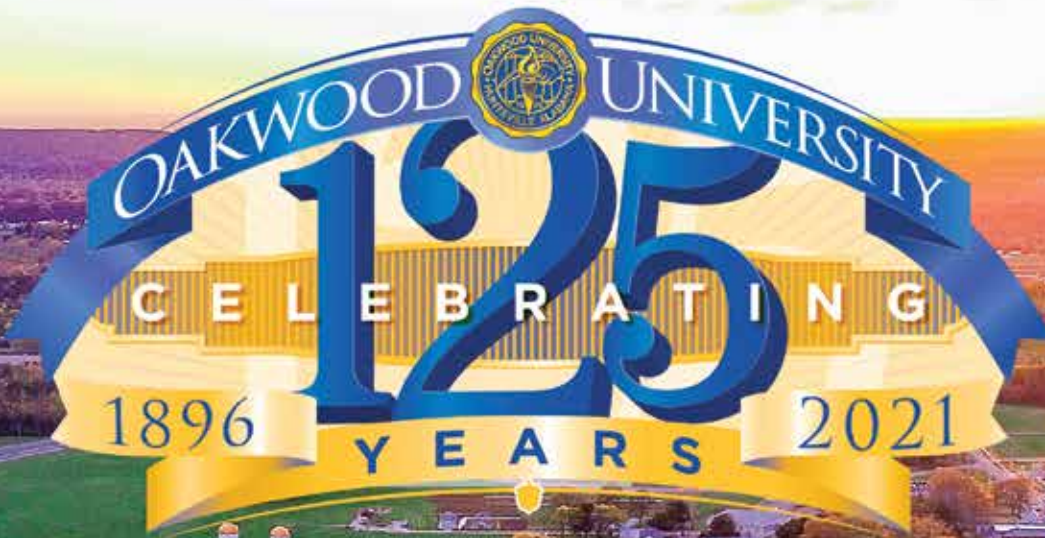


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The Death of Death



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“He will swallow up death in victory, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces,” Isaiah 25:8.

As the prophet saw it, the day would come when the Lord would destroy the covering thrown over all people, the veil that covers all nations. He saw death as making a victim of all mankind, but he saw its certain end.

When a worker in a nuclear power station set off the alarm that alerted the world to the Chernobyl disaster, a pall spread over all the Earth. The radioactive cloud carried death with it. But, the fear went further. All saw how easily human error could pollute the whole planet. A veil of death may yet cover all people.

In the agitation that followed Chernobyl, the young looked into the future and saw it bleak and, perhaps, without hope. The words over the entry to the Hades of Greek myth might well apply, “Abandon hope, all ye who enter here.”

Has hope heard its death knell? Is contentious racism, the upheaval of crime and conflict, drug warfare, or a worldwide pandemic the final word? The Word of God says no. Rather, the bell has tolled for death. In the farseeing vision of the prophet, God will engulf death.

In Hannover, Germany, you can still see the tomb of an atheist woman. The inscription declares that no resurrection will open that tomb. The seed that spoiled the atheist’s boast has grown large and tall. The Creator’s pine tree mocks those who declare the finality of death.

It was an awful day when Jesus died. When Jesus died, hope died; dreams died; aspirations died; plans died; the church died; and salvation died. But, when He was resurrected, hope was resurrected; dreams were resurrected; aspirations were resurrected; plans were resurrected; the church was resurrected; salvation was resurrected; and we, by faith, are resurrected.

Death died when Jesus rose from the grave. Until Jesus rose, sin could have no other result but the death of the sinner.

The death of death has another message for us. If death can be defeated, then those other situations that appear unalterable may also yield to Christ’s power. Sin has a victor: Jesus Christ. Pandemics have a victor: Jesus Christ. Fear has a victor: Jesus Christ. Doubt has a victor: Jesus Christ. The Lord declares that in Him all things are possible. The resurrection of Jesus has changed forever what can be done for members of the human race.

Who swallows up death in victory? “Jesus Christ,” we might answer. But, Paul perceives more clearly than that. The victory is ours. Through Christ, our own death has lost its finality and power. “But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

I am confident as I cite the apostle Paul in declaring, “I am persuaded, that death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor heights, nor depths, nor any other creature, will be able to separate me from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Faith is a mightier conqueror than death. -RCS



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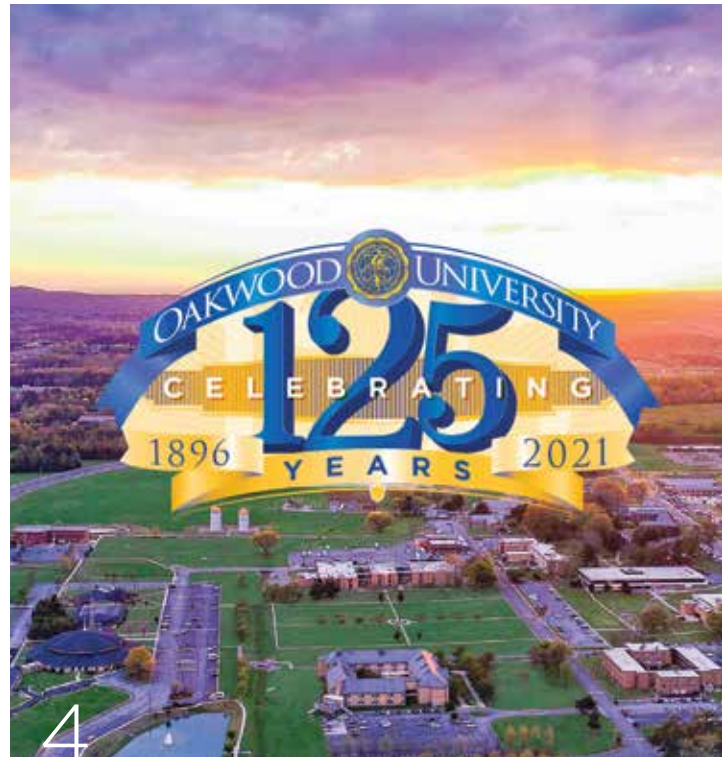
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OAKWOOD UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES 125 YEARS OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

BY LESLIE POLLARD, PH.D., D.MIN., M.B.A., AND DEBBE MILLET

November 16, 1896, is a date that will forever live in the sacred history of Seventh-day Adventist mission. On this date, the Oakwood Industrial School in Huntsville, Alabama, opened its doors to 16 students. On November 16, 2021, Oakwood University will celebrate its 125th birthday. For more than a century, Oakwood University has launched thousands of graduates into orbits of service, around the corner, and around the world.

Today, Oakwood University, a historically Black Seventh-day Adventist institution of higher learning, offers quality Christian education that emphasizes academic excellence; promotes harmonious development of mind, body, and spirit; and prepares leaders in service for God and humanity. The school's motto, shared by faculty and students, is Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve. In everything it does, it believes and practices God First, its current slogan. Consistent with its mission statement, Oakwood University is in the business of transforming lives — both for now and, more importantly, for eternity.

While the many accomplishments of Oakwood University are legendary, at its very beginning, prospects were less than promising. In 1895, G. A. Irwin, O. A. Olsen, and N. Lindsey traveled to Huntsville, Alabama, looking for land for an industrial school authorized by

the General Conference. From the start, Ellen G. White championed Oakwood's cause, and is unquestionably worthy of the title "co-founder of Oakwood."

In her letter 313, written in 1904, White said, "It was in the providence of God that the Huntsville School Farm was purchased." As it grew from its meager beginnings, she continuously spoke out for the school, doing all in her power to make sure it prospered. She wrote, visited, prodded, sacrificed, prayed, donated, advocated, and cried for the fledgling institution to ever fulfill its God-given destiny.

The more than 350 acres purchased in 1896 was property that had been owned by plantation farmer Peter Blow. Among the slaves owned by Blow was one named Dred who would become famous for his role in the Dred Scott case. (Blow's son, Taylor, gave Dred Scott his freedom in 1857.)

On the former slave plantation, the Alabama landscape was sloping and uneven; the red clay was hard as granite; the soil was barren from having been overworked; dense brush encircled the property; tree limbs sagged. It took vision and faith to see a future in this unpromising plot in the heart of the South, 30 years after the Civil War.

The 65 towering oak trees on the original property inspired the name of this new institution. The Oakwood Industri-

al School opened its doors on November 16, 1896, with a principal, three teachers, and an enrollment of 16 students. As academic offerings expanded over the years, and the number of students and staff increased, so did Oakwood undergo changes in its names. The school was first named the Oakwood Industrial School, from 1896 to 1904, and then it became known as the Oakwood Manual Training School, from 1904 to 1917. Then the school was called the Oakwood Junior College from 1917 to 1945, and became Oakwood College from 1945 to 2008. In 1943, Oakwood received its first accreditation as a junior college, having already begun the process of achieving senior college status. Fifteen years later, in 1958, it was accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate and baccalaureate degrees.

The institution was named Oakwood University on January 1, 2008, when the school achieved university status after adding its first graduate program, the master of arts degree in pastoral studies.

As the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) member institution in northern Alabama, Oakwood participates in and benefits from UNCF's fund-raising campaigns, including scholarships, as well as access to international educational opportunities.

Today, Oakwood is considered a histor-





In its earliest days, Oakwood Industrial School lived up to its name with a flourishing set of industries.



The administrators and accreditation committee members celebrated the news of Oakwood's initial accreditation in 1958 by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

ical landmark of Huntsville, and is very much a part of the Huntsville community, with students carrying out their mission of service by participating in local tutoring, disaster relief, community improvement, and child development programs.

U.S. News & World Report has consistently ranked Oakwood University among top-tier, private liberal arts colleges and universities in the South, in both “Historically Black Colleges and Universities” (HBCUs) and “Regional Colleges/South” categories. The University offers approximately 60 degrees in more than 16 academic disciplines, and Oakwood has an outstanding record of preparing successful applicants to graduate and go on to professional schools. Close to 60% of the culturally diverse faculty hold doctorate degrees from a wide range of national and international colleges and universities.

Oakwood University continues to view education as indispensable in preparation for wider service to God and to the human family. Leslie Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., M.B.A., president of Oakwood University, said, “For 125 years, Oakwood has advanced the mission of Seventh-day Adventist education, creating competent Christian professionals for servant leadership. Since 1896 we have been in the blessed business of transforming lives.”

Principal administrators from Oakwood’s early pre-college years are Solon Jacobs (1896), H. S. Shaw (1897-1899),

B. E. Nicola (1899-1904), F. R. Rogers (1904-1905), G. H. Baber (1905-1906), W. J. Blake (1906-1911), and Clarence J. Boyd (1911-1917).

Presidential administrators of Oakwood’s college and university years are J. I. Beardsley (1917-1923), James L. Moran (1932-1945), Frank L. Peterson (1945-1954), Garland J. Millet (1954-1963), Addison V. Pinkney (1963-1966), Frank W. Hale (1966-1971), Calvin B. Rock (1971-1985), Emerson A. Cooper (Fall 1985), Benjamin F. Reaves (1985-1996), Delbert W. Baker (1996-2010), Mervyn A. Warren (Fall 2010), and Leslie N. Pollard (2011 to present).

The University has tremendous local impact on the community, hosting, since 1946, the annual Camp Meeting for the South Central Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, a 10-day spiritual/educational/recreational retreat, accommodating 8,000 to 10,000 attendees in pre-pandemic years.

From its inception through the late 1960s, Oakwood operated a variety of businesses, including a laundry that supported both Huntsville and the Redstone Arsenal. “As part of the school’s industry recovery initiative, Oakwood operates two Edible Arrangements franchise stores, the Oakwood Farms Market, and the Oakwood University Memorial Gardens Cemetery. This initiative helps the University to keep its tuition low by turning funds back to the campus, em-

ploying students, and teaching them the value of entrepreneurship,” observed Pollard. “One of the University’s goals is to reduce reliance on student tuition as the sole source of revenue. Profits from these industries support student scholarships and overall educational needs.”

Returning to its agricultural roots in 2017, Oakwood opened an organic urban farm, set to become the largest of its kind in northern Alabama. Oakwood’s intention is to contribute to the natural food options in the surrounding community, which has been labeled a “food desert.” The University also opened the Oakwood Farms Market in 2020, which offers fresh produce and a variety of plant-based products. The Market is a practical way of promoting a healthy lifestyle based on biblical principles.

Oakwood University’s initiative is part of a larger contemporary trend that highlights the importance of organic vegetable farming for human health and general well-being. Following advice by church co-founder Ellen G. White, Seventh-day Adventists have long advocated for a plant-based diet and useful outdoor work as ways of keeping body and mind healthy.

Healthy Campus 2020 (HC2020) is Oakwood University’s organized initiative to empower students to make healthy choices. This program was established as a response to the problem of preventable diseases, which affect the students. Healthy Campus 2020 has helped to ed-



David Spillers (left), Huntsville Hospital CEO, and Leslie Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., M.B.A., Oakwood University president, sign lease agreements and bump fists in agreement.

ucate the campus regarding healthy life-style decisions, utilizing the eight laws of health in order to foster a holistic approach to a healthy mind, body, and soul. The goal of Healthy Campus 2020 is to make Oakwood University the healthiest campus in America.

The University has expanded the initiative to Healthy Campus, Healthy Community, by partnering with the Huntsville Hospital System to build and operate the Oakwood University Community Health Action Center adjacent to the campus at the corner of Sparkman Drive and Bronco Circle.

The Center will encompass an ambulatory care clinic operated by the Huntsville Hospital within the Health Action Center. Oakwood students, employees, and community residents will have access to quality care at the walk-in clinic. Establishing this facility will also allow for continuity of care from the walk-in

clinic to in-patient care at Huntsville Hospital.

“Huntsville Hospital Health System is very pleased to work with Oakwood University in bringing this dream to fruition. The clinic will provide important health services to people throughout this community,” said David Spillers, CEO of Huntsville Hospital Health System, at a lease-signing event in February 2021.

“The Community Health Action Center launches Oakwood’s community-facing phase of our nationally-recognized Healthy Campus 2020 campus wellness initiative. Our event today underscores our Healthy Campus, Healthy Community commitment to our community. This vision began with a request from yours truly to the CEO of Huntsville Hospital in order to transform the health outcomes of Northwest Huntsville.

“Oakwood University has been in the

Huntsville community for 125 years and so has Huntsville Hospital. Together, we plan to bring health and healing to the morbidities affecting the citizens of northwest Huntsville. The partnership today between Huntsville Hospital and Oakwood University is designed to improve the health status of underserved citizens of the city of Huntsville,” said Pollard.

“The completion of Oakwood’s 10,000-square-foot Community Health Action Center will not only deliver health care on one side of our facility, the other side of our facility will house real-life service-learning activities for our students and faculty as they deliver health education, nutrition education, job skills training, and the services of our Mobile Food Market. Faculty are already planning life-skills classes and after-school learning supports to children. We look forward to our grand opening during the first week of June 2021,” Pollard added.

Several activities are being planned to celebrate God’s leading Oakwood through the past 125 years, from a small industrial school to the top-rated University that it is today. 📍



The Oakwood University/Huntsville Hospital Community Health Action Center opened June 2021.

Leslie Pollard, Ph.D., D.Min., M.B.A., serves as the 11th president of Oakwood University.

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MIRACLES IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STORM

BY ROLANDO MORGADO

During the pandemic, our church service at Lake Worth Spanish Church went 100% online. For many, it was hard to understand this new concept. Even though I am the pastor, I was the first one to be skeptical, but God always has a purpose in the middle of the storm.

One of our church members, Adriana Garcia, was praying for her sisters and her mother to give their hearts to Jesus for quite some time. During the online services, she shared our programs with everyone she could. However, imagine her surprise when she saw one of her sisters from Utah, the other sister from Miami, and her mom, who also lives in Miami, connected and commenting on the live programs of her church in Lake Worth every Saturday!

One day, talking with Adriana and Eric, her husband, Adriana asked me to continue praying for her family, because she knew God was doing something beautiful in their lives. As the church

family continued praying and asking God to do miracles in the middle of a crisis like this pandemic, Adriana and Eric started Bible studies with her two sisters and her mother. On January 2, 2021, her sister, Fabiana Angulo, came from Utah, and her mom, Iraima Carrizo, came from Miami to get baptized at the beach surrounded by their family. The next Saturday, in our church, the other sister, Fabiola Angulo, who also lives in Miami, gave her life to Jesus Christ.

Sometimes, it is hard to see a purpose in the middle of a crisis, but God is still working and doing great things even in the middle of the situation we are going through. He never stops calling people to give their lives to Him. He is still doing great miracles in the middle of the storm. 🕊

Rolando Morgado is the district pastor of Lake Worth Spanish, Northwood Spanish in West Palm Beach, and Jupiter Spanish churches.



ERIC GARCIA

Rolando Morgado, pastor, baptized Fabiana Angulo after she received Bible studies from Eric and Adriana Garcia, her brother-in-law and sister.



Rolando Morgado (right), Lake Worth pastor, baptized Iraima Carrizo, assisted by her son-in-law, Eric Garcia.

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“For more than 20 years, I have been praying for my family to give their hearts to Jesus. After seeing my mother and two of my sisters give their hearts to Christ in the same month this year, God showed me that we must always persevere praying. God’s love and mercy are eternal.”

—Adriana Garcia



ROLANDO MORGADO

Adriana Garcia (center) was a prayer warrior who never gave up praying for her sister, Fabiola Angulo (right). Also pictured is Adriana’s husband, Eric.

DISTRICT PARTNERS FOR COVID VACCINE CLINIC

BY WAYNE HEWLETT

They heard the call from Wayne Hewlett, pastor, as people were waiting socially distanced in the sanctuary. Community residents, nurses, first responders, teachers, and church members were in attendance for the COVID 19 vaccination clinic. The clinics were the efforts of the Port St. Lucie First and Macedonia Ft. Pierce district. The clinics provided first and second round vaccinations for those within the CDC guidelines and local and state policy. The district was seeking ways to fulfill the Southeastern standards for a mission-driven church. This vision encompasses spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word, and being a church in action. 1 John 3:18, “Dear children, let’s not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.” With volunteer nurses and doctors, who are members of the district churches, more than 500 people have been vaccinated, with a projection to reach 700. Many testimonies and stories have been shared with the church, and there have even been commitments from two for baptism.

The vision began with coordination between Hewlett and a member, local primary physician, Dwight Dawkins, M.D. Seeing the need in the church and local community, the logistics were worked out and the first vaccination clinic took place, with 78 people vaccinated. After the first clinic, leadership recognized a need to encourage and educate as many as could be reached about the vaccine. A live stream event, “To be or not to be vaccinated,” was broadcast to bring clarity and reliable information to the public. Oteni Hamilton, M.D., Dwight Dawkins, M.D., and Tiffany Minnis, N.P., with Hewlett as the moder-



Participating in the COVID vaccine clinic were Lisa Cultre (left) and Leriche Louis, DNP.



Southeastern directors and administrators supported the vaccine clinic. Shown are Mark Brown (left), D.Min., family ministries, and Andrea Jamieson, R.N.

ator, led a well-informed question-and-answer session for the internet audience. With further coordination of local doctors and the local Crosstown Pharmacy, more vaccinations were secured and made available to those in the local area.

The impact the clinics have had on the community has been varied according to who you speak to. “This church has been a blessing to not only me, but my husband and my grandfather,” remarked a local teacher in the community. “He has tried to get the shot as far south as Ft. Lauderdale and has not been able. But, we were told by one of the church members that their church was giving vaccinations, and we just thanked God.” A worker at the local food bank, after receiving her vaccination, asked how she could become part of the team to help work the vaccination site. These and many more testimonies and thanks were expressed each week. These and all the many thanks are not for us, but they truly belong to God. Psalm 126:3 says, “The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.”

How can other places of worship participate in social integration by becoming a vaccination clinic? Many of our members have a local family physician; these offices are registered on Florida shots and are given a member number. This number can be used to set up vaccine clinics in more than one location in their local area. Churches can coordinate with these local physicians and offer their facilities to accommodate the clinic. Another opportunity is to connect with your local health department and share with them your desire to accommodate a vaccine clinic. These clinics will yield a great opportunity to bring awareness to your local church location. In addition, those who come to receive the vaccination usually sign in with basic information of name, phone number, and email, which can be used to make connections for events that the church may have later. ●

Wayne Hewlett is the pastor at Port St. Lucie First and Macedonia Ft. Pierce district churches.

AdventHealth Announces First Tampa Bay-Area Medical Residency

AdventHealth Sebring is the only hospital in Highlands County, Fla., to provide third-year medical students from various national and international colleges the opportunity to get real-world learning experience in various clinical settings. Eight medical students from Antigua, Curaçao, Grenada, Nicaragua, Puerto Rico, and Bradenton, Fla., have been admitted to the family residency program at AdventHealth Sebring. The residents will embark on a three-year robust clinical curriculum that will support their growth as future doctors.

“It is our goal to train and keep the next generation of doctors to help us meet the growing health care needs of our community,” said Bindu Raju, M.D., chief medical officer of AdventHealth Sebring. “The ability to partner with colleges throughout the region and beyond allows us to work together and build a program that provides third-year medical students the experience and all the necessary tools to help us continue to provide the highest quality of care to our rural neighbors.”

Research shows it can be difficult to recruit family medicine physicians to live and work in rural areas such as Highlands and Hardee counties, and the struggle to hire and keep physicians in these communities can mean some patients choose to go without care since it is not conveniently located close to home. AdventHealth is working to close the gap.

“I’m honored to be part of recruiting and training family physicians who will serve and practice in the Heartland community,” said Kevin Sherin, M.D., program director for AdventHealth Sebring’s residency program. “We are excited to be the first in the AdventHealth West Florida Division to get this op-



portunity to transform local health care through a residency program.”

The residents will rotate through several hospital departments under the supervision of board-certified AdventHealth physicians in the AdventHealth Sebring emergency room, operating rooms, and AdventHealth Medical Group physician practices. Studies show medical residents trained in rural areas are more likely to practice in rural areas and will practice close to where they train.

AdventHealth West Florida Division intends to further expand the residency program to other hospitals throughout the health system. The goal is to train future generations of physicians and provide leading-edge care to patients in the communities they serve. 📍

BY ADVENTHEALTH WEST FLORIDA
DIVISION

AHU Honors Graduates with Safe, In-Person Commencement

AdventHealth University took another step on its journey to returning to normal by hosting in-person graduation ceremonies on April 27 and 28. The two-day event, held at Calvary Orlando Church, was organized and planned with a careful focus on safety and social distancing. Opting for a virtual graduation event in 2020, the goal this time was to host in-person services where graduates from the current and previous year could participate and march.

The commencement speaker was Eddy Moratin, president of Lift Orlando. Lift Orlando is a community improvement initiative founded by local business leaders and community members that focuses primarily on the neighborhoods surrounding Camping World Stadium in Downtown Orlando. Prior to his address, Moratin was presented with AdventHealth University's Distinguished Community Service Award.

In his commencement address, Moratin spoke of the stewardship of responsibility and asked the graduates to be bold and have an appetite for more than just their own happiness. He challenged them that the pursuit of achieving great things should not be for their own self-satisfaction, but rather how they can make the world a better place for everyone.

In place of one large graduation event, the commencement ceremonies were divided into seven different services held over two days. To maintain adequate social distancing at the venue, only 300 people could be in the building at a single service. Graduates were allowed up to two guests to accompany them, and faculty participation was limited to accommodate as many family members of graduates as possible. Calvary Orlando Church has capacity to seat thousands, but by limiting the number of attendees, adequate social distancing was maintained between each family group.



Edwin Hernandez, Ph.D., AdventHealth University president, addressed the graduating classes during the commencement services.

“Our primary goal was always to give the students what they wanted — a face-to-face graduation ceremony. The committee dedicated months of planning and countless meetings to make sure it was a safe and memorable event. They did a wonderful job and have our gratitude,” said AdventHealth University Provost Sandra Dunbar.

The university was also fortunate to have the expertise of top AdventHealth clinical experts to lend their insight and guidance in planning. All graduation ceremonies were simultaneously broadcast live on the university's YouTube channel.

“Hosting a successful graduation has been an important landmark for the university. AHU has had students on campus on a limited basis for key labs and



AdventHealth University celebrated its graduates during a safe and socially distanced series of commencement services at the Calvary Orlando Church.

When the graduation committee, composed of faculty, staff, and students, started planning the event, no vaccine had yet been approved, and many states were still locked down with COVID infection rates climbing across the country. The committee was asked to plan for both face-to-face and virtual event options, depending on the circumstances surrounding COVID-19. Fortunately, the situation by April was at a level that safely allowed for the face-to-face option.

simulations. Our students have been conducting their normal clinical hours at AdventHealth hospitals and other clinical affiliates. All that has been working well. The success of hosting a safe event that included hundreds of people is the first step of returning to campus more fully in the fall,” said AdventHealth University President Edwin Hernandez. 📍

BY ERIC CADIENTE

Community Service, Adult Sabbath School GROW Weekend Retreat

The Carolina Conference Community Services and Adult Sabbath School GROW weekend retreat was packed full of practical presentations. Keynote speaker Mark Howard inspired and encouraged everyone. The breakout sessions strengthened commitments in serving God and others. Community service stories were shared highlighting many opportunities for sharing Christ meaningfully.

The breakout sessions by Ryan Amos, pastor, provided innovative ideas and resources through his personal experiences. He spotlighted how the church today can best engage in its community. His material galvanized everyone with what God can do when a church connects with the needs in the community.

Breakout session shared ways in which all can tangibly help others living in the neighborhoods around the churches. Geri



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Tucker's seminar highlighted how to reach those who are retired. Marlene Nunally's team were ready to help churches reach young families through God's Closet. Forrest Watson and Ken Herring demonstrated how mentoring and tutoring reach the community to change young lives.

The ministry of 2Serve prepares people to serve through Community Emergency Response Training, and Lorna Dever underscored how the power of prayer builds strong relational bridges with the community with local town leaders, law enforce-



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ment, and other non-profit ministries.

The Conference is excited about sharing God's love through serving the neighbors. It is a great adventure in serving people with God's love, and neighbors are in need of community services. For more information, please contact Carolina Conference Community Services Department. 📞

BY DAVID GRAHAM, CAROLINA
CONFERENCE COMMUNITY SERVICE
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Carolina Holds Adventurer Fun Day

After many months of planning, filming, editing, and advertising, the second virtual Adventurer Fun Day aired on the weekend of May 29-30, 2021. There were more than 250 Adventurer age children who registered and participated. The programs were filled with worship, Bible stories, crafts, games, and activities. Many were blessed with messages from guest speaker Rich Aguilera, the host of "The Creation Case" on 3ABN and Hope Channel, and other children's programs. Aguilera led in worships around the theme of "God's Army" and putting on the "Ar-



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mor of God." He showed how in nature and life many see the need for animals and humans to use the armor of God for protection and triumph. The Adventurer

council members each highlighted one of the pieces of God's armor described in Ephesians 6:14-17, with Bible stories, crafts, and activities. They hope and pray that the messages given to the Adventurers will be enduring, as known from Ephesians 6:11-12, that the fight is against the forces of darkness, and these armor pieces will help in the defense from the enemy's tricks.

Those who registered ahead of time were able to receive a Fun Day drawstring bag filled with almost all of the necessary materials to work on the crafts and activities. Adults and children sang



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the Adventurer song and theme song together at the top of their voices, listened intently to the worships, played the games, and used their hands to work on the fun crafts. Many pictures were post-

ed of the Adventurers participating and enjoying the Fun Day activities. All the programs and pictures are available to view on the Carolina Conference Adventurers Facebook Page.

The Conference expresses much thanks to the members of the Adventurer Council: Robyn Blake, Desiree Magnant, Jessica Ortiz, Kathy Russell, Pastor Isaac and Beatriz Vallejo, Rebecca Walker, and Charlie and Mylinda Young. Special thanks is also given to Zuri Scroggins, department secretary, and to the Puppet Ministry team of Mount Pisgah Academy, led by Louie and Nancy Parra. 📍

BY HECTOR GONZALEZ, CAROLINA CONFERENCE YOUTH DIRECTOR

Carolina Holds Virtual Camp Meeting

With the worldwide pandemic in full swing, the Carolina Conference was forced to readjust and regroup in order for Camp Meeting to take place this year. In November 2020, Lake Junaluska Retreat Center (where Carolina Camp Meeting is traditionally held) delivered the disappointing news that the COVID-19 restrictions would greatly limit Camp Meeting attendance, with only 100 people allowed in Stuart Auditorium at one time. Conference administration, along with the Executive Committee, prayerfully decided that for the second consecutive year, Camp Meeting would have to be conducted virtually. Thankfully, the guest speakers for all age groups were willing to pre-record their presentations. The Camp Meeting Committee (and a sub-committee

devoted to this virtual event) were united in their goal in maintaining a worshipful week-long virtual event. As in all the years preceding, the opening night of Camp Meeting, Sunday, May 30, 2021, launched at 7 p.m. The presentations were available on YouTube, Roku, the Carolina Conference app, and the Conference’s website. It was gratifying to know that none of the messages God had placed on the speakers’ hearts were silenced by the pandemic.

Each age group from infant to centenarian was represented with virtual presentations just for them. Each day started at 10 a.m. with programming for the children written and created by Kathy Russell, Carolina Conference children’s ministries director. At 11 a.m. the morning devotional was presented by Pavel

Goia, editor, *Ministry Magazine* and associate ministerial secretary.

In the evening, the junior and earl-teen speakers were Brandon Ford and Sullivan Phillips; youth and young adults was presented by Nathan Polk and Jaime Pombo; and the main adult meetings were by Mark Witas and Mark Finley. The Carolina Conference is prayerfully hopeful that all can return next year for Camp Meeting on the shores of Lake Junaluska, but also praising God for technology and for the spreading of His Word, even during a global pandemic. 📍

BY COURTNEY HEROD, CAROLINA CONFERENCE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION



Mark Witas



Kathy Russell



Pavel Goia



Mark Finley

Port Charlotte Reaches 50th Anniversary



LAURA DANCEK

50th anniversary celebration participants include Almibar Cruz (left), principal, 2019–present, and past principals Theresa Martinez, 2017–2019; Kathy Trumper, 2009–2017; and Ed Dancek, 1984–1989.

Port Charlotte Adventist School (PCAS) is celebrating 50 years of Christian education. This golden anniversary celebration began on March 6 with a warm welcome by Sandee Lawrence, event organizer, school board chair, and holder of a school record for 30 years of teaching at PCAS.

On the platform for a special Sabbath School program were past students and principals who shared significant, sometimes humorous, memories of their time at PCAS. Todd Lang provided a rich and unique background of the school, having been one of its first students. He and his three siblings represented almost 40% of the total beginning enrollment. Alumnus Kevin McNeill and past principals Ed Dancek,

1984–1989; Kathy Trumper, 2009–2017; and Theresa Martinez, 2017–2019, recounted the history of the school.

As history and experiences were shared, it became apparent that PCAS has consistently grown and improved over the years through God’s blessings. Almibar Cruz, current principal, gained applause with the announcement that, within the next two school years, PCAS hopes to offer 11th and 12th grades, which will be a first in the history of the school!

During the worship service, the congregation was blessed with praise music by two alumni, Ingrid Suero and Jafet Baxter; and the school’s marimba band and chime choir. Frank Runnels, vice president and superintendent for education in the Florida Conference, shared

stories of faith and answers to prayer to remind the listeners of the school’s eternal impact on all the children who have attended. The 50th anniversary commemoration closed with the uplifting song, “I Am a Promise,” sung by all of the school’s current students.

The school has survived turnovers in staff, Hurricane Charley in 2004, roof leaks, and much more. PCAS has thrived through many obstacles because it is God’s school. This program was very much a celebration of God’s great blessings on Adventist education in Port Charlotte. 🕊

BY LAURA DANCEK

Church Shares the Jerusalem Experience

Spring Meadows Church members in Sanford, Fla., sprung into action for the first Easter community event — the Jerusalem Experience. Early Easter Sunday morning a crew of approximately 20 people arrived with hopes of transforming the church meadow into a Jerusalem market street experience.

The community would start coming as early as 9:30 a.m. The first family to arrive drove in from Tampa after hearing about the event online. The Jerusalem Experience was a free event intended for families with young children. The hope of Alex Harter, associate pastor for children’s and family ministries, was to reach the community with the good news of a risen Savior, and to teach children that Easter is about Jesus.

Arriving at the registration booth, each child received a logo bag filled with an Easter coloring book, He Is Risen crayons, a VBS flyer (June 7–11), and a bag of Smartfood popcorn. Children went from booth to booth making the kinds of things found in the Jerusalem marketplace in the



LUTECIA LOPES

days of Jesus — everything from pottery, basket weaving, sandal making, woodworking, and more. The kids loved the pony rides and petting zoo as well.

“We were so pleased to have had more than 600 people from the local community and another 100-200 individuals from Spring Meadows Church. What a bless-

ing it is to help the children of the faith community and local community make the best childhood memories in learning about Jesus,” Harter shared. ●

BY ALEX HARTER



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Greeneville Students Build a Church



SUBMITTED BY: ANGELA EMDE

A team of 38 students and chaperones from Greeneville Adventist Academy offered a vision clinic and did construction in Las Juntas de Abangares, Costa Rica.

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?’ Then I said, ‘Here am I! Send me.’ And He said, ‘Go...’” Isaiah 6:8,9.

Greeneville Adventist Academy students in Greeneville, Tenn., were eager to serve the Lord and praise God when He said GO!

Thirty-eight students and chaperones led by Angela Emde, a teacher at Greeneville Adventist Academy and mission trip sponsor, and It Is Written arrived in sunny and hot Las Juntas de Abangares, Costa Rica, on March 31, 2021.

The following days were filled with much hard but rewarding work. The team participated in five free vision clinics, seven days of construction, and six student-led revival meetings. At the vision clinics, led by eye doctor Brad Emde, they saw more than 575 patients and gave away more than 1,400 pairs of glasses and sunglasses.

At the construction site, students helped build a church. They made rebar forms, mixed mortar and concrete, laid brick walls, dug trenches, moved piles of rocks, built a baptistry, and poured the concrete floor. In the evenings, they divided into teams and went to four differ-



SUBMITTED BY: ANGELA EMDE

The students of Greeneville Adventist Academy had the honor of building a brand new church for the people of Las Juntas de Abangares in Costa Rica this past March. They also were blessed to join the first worship service in this church.

ent locations to conduct a revival series. The juniors and seniors preached a six-part sermon series that they wrote based on the book *Steps to Christ*. Freshmen and sophomores shared health talks and children’s stories at the meetings.

Because of the newly poured floor, they were able to celebrate their final Sabbath with the local church members for the very first worship service in the



RAIMEY TALBERT

Little girl receives Spanish translation Bible as a gift from the Greeneville Adventist Academy team.

new church! The highlight came when three people got baptized in the new baptistry the students had built.

Greeneville Adventist Academy students claimed the promise of Psalm 127:1, “Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it...”

BY ANGELA EMDE

Members Praise God for Sale of Community Services Center

A blessing has for many years (including 2020) is that the Dunlap, Tenn., Church was able to offer community services for the Dunlap area with its downtown community services center.

Unfortunately, the building was beginning to show its age. One corner of the outside structure was sinking, and for safety reasons, companies were sought to see what could be done.

Two companies were contacted from the Chattanooga, Tenn., area. They said the sinking had also caused damage to some of the sewer and water pipes. One company said they could fix it with no guarantees. When church members talked to the second company, they expressed the same opinion. At that point, the church members decided it was time to sell. The building had offers of purchase at one point but inspections and finding damage, they chose not to purchase.

Some thought the sinking corner was going to become an issue with the city, due to the building possibly being a collapse risk. It was thought best to demolish the building. The cost from one bid was \$30,000. Another bid was still more than \$20,000. It was suggested to the church board to auction the building. The board thought it might be better to offer the property to the owners next door. They had shown an interest in the past and maybe they would still be willing to buy “as is.”

The company was contacted and they offered \$4,000. The offer was taken to the church board and then a church business meeting to vote the bid. It was accepted and sent to the Conference to make the final arrangements. This is where God did something special.

Before the final documents were signed, a church member was walking around the community services center



DAN HALL

The Dunlap Church community services center in Dunlap, Tenn., was in need of repairs. The members chose to sell the building instead of tackling repairs, and God brought the right buyer at the right time.

to see what might need to be cleaned up before the sale. At that moment, another businessman who was renovating another property in the community stopped and asked if the property was for sale.

The member said yes, but it was already sold. “How much did you sell it for?”

He shared the amount of \$4,000 and the business man said, “We would have given you four times that amount!” The member said, “Let’s call the office and see what the status is on the property.”

Ray Hartwell, Grateful Living (stewardship), planned giving & trust services director and association secretary, said papers had not been signed. The Conference officials talked with the potential buyer and as a result, the building was

sold for \$15,000 instead \$4,000.

The member was at the right place, the businessman was at the right place, and God made it the right time to secure a buyer for the community services center that had served the Dunlap community for many years.

Yes, God watches over His Church, and He still blesses. Plans are being made by the Dunlap Church members to find new ways to serve their community.

Rob Snider, Dunlap pastor, says, “We are sure that with God’s blessing, something better will come out of an old building that fulfilled it’s mission.” 🙏

BY DAN HALL

Hundreds Blessed at Hispanic Camp Meeting

Larger group events have slowly been returning for the Hispanic Ministries Department in Gulf States. Following the success of the marriage retreat in February 2021, Hispanic leadership moved forward with plans for the May 2021 event in Lumberton, Miss.

As a build-up to the annual Camp Meeting, the department launched multiple simultaneous week-long evangelistic series along the Gulf Coast. Several guest presenters came from throughout the Southern Union to lead the meetings with the support of the local pastors and church members. The meetings concluded with an outdoor baptismal event on May 8, in Gulfport, Miss. Julio Chazarretta, director of Hispanic ministries for the Southern Union, and representatives from the North American Division were in attendance to speak and celebrate with the many people who had made decisions for baptism. At the event, they presented the invitation to the new converts to attend Camp Meeting just a couple of weeks later.

As the start date of Camp Meeting approached, pastors from the Hispanic and English churches came together to set up Bass Memorial Academy, ready to welcome the hundreds that would be



Gerson Sanchez, director of Hispanic ministries at Gulf States, introduces the keynote presenter.

RAMMY ROBLES

attending soon. With their combined effort and the assistance from Bass staff and students, the campus was prepared on time. Attendees started rolling in on Friday, May 21, and began setting up their tents or moving into the campus tents and dorm rooms.

As Sabbath approached, the evening program started with Misael Silverio, pastor for Gulf States, leading the wor-

ship team. Guest presenter Daniel Burgos from Costa Rica gave the opening message. On Sabbath morning, Brian Danese, president of Gulf States, presented the sermon for the worship hour, and Michel Rodriguez, Gulf States pastor, translated live on stage. Throughout the weekend, and during a special Sabbath concert, Madero Worship, an Adventist musical group from California, offered special music and songs during presenter appeals.

During the main presentation on Sabbath, even more attendees arrived, bringing the total to well over 800, including youth and children. The youth held their meetings in the Bass Academy chapel with guest presenter José Pérez Sierra. FEJA, the Hispanic youth ministry for Gulf States, launched various apparel and accessory items featuring their logo, which they began selling after sunset on Saturday. The funds will be raised to support the various youth activities throughout the year.

The event concluded on Sunday after a Camp Meeting 5K and other games and sports activities. 📍

BY SHANE HOCHSTETLER



RAMMY ROBLES

Young people spend time in prayer during the youth presentations in the chapel.



RAMMY ROBLES

Ministerial spouses led the children's programming in the Bass Academy dorm chapel.



RAMMY ROBLES

Attendance reached more than 800, including youth, on Sabbath morning.

Pensacola Pilots Forest School

During the last quarter of the 2019-2020 school year, the Pensacola Junior Academy (PJA), like many schools, transitioned to an online-only format to finish the year. As with many schools, PJA quickly realized the shortcomings of the online format for young learners. As the new school year approached, the teachers sought a better alternative.

After praying and researching options, the school board decided to pilot a Conference-supported forest school program. The program is based on the forest school programs that Germany has been running for 50 years. A colleague and personal friend of PJA teacher Suzy Gloudeman, Jean Lomino, Ph.D., initiated forest school programs in Tennessee, the first such programs in the United States, a few years ago. Since then, forest kindergartens and forest schools continue to spring up every year across the country. A forest school takes students out of the traditional indoor classrooms and moves them into God’s original classroom, outdoors.

“The beauty of our forest school pi-



Students enjoy their time on the play equipment for the outdoor-only school program.

lot program underscores the benefits of spending time outside. In comparing absenteeism due to illness to years past, our research demonstrates higher attendance rates overall. Interestingly, students have been healthier this year than ever before, not only from the current virus but from all illnesses, including the common cold.” says Gloudeman. The program involves immersing the

students in the natural world. The hands-on environmental learning opportunities give students a real-time connection to the world in which they live. Teachers facilitate the “aha” moments, drawing parallels to lessons in science, social studies, history, math, reading, writing, Bible, and more. Students also find inspiration for research in observing the seasonal changes, creating habitats friendly to the forest school creatures, both wild and domestic, and exploring all that the natural world offers.

While the alternate program brought challenges, like inclement weather, the school adopted an informal motto of “There is no bad weather, just bad clothing,” and persevered through. The school plans to retain the forest school program elements as they return in the 2021-2022 school year with a hybrid indoor and outdoor learning program. “Students will continue to have plenty of opportunities to explore, move, investigate, hypothesize, and work cooperatively with their environment and one another in our hands-on learning curriculum,” says Gloudeman. ①



Many components of learning, including art, can take place outside.



Students learned from domestic and wild animals throughout the year.

BY SHANE HOCHSTETLER

New Media Ministries Director Hired

Conference administration is pleased to share with its constituents and friends that, effective June 1, 2021, it has re-structured its Communications Department with the appointment of Paola Mora Zepeda as media ministries director. Mora Zepeda is a recent graduate of Southern Adventist University (SAU), with a B.A. degree in journalism-digital broadcasting, and a minor in missions. Her background and experience include being the editor-in-chief of both the Southern Accent, SAU's school newspaper, and SAU's Latin American Club Magazine. Mora Zepeda also served the University's School of Journalism and Communication Department as layout editor for The WiRE and social media manager. Additionally, she completed an internship as the com-



Paola Mora Zepeda

munication assistant for the Southern-Asian Pacific Division.

Besides being skilled in multiple

areas of communication, her background of living in multiple countries around the world has added the benefit of being well-versed in a variety of cultures. She is fluent in English and Spanish — another helpful skill that brings supplementary support to the large Spanish-speaking portion of Conference membership.

Mora Zepeda's addition to the departmental staff represents the first time the Conference has employed a full-time dedicated media ministries director. The church members and administrative staff look forward to the ministry contributions that Mora Zepeda is certain to contribute. 📍

BY STEVE HALEY,
KENTUCKY-TENNESSE PRESIDENT

Mike Burks Ordained in Kentucky

Church members from the Paducah and Murray, Ky., churches, as well as friends and colleagues from as far away as Arizona and Mississippi, joined with Conference administrative officers in celebrating the ordination of Mike Burks on Sabbath, April 24, 2021. Former academy classmate Roger Roger spoke for the occasion which was also attended by Van Bledsoe from Arizona, another close longtime friend and colleague in pastoral ministry to Burks.

Burks has served the denomination as a teacher, and as the principal of several prominent schools, including San Diego Academy and Hinsdale Academy. After taking a few years off and working in the private sector, he felt the Lord was inviting him to return to pastoral ministry. He took that



Mike Burks (middle); Van Bledsoe (left); Steve Haley, Conference president; Mike Hewitt, Conference vice president for administration; Roger Burke; Kieth Noll, Conference ministerial director; Gustavo Suarez, head elder; and Robby Brockman, first elder

renewed sense of calling before the Lord, and waited to see if God would open a door of opportunity. In a dramatic answer to his prayers, in 2019 the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference offered Burks an opportunity to once again serve as a shepherd to the flock.

Prior to his ordination, and in addition to serving in Adventist education, Burks was a pastor in the Gulf States Conference. He has now been the district pastor in the Paducah and Murray, Ky., churches for the past two years, and has quickly earned the respect and support

of his congregations who value his love for God, and his love to train and inspire many in their service to the Lord. ❶

BY STAFF WRITER

Beloved Teacher Retires After 45 Years of Loving, Dedicated Service

“My first- and second-grade teacher asked one day, ‘Who wants to be a teacher when you grow up?’ She needed a helper. My hand shot up and I never looked back. That became my goal through to my college graduation!”
 -Janet Chase

The Kentucky-Tennessee Conference Office of Education had the privilege of honoring Janet Chase, who is retiring at the end of the 2020/2021 school year after 45 years of service in Adventist Education.

Chase began her career in 1976 in Roanoke, Va., at the Adventist elementary school teaching grades 4-6. A year later she taught grades 1-2 at Manassas Elementary for one year, then settled into a grade 2 classroom at Browning Elementary in South Lancaster, Mass., for the next 26 years. While teaching at Browning, she started a family. She raised her two boys, Nathan and Ben, and was an outstanding Pathfinder director. Chase enjoyed teaching her own two boys in her classroom and mentoring new incoming teachers throughout the years.

In 2006, she moved to Andrews University to be the director of the Children’s Learning Center. There she supervised 35 employees, maintained Michigan licensure for the center, and interacted with the parents and fami-



Pegi Flynt, superintendent of education; Janet Chase; Matt Pacer, associate superintendent of education



Charles, Janet, Benjamin, and Nathan Chase

lies of the children she served. Also in 2006, Taylor Mill Christian Academy (TMCA) in Taylor Mill, Ky., opened a new lower grade position, transitioning from a one-teacher school to a two-teacher school. Chase agreed to come to Taylor Mill, committing to three years. But, after three years, she decided she had not had enough, and ended up working for two additional years, bringing her total years served in Kentucky-Tennessee to five.

The last two years have been tough with COVID-19, but Chase has a ready

smile, a strong work ethic, and the love of Jesus in her heart.

Chase will always be remembered as a loving teacher, and keeps in touch with many of her former co-workers and students. She enjoys learning about the milestones they accomplish in life. Many fondly remember their days in her classroom. She will be greatly missed. ❶

BY KELLY GENNICK,
 TMCA HEAD TEACHER

Tri-City Church Holds Baptism, Profession of Faith

David Long, pastor and Southern Union director of stewardship, personal ministries, Sabbath School, prayer ministries, and prison ministries, and Linwood Stone, pastor of the Tri-City Church in McDonough, Ga., had a phone conversation on April 1, 2021, that would lead to something remarkable. During that phone call, Long mentioned that he had been in communication with a church member he pastored at the Patmos Chapel Church in Orlando, Fla. That church member shared that she had a grandmother living in the McDonough area who wanted to be

baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church as soon as possible.

Only days later, April 8, Long and Stone met with Mary Walcott, a 95-year-old Christian woman and her 101-year-old husband, Joe, who were both overjoyed at what they heard. It turns out that they had been witnessed to by Adventist caregivers, who studied the Sabbath School lessons and shared Bible truths with them. But, most importantly, they lived a life that represented Jesus. It was also discovered during the visit that the head elder of the Tri-City Church, Castor Gay, currently lives in the same neigh-

borhood as the Walcotts, and knew them from his time living in New York.

Originally from Jamaica, West Indies, the Walcotts, have been married for 75 years, and have been blessed with 12 children, one of which lives next door to them, and several grandchildren. Mary Walcott was baptized on Sabbath, April 17, 2021. Her husband, not being able to enter the baptismal pool due to physical limitations, was brought into the Church on profession of faith. 📍

BY JACQUI IRBY



Pictured are David Long (left), pastor; Karen Weathers (the Walcotts' granddaughter); Mary Walcott; Joe Walcott; Clayton Walcott (the Walcotts' son); Bailey (the Walcotts' caregiver); Marlon Weathers (Karen Weathers' husband); and Linwood Stone, pastor.

Mother's Day Evangelism Blesses

The COVID-19 pandemic stole a lot of events and moments that individuals planned for and were anticipating. Between March 2020 and May 2021, birthdays, graduations, promotions, church milestones, personal victories, and accomplishments have been impacted by COVID-19 in some shape or form.

The impact on the world was also seen in the gifting market which saw dynamic growth in 2020, reaching an estimated \$250 billion last year just within the United States. With consumers in lockdown, many looked to Amazon, Walmart, Target, and other retail stores as the premier way of bridging the social-distancing gap to ensure families and friends were reminded that they are loved.

People were showered with more gifts in 2020 than in other years before, and mothers received much of their love through flowers, cards, candies, and gifts. With the knowledge that Mother's Day is the second most gifted holiday after Christmas, Monte Newbill Sr., pastor of the Door of Hope Church in Pageland, S.C., and New Life Church in Rock Hill, S.C., and the men of the district took two days to ensure that the mothers within the district and communities felt and were reminded that they are loved, cherished, and respected.

The men delivered a card, a couple of roses, and vanilla or red velvet cupcakes to 96 mothers. As the Mother's Day gifts were being presented, many smiles and hugs met the men; tears and slight sadness also became a reminder that many had lost their mothers during the pandemic. In a moment, this simple sign of love for the mothers created an opportunity to reflect on the gift of love and life. The two churches' members praise God for mothers and all the love and work they do for many. 🕊



BY MONTE NEWBILL SR., PASTOR

Frank Jones Celebrates 102 Years



On April 4, 2021, the Bessemer, Ala., Adventist Church celebrated its oldest living member. Frank Jones was born on April 4, 1919, and at 102 years old, Jones is still mobile, with a sound mind, and in good spirits. He has been a member of Bessemer since January 1, 1956. Through the years, he has served as Pathfinder leader, deacon, Sabbath School superintendent, and usher; has worked with community services; and has been a faithful supporter of other ministries in the church.

During the birthday celebration, Jones was presented a certificate of recognition from the Bessemer City Mayor’s office, and from Bessemer Church. He was showered with love from his biological family as well as his church family.

If his life was compared to a commercial, it would have to be that of Farmers Insurance where it is stated that “he



Frank Jones celebrates his 102nd birthday

knows a thing or two, because he has seen a thing or two.” His hobbies include things such as gardening and playing

checkers. He is a registered voter and still participates in the voting process. If asked his favorite quote he would tell you that “the early bird gets the worm.” Brother Jones still loves the word of God, and his favorite scripture is Philippians 4:13 KJV, “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”

Although he has not been able to attend church in person due to the recent pandemic and other reasons, he has continued to faithfully support his church through financial giving. Frank Jones enjoys a quiet peaceful life with his family. He is looking forward to being back in church after the reopening as he awaits the soon coming of the Lord. ●

BY WILLIE BLACK, PASTOR



Frank Jones receives a certificate from Willie Black, Bessemer pastor.



Frank Jones pictured with his family

Adventurers Enjoy First Virtual Fun Weekend

COVID-19 has stopped a lot of things, but not the South Central Adventurers. Fun places and church gatherings have been among the activities that have been delayed due to COVID-safe measures and social distancing. However, through a lot of creativity and an enormous amount of virtual innovation, the South Central Club Ministries hosted the first ever Virtual Adventurer Fun Weekend from April 30 to May 2, 2021.

Traditionally, Adventurer Fun Weekend is a much adored camping experience for the littlest campers, ages 4-9, and is held at a campground where everyone from across the Conference can come together, complete awards, and have fun. This year many were able to recreate much of the fun virtually through Google Classrooms and Zoom. The Adventurer coordinators organized the entire weekend so that any child, anywhere, would be able to participate in the Adventurer Fun Weekend event, and



Adventurers enjoy s'mores.



Adventurers camping

there were English and Spanish tracks so everyone could be included.

The weekend began with setting up camp. Campers had the option of camping indoors or in their backyards, which added extra fun to the virtual event. The Adventurers pitched tents in their living rooms, engaged in lively family worships, and even made s'mores — all with the theme “Deeper” in mind. The theme Deeper used the story of Creation as a vehicle to explore God's love, protection, and power.

The weekend was a big success, with more than 100 youth participating. Eight awards were taught, and many young lives were inspired to follow Christ and to love His Creation. All the Adventurer leaders and teachers are wholeheartedly thanked for their hard work and dedication, as are the Adventurers for being a wonderful crew of campers. 📌

BY KIMBERLY MANN

South Central Shares Changes, New Faces

A new year has brought change and new leadership to the South Central Conference. Please join in welcoming and congratulating the new employees at the Conference office.

Kimberly Mann, pastor, has accepted the position of youth director. Mann is no stranger to South Central, and recently served as the associate youth director. Mann has worked in many other facets of the Church as a teacher, chaplain, and much more. She is dedicated to the work

of the Gospel. The Conference is excited as she steps into the new role.

A recent graduate of Oakwood University, Dimitri Scavella, pastor, has accepted the position of publishing director at South Central. Bahamian by birth, Scavella has done literature evangelism for many summers and school breaks throughout the United States. He served with the former publishing director, Java Mattison, pastor. Scavella enjoys sharing the Gospel through the literature evangelism minis-

tries. “For me, canvassing is more than just selling books. Each encounter granted me the rare opportunity to deposit a seed of hope, something that would stay with them,” shared Scavella. He is experienced for the position at hand.

Bryant Herbert, pastor, has accepted the call to serve as the associate youth director at South Central. Herbert, a native of Murfreesboro, Tenn., has been pastoring in South Central for more than 10 years. In addition to the associ-



Bryant Herbert, pastor and associate youth director



Dimitri Scavella, pastor and publishing director



Kimberly Mann, pastor and youth director



Roger R. Wade, pastor and communication and public relations director



Keela Holliday, accountant

ate youth director duties, he also serves as the pastor of the Franklin-Columbia, Tenn., district. As a rising star in the music industry, Herbert knows clearly what many youth and young adults are dealing with, and it fits him well to serve the South Central youth and young adults. The Conference is glad to have him join in the new capacity.

Keela Holliday has joined the South Central office as an accountant on the treasury staff. Holliday obtained her M.B.A. degree from Webster University. Her many years of experience have suited her to serve the constituents of South Central well. Since joining the staff, her

commitment to excellence has been a blessing to the treasury team and the rest of the Conference staff. Service is a way of life for her; along with her duties at the Conference, she is the treasurer for the Oaklands Park Church in Murfreesboro, Tenn. Holliday is the mother of five adult children, and she loves spending time with her grandchildren, traveling, and couponing.

Roger R. Wade, pastor, has returned to South Central to serve as the communications and public relations director as of April 1, 2021. Wade has a passion for ministry. Since his call to the organized Church in 1998, he has served the North-

eastern, Southern California, Southwest Region, and South Central conferences, and the Mid-America Union. He is known to teach, preach, and write, as well as produce and coordinate many large meetings and events. In the “new normal,” Wade brings new ways to look at communicating in online spaces.

South Central Conference is excited for these changes and new workers. They look forward to the impact these new and returning faces will bring to the table to help finish the work of the gospel. 📌

BY JOSEPH HYDE

Mount Calvary Shows Love to Mothers

During Mother’s Day weekend, Mount Calvary Church in Huntsville, Ala., blessed all the mothers with a drive-by rose giveaway in the church’s parking lot. This annual gesture is done to recognize and show love to the mothers at Mount Calvary and the community. Mothers received roses, care favors, and personalized memory verse gifts made by the children. One community guest who received a rose and care gift said she never gets anything for Mother’s Day, and was very happy and blessed that the church was so thoughtful.



Roses were given to members and community guests.

On Sunday, roses, fruit baskets, and gifts were delivered to Brookshire and Windsor nursing homes for the residence mothers and the staff. These are two places Mount Calvary has been ministering to by conducting worship services for the residents monthly for more than 20 years before the COVID-19 pandemic. The staff thanked the church for thinking of them and said they really felt loved and miss Mount Calvary monthly visits. The church members want to always be a Christian witness to the community and show love to their members. 📍



Items were given to mothers and staff at two nursing homes.



Staff received roses, fruit baskets, and gifts.

BY JOSETTE PASCHAL

Literature Evangelism Campaign Commences

The year 2020 was said to be the year of 20/20 vision. Many anticipated it being a year full of new exploits that would catapult some to a new dimension in ministry. The new year was not expected to be an “ordinary” year, and indeed it was not.

The COVID-19 pandemic hit and completely altered the ways of living and doing ministry. Many were forced to have an adaptable mindset that would allow the ministries to survive and still be effective in the wake and aftermath of the pandemic. It challenged all to be creative and innovative in their mission to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Indeed, COVID-19 was the corrective lens needed to have 20/20 vision in a world that would never be the same.

For literature evangelists, the pandemic presented a new obstacle that they would have to overcome. Door-to-door initiatives were discouraged to avoid the spread of the virus, and there was little movement happening at the



Literature evangelists share materials with individuals.

onset of the pandemic. However, today the movement continues.

South Central’s Publishing Department is excited about their literature evangelism summer campaign, under the leadership of the new director, Dimitri Scavella, pastor. The campaign is being held in Nashville, Tenn., May 16 to August 1, 2021. The theme for this summer is “The Night is Coming,” based on John 9:4, which says, “I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.”



Literature evangelist made a sale of truth-filled literature.

Young men and women are engaged in door-to-door ministry, spreading the everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ, and raising substantial funds for their school’s tuition.

COVID-19 has shown many that the window of opportunity to do ministry as all know it is closing. The night is coming! 📍

BY DIMITRI SCAVELLAE

Building Bridges Key to Community Engagement

The Mt. Sinai Orlando Church has been on the forefront of community services and outreach ministries in the Orlando, Fla., area for several decades. Thousands of lives have been touched as well as transformed through the Mt. Sinai food distribution program, community garden, home ownership workshops, and health screenings and information and referral services over the years.

Mt. Sinai Orlando is located in the 32805 zip code, a high health risk zip code near the downtown area. According to the most recent central Florida Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA, 2019) conducted by local hospitals in collaboration with behavioral health agencies, federal qualified health centers, and the Florida Department of Health, the top health priorities for Orange County and especially high risk zip codes such as the 32805 zip code are the following: healthy equity, access to care, behavioral health, health weight, nutrition, and physical activities.

The metro area population of Orlando, according to macrotrends.net, is 1.9 million people. Orlando serves as the county seat for Orange County. At the time of the writing of this article, the total number of COVID-19 cases were almost 129,366, and the total deaths for the county were 1,214. COVID-19 has not stopped outreach ministry at the church, but rather catapulted it to another critical level of need due to already existing inequities among vulnerable communities in our church zip code of 32805. More specifically, food and housing insecurities, unemployment, and access to care were further exacerbated due to the impact of the pandemic. What was the answer to this crisis in the community?

Building Bridges: For more than a year, the church community services



LESLI AHONKHAI

Commissioner Bakari Burns (left), president and CEO of Orange Blossom Family Health Center, and Derrick Moffett, D.Min., senior pastor of Mt. Sinai Church in Orlando, Fla., stand outside the church's Family Resource Center.

ministries have prayerfully strengthened existing partnerships. Wendy Roman, community outreach manager for Humana, one of Mount Sinai's major partners states, "We lead with community service first In the last couple of years, I've seen the difference we can make by helping community organizations locally."

New partnerships and volunteers were welcomed and essential to expanding the reach, and increasing the capacity for transformative solutions to social determinants of health and economic instability during the pandemic crisis. "We serve as a safety net for our community members that find themselves underinsured and uninsured," stated Bakari Burns, president and CEO of Orange Blossom Family Health Centers, who provided COVID-19 testing and vaccine appointments during the outreach events.

Mt. Sinai's goal is to address the whole person by making life sustaining services and information available to populations where they live, work, play, and pray.

"Our ministry motto is that we serve in Christ's name; therefore, whatever we offer must enhance health and wellness for mind, body, and spirit," states Derrick Moffett, D.Min., senior pastor at Mt. Sinai Church in Orlando.

During the pandemic, the community services ministries offers free, socially distanced services, directly and collaboratively with partners. These services include, but are not limited to, coordinating food deliveries to homebound residents; providing drive-up food distributions; administering COVID-19 test and vaccine, flu vaccine, and HIV test; distributing facial masks and sanitizer; and hosting large health and resource events with partners in the community. This "Building Bridges" approach has the potential to make a significant collective impact. ●

BY LESLI AHONKHAI

First Female Construction Management Students Graduate

This May, the first two female construction management majors graduated from Southern's Applied Technology program: Rachel Joyner earned a bachelor's degree, and Katelynn Robertson earned an associate degree.

Joyner decided to pursue this field after attending a high school that taught technical skills. At first, she doubted whether she would enjoy welding, but soon realized she had a passion for the work and wanted to further her skills and education at Southern.

"I'm passionate about construction, because every day is something different," Joyner said. "From pre-construction to closing day, I am always moving forward."

Robertson likes hands-on work and had seen her stepdad work in construction while growing up. After taking career tests that pointed her toward degrees in management, she decided to pursue construction management.

"Trade workers are often dismissed or looked down upon," Robertson said.



Rachel Joyner (left) and Katelynn Robertson are the first female construction management students to graduate from Southern's program.

"I think that construction work is a big part of everyone's lives in some way, and people don't understand the importance of what we do. When I tell people that my major is construction management, it is always a point of conversation — it's new, different, and something that people don't hear much about."

"I am very proud of Rachel and Katelynn," said John Youngberg, asso-

ciate professor of applied technology, which is part of the School of Business. "Women in construction used to be very rare. Today we find them in every area of the industry. My prayer for these two young ladies is that they will reflect Jesus in their workplace culture. In this industry, you get to work with such a huge variety of people: What a mission field!"

Both women landed jobs quickly. Joyner also hopes to further her own business, Ace Properties, which will rebuild houses in impoverished areas to give back to communities.

"My goal is to flip houses and give other people opportunities to grow," Joyner said. "Nobody knows what their future can be except God. Yet, most of the time, we try to plan our entire lives without giving Him a say. I'm grateful that He has led me to this work." ●

BY MADISON REINSCHMIDT

Southern Launches New Composting Project

Southern recently launched a new composting program aimed at reducing the amount of campus kitchen waste ending up in a landfill. By partnering with local organization New-Terra Compost, the University is able to turn approximately 200 pounds of food waste into compost each week.

"I feel that this will greatly reduce our impact on the environment, which is an ongoing goal here at Southern," said Teddy Kyriakidis, director of food services. "We plan to continue and expand

on this program next school year."

This composting project is one of many eco-friendly practices that Southern has implemented through the years, such as installing more than 800 solar panels, participating in single-stream recycling, and adding water bottle fill stations across campus to reduce plastic waste.

Tom Verrill, senior vice president for financial administration, was happy to approve the composting project.

"At Southern we are not only concerned with providing a high-quality

education, but also about teaching our students to be good stewards with everything God gives us," Verrill said. "This includes our planet and its valuable natural resources, which are easily taken for granted. Through these green initiatives, we help preserve our environment and further our mission as a Christian institution." ●

BY OLIVIA FISHER



GARMAN, SUZANNE (SUE) (DANFORTH) BROZNY, 94, born Feb. 11, 1926 in Mount Vernon, OH, died Dec. 13, 2020 in Hendersonville, NC. She was member of Carter Memorial Church in Warsaw, VA. Sue was the youngest of 10 children born to Clyde and Agnes Danforth.

She grew up in Holly, MI, where she graduated from Adelphian Academy. She attended Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University) in Berrien Springs, MI. Later she studied at Hinsdale Hospital School of Nursing, and graduated with a Licensed Practical Nursing degree. She continued her education by taking creative writing classes, with writing being her favorite subject! She married John Frank Brozny in the mid-1940s, and together they had three daughters.

In the 1950s to early 1960s, when the girls were young, the family lived on the edge of the campus of Andrews University. Sue was a stay-at-home mom, who supplemented the family income by making and selling the world's best fudge. She built a strong customer

base, some of whom good humoredly blamed her for unwanted weight gain. While being a mom was her main focus, she eventually found it necessary to work outside the home. She became a student center hostess at Andrews University, interacting with and chaperoning the college students in their social gathering place. As the financial needs of her family grew, she worked in healthcare at Berrien General Hospital. She also was a news reporter for the newspaper in the town of Berrien Springs. In the early 1960s, the young family moved to Loma Linda, CA, so her first husband could attend school. There she became an assistant girls' dean at Loma Linda University, a place where she could take her three growing girls to work with her. While living in California, she earned the distinguished but invisible title of "The Kindhearted Woman," and hobos knew that in her house was a woman who would be willing to share the food she had with a hungry stranger who had walked far out of his way to knock on her door for a meal. Sue was a gifted gardener. She also had a passion for creating things in the kitchen. She often made bread for her family the old-fashioned way; as well as communion bread for church. She always was willing to share what she had with those less fortunate.

In 1998, after being a widow for some years, Sue met and married the love of her life, Hubert Joyce Garman, and went to live with him in his home in Warsaw, VA. Sue loved romance and delighted in repeatedly telling their remarkable story. With their marriage, her family expanded to include Hub's children: Donald Wesley Garman and Deborah Garman (John Stuart) Kearney. In her new community she made many new friends and became an integral part of Hub's church family at Carter Memorial Church. Sue and Hub shared nearly 23 years of married life together. She was also a gifted musician and over the years played the piano and organ for churches of many denominations. Her husband Hub loved to sing hymns along with her while she played. They had both a piano and an organ in the home, where she spent many musical hours.

Over the years, her writings were published in various church periodicals. Inspirational short stories were her forte, and she loved to take her life experiences and turn them into praise. While living in Virginia she wrote a monthly inspirational newsletter that Hub helped her print and mail to many individuals. Sue had many lifelong friends. Her remaining two best friends from childhood, Evelyn Lutz and Pauline (Polly) Danforth, were often the subject of her conversation and happy memories and she made every effort to stay in contact with them, even though her hearing was failing.

In 2013, after a terrible house fire, Sue and Hub moved to Fletcher Park Inn in Hendersonville, NC, connecting with old friends and made many new friends. There she and Hub became an important part of the planning of the weekly Friday night Vespers. To her it was important to include all of God's children in the services that were planned, no matter what their denominational affiliation. Sue's new North Carolina home was located less than two hours away from many of her grandchildren, and so they had the privilege of coming to know and love each other. In her last two years alive, she re-read her Bible cover to cover as well as *The Desire of Ages* by Ellen G. White, a book she finished re-reading only days before her death. She delighted in the assurance she found in those books and many others. She loved to share her faith. In the end, because of the pandemic and the restriction of visitors in the Hospice House in an effort to contain the virus, she was isolated from everyone except her husband Hub, and her daughter Candy. Her hospice room was filled with photographs of the loved ones that would have been at her side if it was possible. Sue was often joyful in her last days and hours with her blessed hope in the second coming of Jesus and the promised Resurrection.

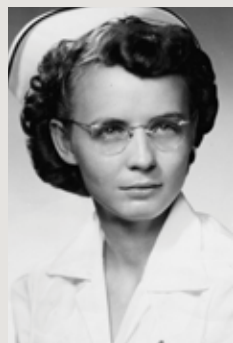
Sue is survived by her firstborn, Katherine Jo Brozny Goodz, mother of Ryan Michael Gleason and Erin Marie Gleason Moore (Jamon); middle daughter, Candace Sue Brozny Boothby (married to the late David Carl Boothby), mother of Jon Edward Beck (Jessica), Kelly Sue Boothby Lessmeister (Bradley), and step-mother to Jami Boothby-Evans (the late Clay Evans); and her youngest daughter, Rebecca Anne Brozny Finnegan (married to Bryan Michael Finnegan); her great-grandchildren in order of age are: Tyler Evans, Breanna Less-

meister-Vess, Lily Lessmeister, Jacob Beck, Braden Lessmeister, David Beck, Madilyn Beck, Emilee Lessmeister, Abigail Wallace Beck, Briggs Lessmeister, Sophia Wallace Beck, Luthien Beck, Wilder Beck, and twins Logan Alexander and Harper Lynn Gleason. She was preceded in death by her parents; nine siblings; her first husband; her son-in-law David Carl Boothby; and her great-granddaughters: Bailey Sue Boothby Vess, and Addison Grace Lessmeister.

GEACH JR., ROBERT W., 73, born Nov. 25, 1947 in Chattanooga, TN, died March 22, 2021 in Cohutta, GA. Bob was a wonderful teacher and friend to many hundreds of students over a span of 38 years. Most of those years were at Atlanta Adventist Academy (AAA), and formerly Cascade Road Jr. Academy.

After retirement, he always enjoyed going back for AAA alumni gatherings because he loved interacting with former students and colleagues. He and his wife, Geneva Kay, retired and moved to Cohutta, GA, where they had a very large garden. Bob loved sitting on his tractor and tilling the ground each spring. He was a gardener of fields and minds. Another hobby was building whatever projects were needed by his family or friends. He was very active in the Cohutta Church where he served as an elder and song leader each month. He would take bags of garden veggies to share with the church family. He helped anyone he knew that needed a hand.

He is survived by his wife, Geneva Kay Geach; their three sons: Rob (Gia), Jonathan (Belen), and Bryan (Sandy); two brothers: Dan (Carla) and Roger (Terri); seven grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Sr. and Patricia Geach; and his sister, Cheryl Geach Long. His memorial service was March 27, 2021, at the Collegedale Community Church where many beautiful tributes were presented by family, former students, and friends. Pastors Jose Nieves and Harold Cunningham officiated.



KEPPLER, DOROTHY VIRGINIA (PARKER), 91, born Feb. 25, 1930 in Bunnell, FL, died May 13, 2021 in Fairview, NC.

Dorothy grew up in Florida, the second of three children of Carl Parker and Ida (Mosby) Parker. She acquired her strong work ethic from her parents who kept food on the table, and a roof over their heads through the depths of the Great Depression. She also inherited a sweet, patient disposition that she maintained throughout her life.

While attending college at Southern Adventist University (then Southern Missionary College), Dorothy met C. Burton (Burt) Keppler whom she married on August 17, 1950. Dorothy and her husband would both go on to attend and graduate from the AdventHealth University School of Nursing (then Florida Sanitarium & Hospital School of Nursing). Dorothy graduated in 1951 after which she worked as a registered nurse to support Burt while he finished his nursing degree. Dorothy and Burt would welcome Brenda to the fledgling

family on October 24, 1952. Susan would follow on January 5, 1954.

In 1955, Dorothy and Burt made the decision to serve the Lord and their fellowman in Bolivia, where they worked as medical missionaries for the next three and a half years. While in Bolivia, Dorothy put her nursing skills to good use, often being pressed into service in physician roles when nobody else was available. In addition to frequently administering anesthesia, she performed countless deliveries including many that would be classified as high-risk, in facilities that ranged from clinics to dirt-floored huts.

In 1965, after Burt received his medical doctor degree from Loma Linda University School of Medicine, the family cross the country and settle in Greenville, SC. There, Burt opened his medical practice where Dorothy served as administrator, accountant, nurse, and receptionist. She would eventually relinquish many of her practice responsibilities and on June 29, 1968, a third daughter, Karen, was added to the family. On December 9, 1969, Dorothy and Burt would welcome their fourth and final child, a son, Benjamin.

In 1984, Dorothy and Burt would make their final move, to the mountains of western North Carolina where Burt founded Park Ridge Anesthesiology. With her youngest two children attending Mount Pisgah Academy, she could devote more of her time and energy to her grandchildren, vegetable and flower gardening, sewing, quilting, and her church.

Dorothy lost her husband of 54 years on March 6, 2008. Just six short months later, Dorothy suffered a massive stroke while accompanying her son and his family on a vacation to Myrtle Beach, SC. Despite her new circumstances which required 24/7 companion care, Dorothy continued to maintain her cheerful, caring disposition until her death.

She is survived and greatly missed by her four children; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Dorothy was predeceased by her brother, Roland; and sister Marjorie. A memorial service was held May 29, 2021 at 3 p.m., at the Arden Seventh-day Adventist Church in Arden.

TURNER, HELEN ELIZABETH THOMAS WESSELS, 89, born Feb. 22, 1931 in Durban, South Africa, died Nov. 28, 2020 in Sonora CA. Helen was born to Hendrick and Elizabeth Wesseles, their fourth child and second daughter. They named her Helena Elizabeth, after her paternal grandmother. She was a member of Fletcher SDA Church in Hendersonville, NC. Helen spoke Zulu before she began school. She forgot most of it in later life, but enjoyed repeating some sentences that included a lot of “clicks.” Her family lived in Johannesburg, South Africa, during the Great Depression. She was a good student, excelling in math and bookkeeping. She was a shooter on her school’s netball team. Her father died when she was 14 years of age. After completing grade 10 in Johannesburg, Helen joined her sister at Helderberg College, near Cape Town. Her brother, Glenn, sacrificially helped pay for her education. When Helen turned in her first math assignment, she was shocked to see a rather impertinent comment penciled in red on her paper by the teacher’s assistant, who said she had written her name on the wrong side of the page. In the school dining room, somebody pointed out the assistant, a tall young man by the name of Don Thomas. Helen walked up to Don and asked if he marked her assignment. He said, “Yes! Any objections?” She had none. She was smitten! Don asked her to be his girlfriend. Both were 16 years old. They later married after Don graduated from college in 1951.



Helen graduated with a commercial diploma and went to the Belgium Congo to serve as a missionary for 18 months. There she learned French and Swahili. After their wedding both Don and Helen went to the Belgium Congo.

Helen served alongside her husband in various mission capacities (secretary, bookkeeper, and teacher) for the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, including Central Africa, South Africa, and West Africa.

Over the next 43 years, Helen and Don served at several mission locations in Central Africa and assignments in Zimbabwe, South Africa and West Africa. In 1994, Don and Helen moved to the United States. Instead of retiring, they served the Safford and Wilcox congregations in Arizona for six years. There Helen worked as a medical transcriptionist and worked for an insurance company. At this time, both Don and Helen took up mountain biking. Don accepted an appointment to serve two congregations in Georgia for two years. After Don passed away in 2003, Helen volunteered at a hospital and community service center in Greenville, TN. She went to Tanzania on a short-term mission trip, and preached every night while her messages were translated into Swahili. She also went on mission trips to Guatemala and the Dominican Republic. Helen spoke five languages and during her adult life she lived in 37 different homes in six countries. After eight years as a widow, at the age of 80, she married James Turner. After two years on James’ farm, they retired to an apartment at Fletcher Park Inn in Hendersonville, NC. James fell ill and Helen cared for him for five years. After moving to an assisted living facility on Georgia, James passed away in 2018. Helen moved to an assisted living facility in Sonora, CA, where Robert and his family live.

Helen is survived by her daughter, Charlene (Andy) Masson; and grandchildren, Becky Masson and Darryl Masson; her son, Robert (Sherry) Thomas; grandchildren, Jonathan Thomas, Alyssa Thomas; and greatgrandchild, Lilly Thomas. Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Don Thomas in 2003; husband, James Turner in 2018; daughter, Margaret Thomas in 1956 (at the age of 3); daughter, Marilyn in 1978 (at the age of 18); and all her siblings.

WEST, WILLIAM L., M.D., 84, born July 5, 1936 in Los Angeles, CA, died April 25, 2021 in Fort Myers, FL. He was a member of the Fort Myers, FL, Church. He graduated from Point Loma College in San Diego, CA, with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Baylor College



of Medicine in Houston, TX. He completed residencies in internal medicine at White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles and diagnostic radiology from Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, CA. He served in the Army Medical Cadet Corps for two years.

He was a radiologist at Corona Community Adventist Hospital in Corona, CA, from 1975 until 1992. And then he decided to work as a traveling radiologist doing locum tenens—filling in temporary vacancies in California, Delaware, New Mexico, South Dakota, and Texas until he retired in 2006. He moved to Fort Myers in 1996.

He was an avid reader and especially loved his Bible. He had a collection of different versions of Bibles. He was always buying Bibles to give to others. He spent many hours advocating for unborn children.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Helen; two daughters: Laura (Ivan) Kong of Loma Linda, and Carolyn (Jim) Seager of Tucson, AZ; and one granddaughter, Annika Kong of Loma Linda.

A celebration of life service was held at the Fort Myers Church. Interment was at the Sarasota National Cemetery in Sarasota, FL.

WYCKOFF, JAMES (JIM), 88, of Vassar, MI, born Sept. 27, 1932 to Alexander James and Gladys (Sinclair) Wyckoff, died May 8, 2021 with his family by his side.

Jim graduated from Adelphian Academy in 1950 and from Emmanuel Missionary College in 1955. Over his lifetime, Jim served in many roles. He was a teacher, principal, minister, and an evangelist. He served in Michigan, Tennessee, Georgia, and the Carolinas. In later years, Jim formed Wyckoff Fundraising in Vassar.

Jim is remembered for his memory and storytelling ability of events from his childhood, as well as his love of his time spent in the woods and long-ago hunting trips with his family. He also enjoyed traveling the country with his wife, Mary.

He felt his greatest impact was an evangelistic trip he took to India where he was able to share the Gospel message with thousands. Jim was an active member of the Houghton Lake SDA Church and later attended the Vassar SDA Church.

Jim is survived by his beloved wife of 40 years, Mary (Candella) Wyckoff; his son, David (Debbie) Wyckoff of Elgin, SC; his daughter, Gail (Wayne) Bunting of Pelion, SC; his step-daughters: Gina (Rob) Dunneback of Petosky, MI, and Nicole (David) Albrecht of Vassar; two brothers: Maurice and Albert; two sisters: Deb and Jan; a host of grandchildren; great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; nephews; nieces; cousins; and friends. Jim was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother, Alfred.



BRYANT, ANN M., 92, born June 30, 1928 in Louisville, KY, died Jan. 27, 2021. She was a member of the Louisville First Church in Louisville. Ann was a nurse's aide at the Franciscan Health Care Center for over 10 years. She is survived by her daughter, Darlene (Jeff) Snyder; son, Steve (Sandy) Taylor; two stepchildren: Barbara Sworin, and Bill (Becky) Bryant; many grandchildren; and great-grandchildren. Ann is preceded in death by her husbands: Ernest L. Taylor, and Dr. William C. Bryant; two grandsons: Denny Clemmer and Bryant Sworin; stepson, George Bryant; daughter-in-law, Marie Taylor; and she was the last of seven children born to the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dearing.

CHAMBERLAIN, JANICE M., 94, born May 13, 1926 in Toledo, OH; died April 27, 2021 in Altamonte Springs, FL. She was a member of Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL, since 2017. Janice was an elementary teacher for the Ohio Public School system. She is survived by her three sons: Mark Chamberlain of Ashland, OH, Kevin Chamberlain of Lake Placid, FL, and Randy Chamberlain; one daughter, Sharon (Ruben Ruban) Chamberlain of Longwood, FL; one brother, Don Wolfe of Columbia, MD; one sister, Carol Koester, Nashville, TN; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. The memorial service was conducted by her daughter, Sharon Chamberlain,

chaplain of AdventHealth Hospice. Interment was at Highland Memorial Gardens in Apopka.

COOK, NANCY LYNNE, 72, born June 28, 1948 in Port Huron, MI, died Feb. 1, 2021 in her home. Left to cherish her memory are two sons: Mark (Jennifer) Cook and Thomas (Kori) Cook; two sisters: Peggy Schron and Lonni (Dennis) Hughes; brother, Alan (Gwen) Bishop; four grandchildren: Owen, Anna, Riley, and Hudson; two aunts: Donna Klaus and Barbara Terpstra; several nieces; and nephews. Ann was preceded in death by her parents: Clifton and Willo Bishop; and her son, Stephen Cook.

MATHIEU, SHIRLEY FAY, 66, born June 27, 1954 in Atlanta, GA, to Raymond and Ferrell Mathieu. died March 12, 2021 at Swedish Hospital in Seattle, WA, after a brief unexpected illness. Her younger brother Alan was born 18 months later. When Shirley was two years old, the family moved to Birmingham, AL, where she attended Brakeworth Junior Academy. Shirley later moved to Dayton, TN, where she attended Laurelbrook Academy, a boarding high school. Shirley earned her nursing degree at Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University) and began her lifelong dedication in service to vulnerable populations. She first worked at Moccasin Bend Psychiatric Hospital in Chattanooga, TN, but eventually moved to the Pacific Northwest where she worked at Harborview Medical Center for the next 38 years. Over the years, Shirley was a mentor to many and a friend to all, working quietly behind the scenes at work or her church. Shirley also enjoyed traveling, whether on a motorcycle road trip across country or mission work in Ghana, Africa. She also took her mother on several vacations to places including Europe, Canada, and Alaska. As her mother aged and could no longer cook well for herself, Shirley would travel from Seattle down to Escondido, CA, and cook enough food (including corn bread and cinnamon rolls) to fill her mother's freezer for six months until the next visit. Shirley was a pragmatic, committed, witty, generous, and spiritual woman with an infectious laughter. She found many ways to help those around her, whether at work, in the community, or at church. A voracious reader, Shirley also enjoyed crafts, preparing handmade greeting cards, personalized bags, and special treats for others. Shirley is survived by her brother Alan, and his wife, Marie of McDonald, TN; two nephews: William and Pe-

ter; and one niece, Elly. Shirley was beloved and will be missed dearly by family, coworkers, and friends.

RANDALL, LESTER D., 79, born Jan. 22, 1942 in Plainfield, NJ; died Feb. 7, 2021 in Altamonte Springs, FL. A lifelong Adventist, he was a member of the Florida Living Church in Apopka, FL, when he passed away. He was self-employed. Les was a giver, whether it be a meal, advice, a ride somewhere, listening ear, help to pay a bill, or a prayer, he would help without delay. Florida Outdoor Club was dear to Les's heart. He and his wife, Pat, led the club for many years with patience, skills, and dedication. Refugee Camp in Georgia—Les and Pat gathered clothing, toys, and household items to deliver to the camp. At Christmas, each child received a bike from Les. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Pat; son, Larry Randall; daughter, Jennifer French; two sisters: Jayne of Odan, GA, and Gladys (Dick) Harrison of Leesburg, FL; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Daryl; and one granddaughter, Janell French. A memorial service was conducted by Pastor Bill Waters at Forest Lake Church in Apopka.

ROGERS JR., ERNEST EUGENE, 72, born Sept. 20, 1948 in Nashville, TN, at Riverside Hospital and Sanitarium, died Oct. 14, 2020. Kind, generous, selfless, and humble; seeking the best for others; passionate about God's Word and music; an altruistic spirit exhibiting Christlike characteristics; an ability to sense others' needs while paying little attention to his own; a quiet, steady demeanor; patient, understanding, and loyal; a team player with no concern of personal gain. Few people are so generously attributed with all these characteristics, but they have been repeated again and

again to describe Ernest Eugene Rogers Jr., the second child and first son of Ernest Eugene Rogers Sr. and Mildred Octavia Strachan Rogers. His dad was a professor of Biblical Languages at Oakwood College (now University), and his mother was a devoted wife, mother, and an exceptional homemaker. While the family lived in Huntsville, AL, at that time, the hour and a half trip to Riverside Hospital in Nashville, TN, was quite familiar to members of the Oakwood community, as it was the only Black-owned Seventh-day Adventist medical facility in North America. During the Jim Crow days, it was a welcomed haven and medical service provider. His dad, mom, big sister, Jeannette, and the Oakwood community welcomed this precious baby boy. A few years later, Eugene became a big brother himself when Sherman was added to the family. Once the children were of school age, their mom entered the workforce as an Elementary School teacher for Madison County Schools. Her exemplary skills and excellence as an educator benefitted her children and community immensely. The Rogers ensured that their three children received an Adventist Christian education. Eugene attended Oakwood Elementary and graduated high school from Oakwood Academy. He demonstrated a love for music and travel very early in life. He sang at home, in Sabbath School, and in children's singing groups; one of which was a children's quartet directed by his beloved neighbor and musician, the late Anne Galley. He sang in a number of groups on the Academy and College campus. He also developed a love for instrumental music and as a youngster, tutored by Chuck Galley, guitar became his instrument of choice. He acquired state-of-the-art electric guitars, sound systems, and became a sought-after serious musician. Eugene was affectionately known

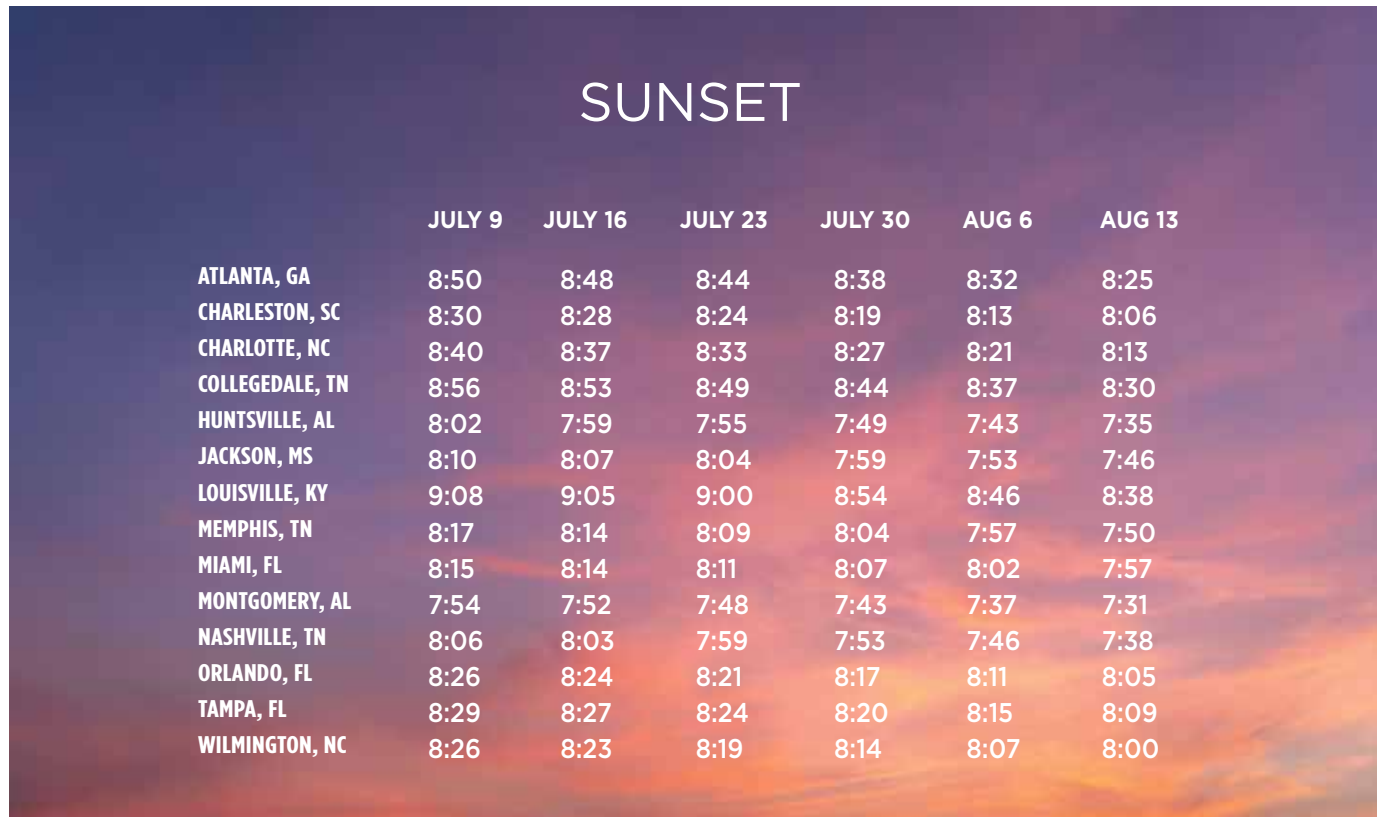
to his friends as Gunny, Gene, or Nugy. He leaves to remember him with loving memories, his devoted father, Dr. Ernest E. Rogers Sr.; siblings: Jeannette (Garland) Dulan and William Sherman (Yvonne) Rogers; nieces and nephews: Stanton (Kelli) Dulan, Stacia Dulan (Herbert Marcel) Wright, Sherian Dulan (Wesley) Brown, and Shannon Rogers; great-nieces and great-nephews: Stanton II, Zahra, Zoe, and Zeniyah Dulan; Jonathan and Ginneh Wright; Shaylah and Jasmine Brown; Ava, Iverson, Jeremiah, and Josiah Rogers; a close friend, Rosalind Morgan and family; as well as extended family members; and a host of friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, Mildred O. Rogers.

SHAFFER, JEANINE LABELLE, 95, born March 15, 1926 in Lancaster, ON, Canada, died March 21, 2021 in Nashville, TN. Her family moved to Michigan when she was

an infant. After graduating from high school in 1944, she worked at Bendix Aviation Corp. until WWII ended. While working there, she met Earl Glendale Townsend, whom she married in 1945. They had five children. In 1952, she became a Seventh-day Adventist after having Bible studies. After she became widowed in 1989, she met Calvin Shaffer and married him in 1991. They were married for over 20 years until his death in 2011. Jeanine was a devoted Christian, and served in various church offices wherever she lived, including Ridgetop, TN, Church, the last church she attended. She was a master gardener with both vegetables and flowers. She became an expert on the monarch butterfly, and demonstrated its life cycle in the community in schools and libraries, as well as in her home. She became known as "The Butterfly Lady." Jeanine is survived by four children: Daniel Townsend;

Jean (John) Alizor, Dale (Janet) Townsend, and Timothy (Cathy) Townsend; grandchildren: Amanda (Tommy) Brown and Eric Townsend. She was predeceased by one son, Lawrence Townsend; three brothers: Maurice LaBelle, Richard LaBelle, and Jerry LaBelle.

WORROW JR., KENNETH A., 75, born March 30, 1946 in Summerville, NJ, died May 9, 2021 in Orlando, FL. He was a member of the Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL, for approximately 50 years. He was employed at Able Best Allstate Insurance Company in Apopka. He is survived by one son, Kenneth Alfred Worrow III of Apopka; three daughters: Amanda Kimmel of Orlando, Holly Ballenger of Alpharetta, GA, and Kendra (Chris) Bohlender of Longwood, FL; one brother, Jack Worrow of Altamonte Springs, FL; and seven grandchildren. The service was conducted at The Cottage at Lake Fairview.



SUNSET

	JULY 9	JULY 16	JULY 23	JULY 30	AUG 6	AUG 13
ATLANTA, GA	8:50	8:48	8:44	8:38	8:32	8:25
CHARLESTON, SC	8:30	8:28	8:24	8:19	8:13	8:06
CHARLOTTE, NC	8:40	8:37	8:33	8:27	8:21	8:13
COLLEGE DALE, TN	8:56	8:53	8:49	8:44	8:37	8:30
HUNTSVILLE, AL	8:02	7:59	7:55	7:49	7:43	7:35
JACKSON, MS	8:10	8:07	8:04	7:59	7:53	7:46
LOUISVILLE, KY	9:08	9:05	9:00	8:54	8:46	8:38
MEMPHIS, TN	8:17	8:14	8:09	8:04	7:57	7:50
MIAMI, FL	8:15	8:14	8:11	8:07	8:02	7:57
MONTGOMERY, AL	7:54	7:52	7:48	7:43	7:37	7:31
NASHVILLE, TN	8:06	8:03	7:59	7:53	7:46	7:38
ORLANDO, FL	8:26	8:24	8:21	8:17	8:11	8:05
TAMPA, FL	8:29	8:27	8:24	8:20	8:15	8:09
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Aug. 22. Kendall, Miami Temple, Miami Springs, Maranatha in Miami Gardens, Sunrise, Midport.

Aug. 29. Deltona Spanish, Daytona, New Smyrna Beach, Titusville, Cocoa, Fort Pierce. (Southeastern Conference: Palm Bay.)

Sept. 12. Inverness, Homosassa, Brooksville, Spring Hill, New Port Rickey, Clearwater, St. Petersburg.

Sept. 19. Leesburg, Lady Lake, Ocala, Perry, Tallahassee.

Oct. 3. West Palm Beach First, Pompano Beach, Margate, Ambassador in Lauderdale Lakes, Plantation. (Southeastern Conference: Port St. Lucie.)

Oct. 10. Kissimmee, Avon Park, Cape Coral, Fort Myers, Lehigh Acres, Naples.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Cohutta Springs Youth Camp options - Teen II and Wakeboard Camp II, July 11-18. Family Camp, July 20-25. www.cs-yc.com. Crandall, GA.

Women's Ministries Virtual Bible Study: Esther - July 19, 8:00 pm. Teacher Ann Thrash-Trumbo. Online.

Health Rallies with EW Dempsey July 24, 2-5 p.m. Athens Church, TN. Aug. 7, 2-5 p.m. Standifer Gap Church, TN.

Hispanic Camp Meeting - Aug. 6-8. Programa para niños y adolescents. Temas espirituales, música, camaradería Cristiana y mucho más. Registración tiene cupo limitado: alojamiento y comidas. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.

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Virtual Tour for Women's Ministries of Georgia-Cumberland/Southern Union - Aug. 8, 4 p.m. Details: email mdubs@gccsda.com. Facebook Live.

Southern Deaf Fellowship Camp Meeting - Aug. 11-15.

AYMT (Adventist Youth Ministries Training) for Pathfinder Leaders - Aug. 20-22. Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Crandall, GA.

Women's Ministries Leadership Meeting - Aug. 24, 6-7:30 p.m. Online.

ACF ReStart/Connect - Aug. 27-29. Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Crandall, GA.

Hispanic Couples' Retreat - Aug. 27-29. Retiro de Parejas 2021. 26 al 28 de agosto de 2021 en Cohutta Springs. Precio: \$400 por pareja - Hay planes de pago. Cupos son muy limitados. Último día para registrarse: 13 de julio de 2021 o hasta que se llenen los espacios. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.

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SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE WOMEN'S CONVENTION - Sept. 8-11, 2022. Orlando, FL.

CORRECTION

Two Carolina Conference feature photo captions on page 15 of the June 2021 *Southern Tidings*, for Henry Barrios and Abdiel Del Toro, were swapped and labeled in error. Henry Barrios is a pastor and field associate for Florida Conference Spanish-language Ministries. Abdiel Del Toro is the vice president for Spanish-language Ministries at the Florida Conference.

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