVELESS, PBE COACH

Diabetes Reversal Program Helps Demolish Diabetes

This year the Raleigh, Tenn., Church hosted two diabetes reversal programs in April and May. The second program, Diabetes Undone by Wes Youngberg, Dr.P.H., took the participants step by step through beneficial lifestyle changes. Although the attendance was not large, the results certainly were, and the 10 participants were able to share their experience and fellowship. Three generous food samples were served, and recipes were provided at each of the 14 nights to help the participants get a great start on their new lifestyle plan.

One participant had suffered with painful neuropathy, and had been on insulin for years. She had stated in the past that if only she could exercise she knew she could lose some weight, but her painful feet hindered her progress. She eagerly embraced the plan.

After one month on the program she had lost eight pounds, and was able to take 10-minute walks. She carefully recorded her fasting blood sugar number each morning while continuing to take her medications and insulin. The numbers began to fall quickly to the low 70s. She made an appointment to see her doctor and show him her blood sugar numbers. He was so surprised and delighted, and wanted to know what she was doing so that he could educate his other clients. He advised her to cut her insulin dose in half, and if her numbers remained in the low range, she could discontinue her insulin in a month.

She is now off her insulin, and continues to shed unwanted pounds without feeling deprived or hungry. She is able to walk for 45 minutes at a time, and is enjoying her new way of eating and living. She is now

convinced that her health is in her hands. Her heart is full of praise to the Lord for His simple plan and improved health. No more hobbling for her; she is walking on air! 🙏



This participant's neuropathy pain improved after following the health plan.

BY LESLIE CAZA

Hispanic Camp Meeting 2017 Highlighted



Attendees at the 2017 Hispanic Camp Meeting

Everyone who attended the 2017 Hispanic Camp Meeting were blessed by the words of guest

speakers Elizabeth Talbot, Th.D., and Ricardo Norton, Ph.D. The speakers were used by God to bring remarkable messages of love and hope. Many in the congregation responded to an altar call, and received the blessed assurance of God's forgiveness. Others in the congregation rushed to the altar praising God while confessing their trespasses. Four were especially touched, and were baptized that day.

For the first time, Conference Hispanic churches celebrated that Andrews Uni-

versity, through Ricardo Norton, granted 89 Bible Instructor certificates to those who pledged to continue working with the Lord by giving Bible studies in order to win more souls for the Kingdom of God.

Everyone left Camp Meeting full of joy and the Holy Spirit, willing to share their strengthened faith with their families and those who lack the glorious hope of the soon return of Jesus Christ. 🕊

BY ARMANDO DE LEON, HISPANIC COORDINATOR

Two Exceptional Educators Retire



Pam Williams (left), Conference associate superintendent of education; Stephen Bralley, superintendent of education; Myrna Closser; and Steve Haley, Conference president



Kris Fuentes (left), Madison Academy principal, and Don Harvey, Madison Academy retired science teacher

If you have attended Madison Campus Elementary School (MCE) in Madison, Tenn., in the past 28 years, it is likely you had Myrna Closser as your teacher. Her teaching career began in 1982 at Forest Lake Education Center in Apopka, Fla. Two years later, she and her husband, Jim, moved to Madison, where she began teaching at MCE. Besides taking time off to raise her son, Jimmy, she has spent her entire 30-year teaching career in the Southern Union.

Closser enriched the lives of her students, not to just educate them for this world, but most importantly, for eternity. Her former

students and parents have expressed the important role she played in molding and shaping their lives. She ended every school year with her students by having them sign a contract that they would meet the first Sabbath in Heaven by the Tree of Life. Without a doubt there will be many students gathered around her on that special day in Heaven.

The Kentucky-Tennessee Conference thanks Closser for her service and dedication to Adventist education. --Pam Williams

After 45 years serving the Seventh-day Adventist Church as an extraordinary educator, 17 of those years at Madison Acad-

emy (MA), Donald Harvey announced his retirement. His students considered his science classes extremely rigorous, but often returned from college to thank him for ensuring they were among the most prepared for college-level chemistry, biology, and physics. Harvey has an enormous passion for the world God created, and the laws that govern it. His love for science, combined with his desire that others appreciate and understand it, makes him an outstanding teacher. He encourages and challenges his students to reach their full potential.

In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he engages in campus life like a true professional. Whether cheering on the sidelines for his class, serving lunch with a smile, sharing a nature nugget in worship, or safeguarding the academic integrity of the school, it is obvious that he values Adventist education and loves MA. His investment of time, energy, and intelligence are truly remarkable.

Fortunately for the Madison Academy family, Harvey will be returning next year in a part-time science teaching role. Happily he is not packing his microscope or hanging up his lab coat yet! --Kris Fuentes 🕊

BY PAM WILLIAMS AND KRIS FUENTES

Central Hispanic Church Celebrates Mortgage Burning, Baptism



Pastors and elders of Central Hispanic Church in Forest Park, Ga., and South Atlantic administrators prepare to cut the ribbon.



The pastors, elders, and Conference administrators burn the mortgage.

A special Sabbath celebration for the Central Hispanic Church in Forest Park, Ga., was held on June 3, 2017. A mortgage burning ceremony was officiated by South Atlantic Conference administrators William Winston, president; David Smith, secretary; and Merkita Mosley, treasurer.

This milestone is significant because the Central Hispanic Church is the first Hispanic congregation raised by the constituents of the South Atlantic Conference in 1986. Today, there are more than 40 Hispanic congregations serving across Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

Ismael Uribe, current pastor of the congregation, along with the elders and the church board, organized a beautiful program. The following pastors were fondly remembered for their contributions as former leaders of the church: Carmelo Rivera, Efrain Poloche, Alberto Treiyer, Jose Montenegro, and Luis Espinosa. The greatest cause for rejoicing were three individuals celebrating their new life in Christ through baptism on that momentous day. 📌

BY EFRAIN POLOCHE



Ismael Uribe, pastor, prepares to baptize a new member at the Central Hispanic Church on June 3, 2017.

New Covenant Holds Annual Youth, Education Day

New Covenant Church in Savannah, Ga., held its annual Youth and Education Day on May 20, 2017. The speaker for the day was Andrew Taylor, student body president at Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala. Taylor reminded the youth and congregation about the “Benefits of Commitment” to God. He dealt with the benefits of the Holy Spirit, the benefits of being a miracle, the benefits of being extraordinary, and

the benefits of being resilient. Savannah’s own Ramah Junior Academy Choir blessed the congregation with two selections, and the Powerful Praise signing group from the West End Church in Atlanta, Ga., ministered during the service, and concluded the day with an afternoon concert. Everyone left encouraged and newly committed to Christ. 📌

BY ROBERT NORWOOD



New Covenant youth are encouraged to commit their lives to God.

Loxahatchee Groves First Church Breaks Ground



Groundbreaking event at First Church in Loxahatchee Groves, Fla.

Barry Bonner, senior pastor of First Church in Loxahatchee Groves, Fla., along with his congregation, guest pastors, Southeastern Conference officials, contractors, city officials, and well-wishers, celebrated the momentous groundbreaking event for the new church edifice on February 26, 2017. The members give glory, honor, and praises to God for bringing First Church to this milestone during its church history.

Ellen G. White wrote in *Testimonies for the Church*, Volume 4, “A house of worship must be erected whenever a company of believers is raised up.” She strongly suggests that workers should never leave a place without accomplishing this feat. In Volume 5, White wrote,

“Extensive preparations were necessary when the people of God were about to build the sanctuary in the wilderness.” This has indeed been the case in Loxahatchee Groves, where for 10 years the members of this congregation worked tirelessly to build a sanctuary that would reflect the true splendor and character of the Lord and Savior. Today, they can praise God for His continued blessings upon them, and for bringing this project to fruition.

Bonner and the members ask for continued prayers and support as they seek to build a sanctuary that is in accordance with His character and majesty. As the Scripture says, “And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among

them,” Exodus 25:8, KJV. “And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat...,” Exodus 25:22, KJV. Ellen White wrote in *Counsels for the Church*, “The house is the sanctuary for the family, and the closet or the grove the most retired place for individual worship; but the church is the sanctuary for the congregation.”

When the members have fully erected the sanctuary, they will say in the words of David, “Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in the firmament of His power,” Psalm 150:1, KJV. 📌

BY KIVETTE SINCLAIR

Professors Exchange Classrooms



Lisa Dillar, Southern Adventist University history professor, exchanged her Southern classroom for one in Australia this year.

Change is rarely easy, but along with the inherent challenges, it often brings benefits. After a combined 40-year teaching career, two history professors on opposite sides of the world decided to exchange their students, offices, universities, and continents for a year.

Southern Adventist University history professor Lisa Diller, Ph.D., '96, and Daniel Reynaud, Ph.D., associate professor of modern history at Avondale College of Higher Education in Cooranbong, Australia, started their journey at the beginning of 2017, when they enrolled in a yearlong professor exchange program which will end December 2017.

For both Diller and Reynaud, the moti-

vating factor behind their participation in the exchange was the opportunity to experience a different academic environment.

"When you have been working at a place for a long time, it is easy to get stuck in your ways," Diller said, "but when you go to a new place, you open yourself up more, and I felt like I needed to do that to get out of my rut of teaching."

Mark Peach, Ph.D., chair of the History and Political Studies Department at Southern, explained that this exchange is enriching not only for the professors, but also for their students. They are exposed to new classes like Australian history, and a class focusing on Australian films about World War I and II, a specialty of Reynaud's.

"We feel that we are serving our students more richly by offering courses that we would not be able to offer were it not for a program like this," Peach said.

Diller and Reynaud have also learned several lessons through their journeys. For Diller, adaptability and increased flexibility have been her biggest gains through this process, while for Reynaud it has been the opportunity to refocus on the joys of teaching.

"This experience has been enriching in ways that money could not buy," Reynaud said. "It has been refreshing, and I will go back to Avondale with a new lease on life."

Challenges have also come along with

the many joys and learning opportunities. For Diller, the headache of abiding by the strict Australian government regulations on exams and paperwork has taken some getting used to. As for Reynaud, understanding the American grading system and the emphasis on a grade point average has been a challenge.

Colleagues of both professors have expressed that both institutions are undoubtedly benefitting from this exchange.

“Professor Reynaud has been an anchor in our department for years, but in exchange for an anchor, we have received a supernova!” said Lindsay Morton, Ph.D., professor of English literature at Avondale. “It’s wonderful to see our respective academic communities strengthened, challenged, and energized by our adventurous colleagues.” ●

BY OKSANA WETMORE



As he teaches about the World Wars, Daniel Reynaud, Avondale College of Higher Education history professor, brings history alive with hands-on learning.

Southern Graduates Record Number

This year marks a record number of graduates from Southern, with 749 receiving their diplomas during the University’s three graduation weekends in summer, winter, and spring. By comparison, when the school first opened 125 years ago, only 23 students were in attendance.

The 416 who graduated this past May, with degrees ranging from associate to doctoral, benefited from a Commencement address by Terry Shaw, ’84, president and CEO of Adventist Health System. They joined the 21,352 alumni who have graduated since 1892, many of whom have gone on to make significant differences in the Church and their communities. To read more about some of their contributions, visit southern.edu/125. ●

BY STAFF REPORTER



Alexa Martin, 2017 nursing graduate, celebrates with her niece.

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CAROLINA CONFERENCE ACADEMY

Mt. Pisgah Academy, Candler, NC

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Adventist Christian Academy, Charlotte, NC
Adventist Christian Academy, Raleigh, NC
Asheville-Pisgah School, Candler, NC
Blue Ridge Adventist Christian School, Waynesville, NC
Brookhaven SDA School, Winterville, NC
Camden Adventist School, Camden, SC
Charleston SDA School, Charleston, SC
Columbia Adventist Academy, Lexington, SC
Cornerstone Adventist Academy, Charlotte, NC
Eddlemon Adventist School, Spartanburg, SC
Five Oaks Adventist Christian School, Durham, NC
Mills River SDA School, Mills River, NC
Myrtle Beach SDA Christian School, Myrtle Beach, SC
Poplar Springs SDA School, Westminster, SC
Salisbury Adventist School, Morganton, NC
Silver Creek Adventist School, Morganton, NC
Tri-City Christian Academy, High Point, NC
Tryon SDA School, Lynn, NC
Upward Adventist School, Flat Rock, NC
William Johnston Elementary, Hickory, NC
Wilmington SDA School, Wilmington, NC

FLORIDA CONFERENCE ACADEMIES

Forest Lake Academy, Apopka, FL
Greater Miami Adventist Academy, Miami, FL

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Beryl Wisdom Adventist School, Orlando, FL
Brevard Adventist Christian Academy, Cocoa, FL
Deltona Adventist School, Deltona, FL
East Pasco Adventist Academy, Dade City, FL
Forest City Adventist School, Orlando, FL
Forest Lake Education Center, Longwood, FL
Gateway Christian School, Mt. Dora, FL
Gulfcoast SDA Elementary, St. Petersburg, FL
Indigo Christian Junior Academy, Daytona Beach, FL
Jacksonville Adventist Academy, Jacksonville, FL
James E. Sampson Memorial School, Ft. Pierce, FL
Living Springs Academy, High Springs, FL
Miami Springs Adventist School, Miami Springs, FL
Naples Adventist Christian School, Naples, FL
New Port Richey Adv. Christian Academy, New Port Richey, FL
Okeechobee Adventist Christian School, Okeechobee, FL
Orlando Junior Academy, Orlando, FL
Osceola Adventist Christian School, Kissimmee, FL
Port Charlotte Adventist School, Port Charlotte, FL
Sawgrass Adventist School, Plantation, FL
Tallahassee Adventist Christian Academy, Tallahassee, FL
Tampa Adventist Academy, Tampa, FL
Walker Memorial Junior Academy, Avon Park, FL
West Coast Christian Academy, Bradenton, FL
West Palm Beach Junior Academy, West Palm Beach, FL
William A. Kirlew Junior Academy, Miami Gardens, FL
Winter Haven Adventist Academy, Winter Haven, FL
Z. L. Sung SDA Church School, Gainesville, FL

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE ACADEMIES

Atlanta Adventist Academy, Atlanta, GA
Collegedale Academy, Collegedale, TN
Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, GA

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

A.W. Spalding SDA School, Collegedale, TN
Adventist Christian School of Maryville, Maryville, TN
Algood Christian Elementary School, Cookeville, TN
Atlanta North SDA School, Atlanta, GA
Augusta SDA School, Augusta, GA
Bowman Hills SDA School, Cleveland, TN
Carman Adventist School, Marietta, GA
Collegedale Adventist Middle School, Collegedale, TN
Columbus SDA School, Columbus, GA
Douglasville SDA School, Douglasville, GA
Duluth Adventist Christian School, Duluth, GA
Dunlap Adventist School, Dunlap, TN
Faulkner Springs Christian School, McMinnville, TN
Greenville Adventist Academy, Greenville, TN
Inez Wrenn SDA School, Crossville, TN
Jasper Adventist Christian School, Jasper, TN
Jellico SDA School, Jellico, TN
John L. Coble Elementary School, Calhoun, GA
Josephine Edwards Christian School, Ellijay, GA
Knoxville Adventist School, Knoxville, TN
Learning Tree Elementary School, Dalton, GA
Lester Coon Adventist School, Apison, TN
Living Springs Christian Academy, Gray, TN
Meister Memorial SDA School, Deer Lodge, TN
Misty Meadows SDA School, Ringgold, GA
Morristown SDA School, Morristown, TN
Murphy Adventist Christian School, Murphy, NC
Oglethorpe SDA School, Oglethorpe, GA
Ooltewah Adventist School, Ooltewah, TN
Savannah Adventist Christian School, Pooler, GA
Shoal Creek Adventist School, Sharpsburg, GA
Standifer Gap SDA School, Chattanooga, TN
Valdosta Christian Academy, Valdosta, GA
Wimbish Adventist School, Macon, GA

GULF STATES CONFERENCE ACADEMY

Bass Memorial Academy, Lumberton, MS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Adventist Christian Academy, Panama City, FL
Bass Christian Elementary, Lumberton, MS
Big Cove Christian Academy, Owens Cross Roads, AL
College Drive SDA School, Pearl, MS
Community Christian School, Meridian, MS
Corinth SDA School, Corinth, MS
Emerald Coast Christian School, Fort Walton Beach, FL
Faith Christian Adventist Academy, Summit, MS
Floral Crest Junior Academy, Bryant, AL
Hoover Christian School, Hoover, AL
Mobile Junior Academy, Mobile, AL
Montgomery SDA School, Montgomery, AL
Pensacola Junior Academy, Pensacola, FL

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE CONFERENCE ACADEMIES

Highland Academy, Portland, TN
Madison Academy, Madison, TN

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Appalachian Christian Academy, Manchester, KY
Bill Egly Elementary School, Lawrenceburg, TN
Dickson Adventist Elementary, Dickson, TN
Highland Elementary School, Portland, TN
Lexington Junior Academy, Lexington, KY
Louisville Adventist Academy, Louisville, KY
Madison Campus Elementary, Madison, TN
Martin Memorial Elementary School, Centerville, TN
Memphis Junior Academy, Memphis, TN

Pewee Valley Junior Academy, Pewee Valley, KY
Ridgetop Adventist Elementary, Ridgetop, TN
Taylor Mill SDA Church School, Latonia, KY
Tullahoma SDA Elementary, Tullahoma, TN
Woodbury SDA Elementary, Woodbury, TN

SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE ACADEMY

Greater Atlanta Adventist Academy, Atlanta, GA

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Atlanta Adventist International School, Tucker, GA
Berea Junior Academy, Sumpter, SC
Berean Christian Junior Academy, Atlanta, GA
Berean Junior Academy, Charlotte, NC
Bethany Junior Academy, Macon, GA
Carolina Adventist Academy, Whiteville, NC
Decatur Adventist Junior Academy, Stone Mountain, GA
Ebenezer SDA School, Augusta, GA
Emanuel SDA Junior Academy, Albany, GA
Ephesus Junior Academy, Winston-Salem, NC
Gethsemane SDA School, Raleigh, NC
Greater Fayetteville Adventist Academy, Fayetteville, NC
Lithonia Adventist Academy, Lithonia, GA
New Bethel Christian Academy, Columbus, GA
Norma D. Richards Adventist Christian School, Pageland, SC
Ramah Junior Academy, Savannah, GA
Vanard J. Mendinghall Junior Academy, Orangeburg, SC

SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE ACADEMY

Oakwood Adventist Academy, Huntsville, AL

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Alcy Junior Academy, Memphis, TN
Avondale SDA School, Chattanooga, TN
Bethany SDA Academy, Montgomery, AL
E. E. Rogers SDA School, Jackson, MS
Emma L. Minnis School, Louisville, KY
Emmanuel SDA School, Mobile, AL
Ephesus Junior Academy, Birmingham, AL
F. H. Jenkins Elementary School, Nashville, TN
University Elementary School, Knoxville, TN

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE ACADEMY

Miami Union Academy, N. Miami, FL

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Bethel Elementary SDA School, Florida City, FL
Bethel Junior Academy, Riviera Beach, FL
Broward Junior Academy, Plantation, FL
Daughter of Zion Junior Academy, Delray Beach, FL
Elim Junior Academy, St. Petersburg, FL
Ephesus Junior Academy, Jacksonville, FL
Ephesus Junior Academy, West Palm Beach, FL
Mt. Calvary SDA School, Tampa, FL
Mt. Olivet Jr. Academy, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Mt. Sinai Junior Academy, Orlando, FL
New Hope SDA School, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Palm Bay SDA School, Palm Bay, FL
Perrine SDA School, Miami, FL
Shiloh SDA School, Ocala, FL

UNIVERSITIES

Adventist University of Health Sciences, Orlando, FL
Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL
Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, TN



FRANZ, CLYDE, 104, born March 1, 1913 in Camaguey, Cuba, died May 24, 2017. He was a member of Fletcher church and a resident of Fletcher Park Inn. Franz served as executive secretary of the denomination from 1970 to 1980. He earned an accounting degree at Southern Missionary College now Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, TN. It was there that he met the love of his life, Lois Mae Clark, and they were married on June 2, 1935, soon after graduation. He went on to serve as secretary-treasurer of several Adventist territories, including Alabama-Mississippi, Kentucky-Tennessee, Iowa, and the British West Indies Union. In the 1950s, he served for two years as president in the Antillean Union, based in Cuba. Franz also served as secretary of the Inter-American Division, based in Miami, FL, from 1954 to 1961, and then as the division's treasurer until 1966. That same year, at the General Conference Session in Detroit, MI, he was appointed associate executive secretary of the World Church. Four years later, he was appointed secretary, a position he held until his retirement in 1980. Franz is survived by his son, Chuck; and his daughter, Sue; his grandchildren: Mike Franz, Chris (Kelly) Franz, Trina Smith (Todd) Folkenberg, Chad (Autumn) Smith; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

ISEMINGER, ALLEN J., 87; born Aug. 16, 1929 in Buffalo, WY; died Jan. 20, 2017 in College Place, WA. Allen served from 1969 to 1975 in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference as director of communications, as well as stewardship and trust services director. He was a graduate of Walla Walla College. He previously served as a pastor in Wyoming and North Dakota; associate treasurer and stewardship director in the Iowa Conference; director of stewardship in the Upper Columbia Conference; and trust services director in the Oregon Conference. He spent his life in loving service to the Lord. He is survived by his wife, June; two sons: Mel Iseminger, a physical therapist in Wenatchee WA, and Myron Iseminger, undersecretary at the General Conference in Silver Spring, MD; one daughter, Karen Iseminger, a nurse in Alexandria, VA; one sister, Annette Chase of Portland, TN; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.



JOHNSON, NILDA L. (SHERMAN), 85, born Oct. 6, 1931 in Alva, OK, died, March 9, 2017 in Orlando, FL. She was a member of the Fletcher, NC, Church. Nilda received a degree in nursing from Union College and worked at Porter Adventist Hospital for 10 years. Her specialty was in the emergency room and recovery, where she worked for 25 years at Park Ridge Health. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Bob Johnson of Altamonte Springs, FL; three children: Lori (Eric) Cadiente of Altamonte Springs, FL, Angela (Mikkel) Jensen of Lyngby, Denmark, and Mike Johnson of Daytona Beach, FL; and three grandchildren: Nick Cadiente, Jake Cadiente, and Amanda Logan Johnson. She was preceded in death by her oldest son, Dan Johnson.

MCARTHUR, BENJAMIN GERALD, 66, born Feb. 12, 1951 in Lincoln, NE, died April 10, 2017. He was the son of John and Ruby (Shafer) McArthur. He graduated in 1973 from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, MI, and in 1979 received his Ph.D., in American history from the University of Chicago. Ben was a respected teacher and an active scholar. From 1979 to 2017, he taught in the History Department of Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, TN, except for a three-year period from 2009 to 2012, during which he served as the academic dean of Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, TX. He published three books and numerous articles during his long academic career. Ben was a member of the Collegedale Church, an avid tennis player, and a Nebraska Cornhuskers fan. He is survived by his beloved wife, Callie, whom he married in 1980; his daughter, Emily McArthur deCarvalho and her husband, Rob deCarvalho; his son, Mills McArthur; two grandchildren: Lily and Alec; and his five siblings: Sue Krueger, Frank McArthur, John McArthur, James McArthur, and Linda Krein; numerous nieces; and nephews. A memorial service was held May 20, 2017 at the Collegedale Church.





VOSS, WILLIAM, 95, born Nov. 1, 1921 in Homestead, OK, died April 7, 2017. He served in Iran in the Army in World War II, and earned a business degree from Union College. He worked as a teacher and business manager at academies in Texas, Arkansas, Minnesota, and Georgia. He served as assistant treasurer for the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference, where he was also ordained to the ministry and pastored two churches. Bill loved the outdoors, enjoyed gardening and loved animals. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Fay McMullin; two daughters: Linda (Ron) Herman, and Shirley (Greg) Rumsey; six grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

WALDEN, RELIOUS L., 89, born Dec. 18, 1927 in Daleville, AL, to Zama Magdalene and Lee Roy Walden, his farewell to life's journey came on April 29, 2017 when he fell asleep in Jesus with his daughter, Lisa, and son-in-law, Martin Butler, singing softly at his hospital bedside, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." With his mother, he was baptized as a young man after an evangelistic series. Following graduation from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. Because of his high school typing skills, he was assigned to work as a secretary/clerk in the headquarters office of the 185th Engineer Combat Battalion. When his unit was transferred to Fort Campbell, KY, he was able to spend weekends in Nashville, TN, with church members and attend Sabbath services. After hearing a guest speaker from Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University), he decided to attend the college after his enlistment was up. At Southern Missionary College, he found his southern belle, Beverly Smith, and she found her knight in shining armor. They were married on June 27, 1951. He served his Lord in denominational work for 40 years: Southern Publishing Association, payroll clerk, 1953-1955; Georgia-Cumberland Conference, Adventist Book Center assistant manager, 1955-57; Florida Conference assistant treasurer, 1957-1961; New Jersey Conference treasurer, 1961-1964; Ohio Conference treasurer, 1964-1968; South American Division assistant treasurer, 1968-1971; Iowa Conference treasurer, 1971-1975; Southern California Conference vice president of finance, 1975-1986; and Florida Conference treasurer, 1986-1993.



Wherever Relious worked, he was the model of a servant leader and a southern gentleman. He loved people because he loved their Creator. That is why he lived by the golden rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Every day of his retirement that began in 1993, was filled with purpose whether it was assisting at Forest Lake Education Center principal's office; two mission trips to Guatemala; Maranatha trips to Ohio and Maine; volunteered at Florida Hospital Apopka; building maintenance and grounds at Forest Lake Church; finances at Gift and Thrift store; helped to construct homes in low income neighborhoods; organizing at Habitat for Humanity's thrift store; or volunteering at Adventist Heritage's William Miller Farm in New York. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Beverly; two sons: David Walden of Glendale, CA, and Neal Walden of Healdsburg, CA; one daughter, Lisa (Martin) Butler of Apopka, FL; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. The memorial service was conducted by Pastor Barbara McCoy at Forest Lake Church in Apopka, where he was a member for 31 years. Interment was at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL.



YOST JR., STEPHEN, J., 98, born June 12, 1918 in Rochester, NY, died April 29, 2017 in Apopka, FL, with parting words from his son, "I will see you in the morning." Stephen grew up through the depression and was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1941. In preparation for going overseas, he was stationed in Ft. Lewis, WA. He attended church in Seattle and met a young woman named Ruby Blatt of Bremerton, WA, whom he married three months later on Dec. 2, 1944, shortly before shipping out to the South Pacific. After being discharged as a Master Sergeant from the U.S. Army, he enrolled at Emanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University) in Berrien Springs, MI, and received degrees in theology and education with honors in 1950. Later, he received a master of business administration degree from Seattle Pacific College in Washington.

He was hired by Michigan Conference, and thus began a career of 35 years, with 22 years in education and 13 years as a pastor working for the denomination: Onaway, MI, teacher for one year; Bethel, WI, teacher, principal for three years; Centralia, WA, Lewis Co. Jr. Academy, teacher, principal for three years; Tacoma, WA, teacher, principal for three years; Seattle, WA, Seattle Jr. Academy, principal for six years; WI Academy, principal for two years; Apopka, FL, Forest Lake Academy, principal for three years; Naples, FL, pastor for five years; Boynton Beach, FL, pastor for 4.5 years; and Cocoa, Titusville, FL, pastor for 4.5 years. Upon retirement and to be near their children, Stephen and Ruby moved to Florida Living Retirement Center where they resided for 24 years. He continued his service for the Lord through serving their local church as a Sabbath School teacher, occasional preacher, Vespers program presenter, and friend to the residents of the retirement center. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Ruby; one son, Stephen (Stephanie) Yost III of Altamonte Springs, FL; one daughter, Sheryl Reed of Howey-in-the-Hills; one sister, Virginia Lloyd of Ft. Edward, NY; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brother, George Yost. The service was conducted by Pastor James King at the Florida Living Church in Apopka, where he was a member for 23 years. Interment was at Highland Memory Gardens in Apopka.

ALEXANDER, DONALD JAMES, 58, born Sept. 3, 1958, died April 4, 2017 at his home in Harrison, TN. A longtime resident of Hamilton County, Donald attended Collegedale Academy and was a graduate of Pacific Union College. He retired from McKee Foods, and was a member of the Collegedale Church. He was an amazing dad, and was an avid traveler, reader, and food connoisseur. He is survived by one daughter, Liesl (Tyler) White of Berthoud, CO; one son, Justin (Andrea) Alexander of Sandy, OR; grandchildren: Dominic, Lyric, and Layla Clementine; one sister, Kathy (Terry) Janzen; and his father, Dr. Jim Alexander of Ukiah, CA. A private family service was held. He was preceded in death by his mother, Virginia Beth Alexander.

BURCHARD, TOMMIE SUE (ROBINSON), 72, born Feb. 7, 1944, died Nov. 7, 2016. She was the daughter of the late Tom and Artie Robinson. Tommie was married to Sam Burchard on Aug. 6, 1972 in Dayton, TN. She was the retired supervisor of patient access at Erlanger Bledsoe Hospital in Pikeville, TN, and was an active, long-term member of the Pikeville Church, where she served as the organist until her health began to decline. She was taken into the home of relatives John and Donna Goodfellow, and lovingly cared for until her death. She is survived by her sons, daughters-in-law, and granddaughters: Tony, Eva, and Abby Burchard of Ringgold, GA; Sam, Pam, and Katlyn Burchard of Apison, TN; her daughter, Samantha Mills of Sammamish, WA; and her sisters, Lila Morgan of Columbus, NC, and Mary Jane Graves of Candler, NC. Always believing that her salvation was through Christ Jesus, she looked forward to seeing loved ones at His second coming. According to her wishes, her body was donated to Genesis Legacy of Life in Memphis, TN. A memorial service was conducted on Dec. 11, 2016, at the Pikeville Church, officiated by Pastors Corbin Pitman and Mark Cox.

BURTNETT, CLARA BELLE (CARSON), 85, born Jan. 31, 1932 in Hillsdale, MI, died March 7, 2017 at Life Care Center of Collegedale in Collegedale, TN. She now rests in the arms of Jesus awaiting the trumpet call of her Lord's second coming. Clara was one of two children born to the late Leanore and Lewis Carson. She grew up in Michigan, and attended Andrews University for one year before withdrawing to work to help pay for the tuition of her soon-to-be husband, Larry.

She worked for Larry's dad at the Andrews University Press. Clara and Larry were married in 1951. Upon Larry's graduation, they moved to Nashville, TN, where she worked for Southern Publishing Association (SPA). In 1965, they moved to Academy Apartments across from GNJA, which she managed for 15 years. She also worked as a loving housewife and mother during this period. In 1980, the SPA merged with the Review and Herald in Hagerstown, MD. Clara then worked as an editorial secretary for Vibrant Life Magazine until her retirement in 1994. While serving in this position, she authored a monthly column called "Clara's Kitchen." In retirement, Larry and Clara first moved to Crossville, TN, and then to Chattanooga, TN. She is survived by her brother, Lewis Carson; two sons: Dan (Debbie) Burtnett, and Dennis (Cindy) Burtnett; and four grandchildren: Ryan, Ashleigh, Brittney, and Courtney. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Larry Burtnett, and son, Ronald. A celebration of life service was held March 19, 2017, at the Collegedale Church with Pastor David Ferguson officiating. Burial followed at Collegedale Memorial Park.

BUTTERFIELD, NANCY KAREN (ROSENTHAL), 81, born June 2, 1935 in Nevada, Iowa, died Dec. 31, 2016. Karen was a charter member of the Middletown Church (formerly known as St. Matthews Church). She attended Miami Jr. and Forest Lake academies. She graduated from Collegedale Academy where she met her husband, W. Joe Butterfield. She had many occupations including dental assistant, doctor's receptionist, church organist, assistant administrator at Pleasant Grove Hospital, and office manager at Jefferson Place. She enjoyed sewing, reading, traveling/road trips with Joe, playing the piano, teaching Sabbath School, and taking care of her grandsons. She loved her church family and enjoyed participating in its many activities. She is predeceased by her parents, Louis and Esther Rosenthal. She is survived by her husband, W. Joe Butterfield; one son, Leslie (Heather) Butterfield; one daughter, Karen E. Butterfield; three grandsons: Casey, Corey (Erin), and Collin Butterfield; and one sister, Pat Rosenthal.

CARNES, KRISTY RENAE, 55, born June 16, 1961 in Edinburg, TX, died March 2, 2017 of natural causes. Kristy lived in Hamilton County since 1990. She was a full-time mother, volunteer to the homeless, and a faithful servant of Jesus. She is survived by

her husband, Gary W. Carnes; one son, Michael Carnes; one daughter, Heather Kremetsky; her mother, Kay Arwood; step-father, Bob Arwood; one sister, Cynthia Harkness; and two grandchildren: Nikolas and Alexander Kremetsky. Services were held March 11, 2017 at the Hamilton Community Church in Chattanooga, TN, with Pastor Jim Herman officiating.

CAVERLY, DONALD V., 80, born Dec. 24, 1936 in Farmington, NH, died June 15, 2017 in Sorrento, FL. He was a member of the Forest Lake Church for 30-plus years. He loved photography and working with the homeless ministry. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Shirley; two sons: Aaron (Jennifer) Caverly, and Andrew (Amanda) Caverly all of Sorrento, FL; one brother, Edward Caverly of Winter Park, FL; and two grandchildren. The military service was conducted at the Amvets in Mt. Dora, FL.

COOLIDGE, CAROLYN G., 99, born April 14, 1918 in Macon, GA, died May 9, 2017 in Collegedale, TN. She was a member of the Florida Living Church in Apopka, FL, for 12 years. She was employed as an RN at Tacoma Hospital in Greenville, TN, from the 1950s to the 1960s, and at Madison Hospital, Madison, TN, from 1969 to 1977. She is survived by her three sons: William (Rose) Coolidge of Altamonte Springs, FL, Herbert (Carolyn) Coolidge of Collegedale, TN, and Robert (Lorraine) Coolidge of Deland, FL; and two grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband of 70 years, Everette Coolidge, who died in 2009. The interment and graveside service was conducted by Pastor Clarence Small in Greenville, TN.

COSTERISAN, FRANCIS JOSEPH, 98, born July 5, 1918 in Ironton, WI, died April 18, 2017 in East Flat Rock, NC. He was a dairy farmer and a master carpenter. He attended Emmanuel Missionary College, now Andrews University. In 1962, he and his family moved to Southern Missionary College, now Southern Adventist University as plant engineer. He remained there for 21 years. He built several churches during his career. He retired to Fort Payne, AL, and moved to Fletcher Park Inn, NC, in February 2001. He was an active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church his whole life, and a member of the Fletcher, NC, Church at the time of his death. He was preceded in death by six siblings; his wife, Adabelle White Costerisan, whom he was married to for 63 years;

and one granddaughter, Julie Costerisan. He is survived by his sister, Jesse Schroeder of Elk Park, NC; four children: Frank (Joan) Costerisan of Hendersonville, NC, Daryl (Lee Anne) Costerisan of Collegedale, TN, Marji (Tom) Tiptom of Knoxville, TN, and Bruce (Jayne) Costerisan of Chattanooga, TN; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

CREEL, VIRGINIA, 84, born Sept. 5, 1932, died March 21, 2017 at her home in Ooltewah, TN. Virginia was a previous employee of the Collegedale Credit Union and a member of the Collegedale Church. She was a loving mother and friend, and will be dearly missed by all who knew her. She is survived by two sons: David Creel and William "Billy" Creel; one sister, Betty (Thomas) Dowell; one niece; one nephew; extended family; and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Creel. A celebration of life service was held April 9, 2017 at the Collegedale Church with Pastor Cherie Smith officiating. A graveside service followed in the Collegedale Memorial Park.

DAVIS, MARY SUE MULLINAX, 94, born Sept. 15, 1922, died March 23, 2017 in Greenville, SC. Sue was a member of the Fletcher, NC, Church. She earned her nursing diploma in Fletcher Mountain Sanitarium. She and her husband, Herman Davis, served as missionaries in Ethiopia for 11 years. Upon returning to the U.S., they pastored churches in North and South Carolina. She was a minister's wife and a private duty registered nurse while she raised their four children. She is survived by her four daughters: Mary Jo of Hendersonville, Gene of Tampa, FL, Suzanne of Chattanooga, TN, and Suzette of Newport Beach, CA; one brother, Joseph Mullinax; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Pastor Herman Davis; and two brothers: Aaron and Doyle Mullinax.

DAVIS, RICHARD "DICK" H., 89, born May 16, 1928 in Hammond, IN, died June 15, 2017 in Altamonte Springs, FL. He was a member of the Forest Lake Church for 54 years. He volunteered for many years at the Forest Lake Church Gift and Thrift Store. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, June; two sons: Kevin Davis of College Park, GA, and Kurtis Davis of Deland, FL.

EYTCHESON, FAY, 71, born April 16, 1945, died March 29, 2017 in Hudson, FL.

She was a member of the New Port Richey, FL, Church for 30 years. She is survived by one son, Jeff Eytcheson; one daughter, Lori Hudak; two brothers: George and Floyd; two sisters: Colleen and Jane; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

FAUSEY, CHARLOTTE, 96, born Jan. 10, 1921 in Indianapolis, IN, died April 3, 2017 in New Port Richey, FL. She was a member of the New Port Richey Church for 12 years. She is survived by one son, Joe Bireley of Hudson, FL; and one daughter, Sandra Bertram of Indianapolis, IN. The service and interment were in Indianapolis, IN.

GREEN, VERNON GEORGE, 93, born April 30, 1921 in Oklahoma City, OK, died Feb. 28, 2015 in Apopka, FL. He was a member of the Forest Lake Church in Apopka for 12 years. He worked for the Church for 31 years, and retired while working in the Florida Conference. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Peggy; one son, Gary (Donna) of Birmingham, AL; two daughters: Lydia Green of Longwood, and Terri Smith of Oviedo; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. The memorial service was conducted by Pastors Lewis Hendershott, Lester Pratt, and Floyd Powell at the Forest Lake Church. Interment was in the Highland Memory Gardens in Apopka.

HAROLD, RAYMOND, 97, born May 13, 1919 in Yonkers, NY, died April 14, 2017. He was the son of Dr. Joseph Harold and Charlotte Barbara Dietrich. His father's Irish heritage and his mother's French tradition gave Raymond the examples of love and hard work that would provide the Christian foundation for the rest of his life. Raymond graduated from Madison College in Madison, TN, where he met his wife, Betty Alice Peak; the love of his life and companion for 67 years. Raymond, along with Betty, was an active member of the Hopkinsville community for more than 50 years. He was a member of the Hopkinsville, KY, Church. As an active member and elder, Raymond dedicated his life to spreading the love of God. For more than 20 years, he ministered in the Hopkinsville jail, going every week to visit with the inmates and share with them. When asked why he enjoyed such good health, he would often reply, "Healthy diet, exercise, and trust in the Lord." Raymond is survived by his wife, Betty; one son, James Harold; three daughters: Joan Wilson, Ellen Brodersen, Mary Harold; four grandchildren: Kevin

Harold, Travis Harold, Spencer Harold, Eric Brodersen; and one great-grandchild, Kovax Harold. He is preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Bethel Ray Harold; two brothers: John and Joseph Harold; and one sister, Miriam Harold.

HENSON, FORREST, 98, born July 12, 1918 in Phil, KY, died Feb. 7, 2017 at The Episcopal Church Home in Louisville, KY. Forrest was a member of the Elizabethtown, KY, Church. He grew up in Casey County, KY, graduated from Casey County High School in 1936, and attended Berea College for two years. After college, he sold life insurance in North Carolina, and worked as a welder in the Savannah, GA, shipbuilding industry during World War II. In 1945, he went to work for Brown's Ice Cream Company in Elizabethtown, and managed the operation of the ice cream plant for 34 years until it closed in 1979. He then sold life insurance until his retirement in 2008. Forrest was preceded in death in 1979 by his first wife, Virginia Edwards Henson; four brothers: Lawrence, Hollis, Viri, and Earl Henson; and three sisters: Mary Dick, Arlie Haggard, and Cloe Eads. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Ruth Diane Henson; one son, Forrest Henson Jr.; one daughter, Sue (Terry) Strange; three sisters: Beulah Wolf, Mildred Coffey, and Betty Lou Wheeler; five granddaughters: Jean Renee Allison, Toni Gail Darnall, Stephanie Lynn Fowlkes, Sara Elizabeth Strange, and Jennifer Henson Atchison; two great-granddaughters; six great-grandsons; and one great-great-granddaughter.

HURT, HELEN FAY, 78, born Nov. 7, 1938, died March 30, 2017. She was a resident of Ooltewah, TN.

KIMBEL, VICTOR, 84, born Oct. 2, 1932 in Wayland, NY, died Feb. 25, 2017 in Woodbury, TN. He served in the Army and was stationed in Korea. He also worked for Worthington Foods and Loma Linda Foods in Ohio and Sovex in Collegedale, TN. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Dolly; one son, Tory (Joyce) Kimbel; two daughters: LeAnn (David) Jordan, and Donna Kimbel; and six grandchildren.

LUCAS, WILLIAM THOMAS, 70, born Oct. 19, 1942, died April 6, 2013. He was a welder with Fiba Technology. He was a member of the Louisville, KY, Church. He is survived by four daughters: Ellen Wilson, Patricia Oldham, Renita Duff, Peggy Ferguson;

one son, Ronnie Lucas; two sisters: Joyce Hudson and Violet Roden; two brothers: Danny Graybeal and Jr. Lucas; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

MANZANO, EILEEN GILL, 91, born Sept. 27, 1925 in Columbus, OH, died Nov. 23, 2016 in Harriman, TN. Her childhood and youth were spent in five different homes. After finishing high school at St. Mary's in Ohio, Eileen spent four years at Madison College in Tennessee. During the summer of 1945, she and another student were supervised by Ms. Marple and another woman who drove them to small towns across Kentucky and Tennessee, where they sold the Watchman (These Times) and Life and Health to stores and businesses. The next summer, she and fellow student Marie Holloway served as Bible workers for evangelist Knecht in Hazlewood, NC. That fall, she resumed her nursing course. In December 1946, army veteran David Manzano arrived on campus. His family had moved to Madison College from Battle Creek, MI, the previous year. David had never considered being a minister, but the spirit of service for the Lord evident at Madison College and then getting acquainted with Eileen, who was more dedicated to the Lord than he was, opened David to the Lord's will. Eileen and David were married on Aug. 25, 1947. The wedding took place in Elder Arthur Spaulding's yard, and he presented Eileen in marriage. Elder Howard Welch performed the service. College and ministry took Eileen and David to the states of Maryland, New Jersey, Florida, Ohio, and Texas. Eileen was loved by church members wherever they served. Besides being a wonderful wife and mother, she was a perfect helper in ministry. She worked part-time as a literature evangelist, office secretary, Dorcas Welfare Federation leader in New Jersey, and shepherdess correspondent in Ohio. The couple retired on Sept. 1, 1991 in Roane County, TN, and continued to serve. Eileen donated \$25,000 she inherited from her mother for the new Roane County Church building. She is survived by her husband, David; one son, Daniel (Rose) of New Albany, IN; one daughter, Martha Sue (John) Baugh of McGill, NV; and one granddaughter, Suzanne Leigh of Knoxville, TN.

MCKEWEN, MARGARET ELIZABETH GOFF, 89, born Aug. 8, 1927 in Arcadia, FL, died March 1, 2017 in Calhoun, GA. She was a faithful member of the Calhoun Church, and especially enjoyed the fellowship of her Sabbath School class. Marga-

ret's passing was preceded by her husband, Willard Robert (Bob) McKewen, in September 2005. They married in 1946, and her life example led Bob to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church in years to come. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Jim Brazill; son, Robert Ty McKewen; and daughter, Judy McKewen; one granddaughter and her husband, April and Lucas; and two great-grandchildren: Jackson and Ava—the lights of her life.

OWEN, JAMES RICHARD, 33, born July 15, 1983 in Ann Arbor, MI, died June 5, 2017 in Hendersonville, NC. James was a graduate from Fletcher Academy and Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, TN. He worked with his father, Jim, and brother, Jeff, at E-Z Roll Off Containers. He was a member of the Fletcher, NC, Church, where he was an effective Pathfinder director, and helped with the AcroK-nights, the Fletcher Academy Gymnastic Team. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed camping. He is survived by his wife, Robin Owen; father, Jim Owen; mother, Judy Swensen; brother, Jeff (Leah) Owen; one son, James Owen; one daughter, Ruth Owen; one niece, Hailey Heuss; many uncles; aunts; and cousins.

PRITCHARD, HAZEL, 92, of Morganton, NC, born Aug. 11, 1924 to David H. Rich and Callie Lane Rich, died June 6, 2017 at home surrounded by her family. She was preceded in death by her brothers: Rufus Rich (Clema), Fletch Rich (Alpha), Wood Rich (Durlene), Tilman Rich (Anne), and Floyd Rich; and sisters: Florence Williams (Woodrow) and Curley Epley (Dock). She is survived by one daughter, Diane (Uames) Benson; and one son, Richard W. Pritchard; one granddaughter, Roxanna (David) Dobson; three great-grandsons: Luke, Joshua, and Seth; and one great-granddaughter, Tesla. She was a faithful member of the Morganton Church.

SCHRIBER, MARILOU PARKER, 86, born Aug. 28, 1930 in Ocala, FL, died March 8, 2017 in Mills River, NC. She was a member of the New Port Richey, FL, Church for 20 years, and Fletcher Church for 30 years. Marilou taught secretarial science and home economics at Southern Missionary College, Forest Lake Academy, and Tarpon Springs High School in Florida. She was known for her exceptional vegetarian cooking, hospitality, and volunteer work with community services. She led out in children's ministries, Pathfinders, and vegetarian cooking schools. Later in life, she became an avid walker and

gardener. She was a loved and respected teacher and devoted wife and mother. She will be greatly missed by family and friends. Marilou is preceded in death by her parents: Jesse Homer and Lucile Parker; as well as her husband, John Schriber. She is survived by two daughters: Janice Schriber of Orlando, FL, and Kathleen (Terry) Tallos of Mills River, NC; three sisters: Jackie Stone of Cape Coral, FL; Nancy Parker of Fletcher, NC; and Anna Mae Houghtaling of Floral City, FL; and four grandsons: Timothy, Jonathan, Benjamin, and Daniel.

TRITTON, LOUISE, M., 89, born July 15, 1927 in Pekin, IL, died May 31, 2017 in Satsuma, FL. She was a member of the St. Augustine, FL, Church for 37 years. She is survived by her three sons: Bob Bergner of St. Augustine, Steve Bergner of Satsuma, FL, and David Tritton of Colorado; one daughter, Christine Sturiale of St. Augustine; 12 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Interment was at the Jacksonville National Cemetery.

VADIL, PERPETUA, 87, born Sept. 1, 1929, died April 3, 2017 in the Philippines. She was a member of the Dunnellon, FL, Church for 17 years. She is survived by her husband, Eusebio Vadil; two daughters: Cynthia Aranca of Dunnellon, FL, and Luz Griger of Parrish, FL; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. The service was conducted in the Philippines.

WOODS, GLORIA CATHERINE (WOODARD), 81, born April 24, 1935 in the New York City Hospital, died March 7, 2017 at Cobb Wellstar Hospital in Austell, GA. Gloria and her husband, Gene Woods, were married June 16, 1957 at the Atlanta Beverly Roads Church, where they were baptized together some time before getting married. Gloria won a full scholarship to study nursing at Georgia Baptist Hospital, and went on to work as a nurse for more than 50 years at various hospitals, and for the state of Georgia in Home Care Services. She and Gene were charter members of the Marietta, Shady Grove, and Douglasville churches, where they led out in many church offices. Gloria is survived by her husband of almost 60 years, Gene; her three sons: Cameron Woods, Rodney Woods, and Anthony Woods; and seven grandchildren: Daniel Woods, Tiffney Woods, Brian Hodges, Katie Woods, Rachel Woods, Whitney Woods, and Miranda Woods.

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Notice is hereby given that the 32nd regular session of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Madison Campus Seventh-day Adventist Church, 607-B Larkin Springs Road, Madison, Tennessee, Sunday, September 10, 2017. The session will begin at 10 a.m. This session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and for transacting any other business that may properly come before the session. Each church in the conference is entitled to one delegate and an additional delegate for each twenty-five members or major fraction thereof.

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FALL MARRIAGE RETREAT - Aug. 11-13. Pigeon Forge, TN.
WELCOME TO THE FAMILY - Aug. 18-20. NPR.
PATHFINDER/ADVENTURER LEADERSHIP - Aug. 25-27. NPR.
HISPANIC CAMP MEETING - Sept. 8-10. Orangeburg, SC.
RETIRES RETREAT - Sept. 18-21. NPR.
ELDERS' CERTIFICATION #2 VISITATION - Sept. 22, 23. Kernersville, NC.
MEN'S RETREAT (ENGLISH/HISPANIC) - Sept. 29-Oct. 1. NPR.
HISPANIC WOMEN'S RETREAT - Oct. 6-8. NPR.
WOMEN'S RETREAT - Oct. 13-15. NPR.
ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL RETREAT - Oct. 20, 21. NPR.
CAROLINA MISSION TRIP - Oct. 26-Nov. 3. Traveling to Honduras.
COMMUNITY SERVICES RETREAT - Oct. 27-29. NPR.

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 Sept. 24. Midport, West Palm Beach First, Boynton Beach, Margate. (Southeastern Conference: Port St. Lucie, West Palm Beach Ephesus.)
 Oct. 1. Inverness, Tampa First, Brandon, West Coast Christian Academy in Bradenton, Sarasota, North Port, Port Charlotte.
 Oct. 8. Pompano Beach, Ambassador in Lauderdale Lakes, Sunrise, Plantation. (Southeastern Conference: Mt. Olivet.)
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GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

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PATHFINDER LEADERSHIP CONVENTION - Aug. 18-20. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.
WILL CLINIC WITH JEFF WILSON Aug. 19-20. Livingston, TN, Church.
 Aug. 27-28. Coalfield Church, Oliver Springs, TN.
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LETTING IT GO, DEALING WITH GRIEF AND LOSS - Aug. 25-27, Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.
MEN'S FALL RALLY: CHAINSAWS & BUTTER KNIVES - Aug. 26. 3:30 p.m. Community Church, Collegedale, TN.
"RE: START," AN ADVENTIST CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (ACF) GATHERING - Friday evening, Aug. 25. Find out more information at www.acfgcc.org/restart. Atlanta, GA, Metro Church.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Aug. 30. Conference Office, Calhoun, GA.
CONVERSATIONS (YOUNG ADULT RETREAT) - Sept. 1-3. Which road, God? Is there a way to keep all of this from being so confusing? Deadline: Aug. 7. Historic Banning Mills, Whitesburg, GA.
MAKEOVER: HISPANIC YOUTH RETREAT - Sept. 8-10. Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Crandall, GA.
ADVENTURER MINISTRIES CONVENTION - Sept. 8-10. Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Crandall, GA.
ACF LEADERSHIP REBOOT - Sept. 8-10. Student leaders unite for a weekend of leadership training and relaxation as they sit with Jesus and learn how He would have us lead. Conference Office, Calhoun, GA.
PATHFINDER DRILL INSTRUCTOR TRAINING - Sept. 15-17. Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Crandall, GA.

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NORTHEAST TENNESSEE CAMP MEETING - Sept. 22, 23. The Oaks Retreat, Greeneville, TN.
ENGAGE LEADERSHIP CONVENTION - Sept. 22, 23. Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Crandall, GA.
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KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

50+ CAMP - Aug. 8-13. Indian Creek Camp.
PATHFINDER/ADVENTURER LEADERSHIP WEEKEND - Aug. 25-27. Indian Creek Camp.
CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Aug. 29. Conference Office.
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YOUNG WOMEN'S RETREAT - Sept. 8-10. Indian Creek Camp.
WOMEN'S RETREAT I - Sept. 15-17. Indian Creek Camp.
WOMEN'S RETREAT II - Sept. 22-24. Indian Creek Camp.
HISPANIC WOMEN'S RETREAT I - Sept. 29-Oct. 1. Indian Creek Camp.
HISPANIC WOMEN'S RETREAT II - Oct. 6-8. Indian Creek Camp.

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FLETCHER ACADEMY HOMECOMING WEEKEND - Oct. 6-8. FA Campus. Please up-date your contact information at agibbs@fletcheracademy.com, 828-209-6704. This weekend will honor the class years ending in 2's and 7's. The Class of 1967 will be marking its 50th Reunion. Special invitation to former Fletcher Academy gymnasts and Acroknights. Details at www.fletcheracademy.com.

CHATTANOOGA FIRST CHURCH CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY - Oct. 6, 7. At the church at 7450 Standifer Gap Road, Chattanooga, TN. The celebration includes: Nostalgic Friday evening Vespers with It Is Written associate speaker, Eric Flickinger; Sabbath School program with an interactive lesson study by Pastor Fred Fuller; inspirational worship service with a message by Pastor Roy Caughron; fellowship luncheon; and a special Sabbath afternoon program. Past students from the old church school, come and reconnect with classmates. Former members and friends, please join us for a memorable celebration of 100 years in service to God and the community. For further information, call 423-400-6485.

SHEYENNE RIVER ACADEMY/PLAINVIEW ACADEMY/DAKOTA ADVENTIST ACADEMY ALUMNI WEEKEND - Oct. 6, 7. Dakota Adventist Academy, 15905 Sheyenne Circle, Bismarck, ND. Come and renew your friendships. Honor classes: '43, '48, '53, '58, '63, '68, '78, '88, '93, '98, '03, '08, '13. For more information, call 701-751-6177, ext. 212, or visit our website at: www.dakotaadventistacademy.org or www.dakotaadventistacademy.org/

ROSSVILLE (formally Wallaceville) CHURCH 50TH ANNIVERSARY - Oct. 7. This will be a homecoming celebration. John Strickland will be the speaker. Sabbath School begins at 10:00 a.m., with the worship service at 11:30 a.m., and a fellowship luncheon to follow. There will also be a program of music and reminiscing in the

afternoon. For additional information, call 706-866-8214. Church address: 1737 Mission Ridge Road, Rossville, GA 30741.

TAKOMA PARK, MD, CHURCH FIRST HOMECOMING CELEBRATION - Oct. 7. Come to reunite/reconnect in the historical worship center. Former members/new friends are cordially invited to join in the first celebration. Events will include Mark Finley, guest speaker; a historical tour; and mass choir concert. Register today at <https://tpchomecoming2017.eventbrite.com>.

MADISON ACADEMY ALUMNI WEEKEND - Oct. 13, 14. Come reconnect, reminisce, and reinvest in your Academy friendships and alma mater. Please update your contact information by going to www.madisonacademy.com/alumni or call 615-865-4055. We will be celebrating all graduates, but especially honoring classes ending in 2 or 7. We look forward to reconnecting with you!

SOCIETY OF ADVENTIST COMMUNICATORS 2017 ANNUAL CONVENTION - Oct. 19-21. SAVE THE DATE - Celebrating 28 Years of Communication Excellence! Theme: "Building Bridges." Embassy Suites Portland, Washington Square in Portland, Oregon. Join Seventh-day Adventist communication professionals and university students from all around the North American Division for training, networking, and spiritual renewal opportunities. Additional details: www.adventistcommunicator.org.

COVINGTON, KENTUCKY, CHURCH SCHOOL/TAYLOR MILL CHRISTIAN ACAD-EMY 100TH ANNIVERSARY - Oct. 28. If you or someone you know attended our school, please contact us at 859-905-0077, alumni.tmca@gmail.com, or our website at tmcademy.net, and like us on Facebook at Taylor Mill Christian Academy. We are trying to reconnect with alumni and are soliciting prayers, stories, and volunteers. Your input is crucial to making this event meaningful and memorable.

GYC 2017 - ARISE: Dec. 27-31. Join thousands of young people from around the world at GYC Phoenix, as we spend four days looking at God's glorious vision for His people at the end of time from Isaiah 60. Engage in Bible study, prayer, witnessing, fellowship, seminars, and sermons. Visit www.gycweb.org for details and registration.

10 DAYS OF PRAYER RETURNS 2018 - Jan. 10-20. With the theme, "Our High Priest." Congregations worldwide continue to be blessed by this powerful prayer initiative. For more information and to sign up your church, visit www.tendaysofprayer.org.

RESCHEDULED: The Natural Remedies & Hydrotherapy workshop scheduled for Aug. 6-11 at Andrews University has been rescheduled for spring 2018. Details will be provided as they become available. For more information, email chis@andrews.edu.

SUNSET						
	AUG 4	AUG 11	AUG 18	AUG 25	SEPT 1	SEPT 8
ATLANTA, GA	8:35	8:28	8:20	8:12	8:03	7:53
CHARLESTON, SC	8:15	8:09	8:01	7:53	7:44	7:35
CHARLOTTE, NC	8:24	8:16	8:08	7:59	7:50	7:40
COLLEGE DALE, TN	8:41	8:34	8:26	8:17	8:08	7:58
HUNTSVILLE, AL	7:46	7:38	7:30	7:22	7:12	7:03
JACKSON, MS	7:55	7:49	7:41	7:33	7:25	7:16
LOUISVILLE, KY	8:49	8:41	8:32	8:23	8:12	8:02
MEMPHIS, TN	8:00	7:53	7:45	7:36	7:24	7:17
MIAMI, FL	8:05	7:59	7:53	7:47	7:40	7:32
MONTGOMERY, AL	7:04	7:33	7:26	7:18	7:09	7:00
NASHVILLE, TN	7:49	7:42	7:33	7:24	7:14	7:04
ORLANDO, FL	8:14	8:08	8:01	7:54	7:46	7:38
TAMPA, FL	8:17	8:11	8:05	7:58	7:50	7:42
WILMINGTON, NC	8:10	8:03	7:55	7:47	7:37	7:28



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