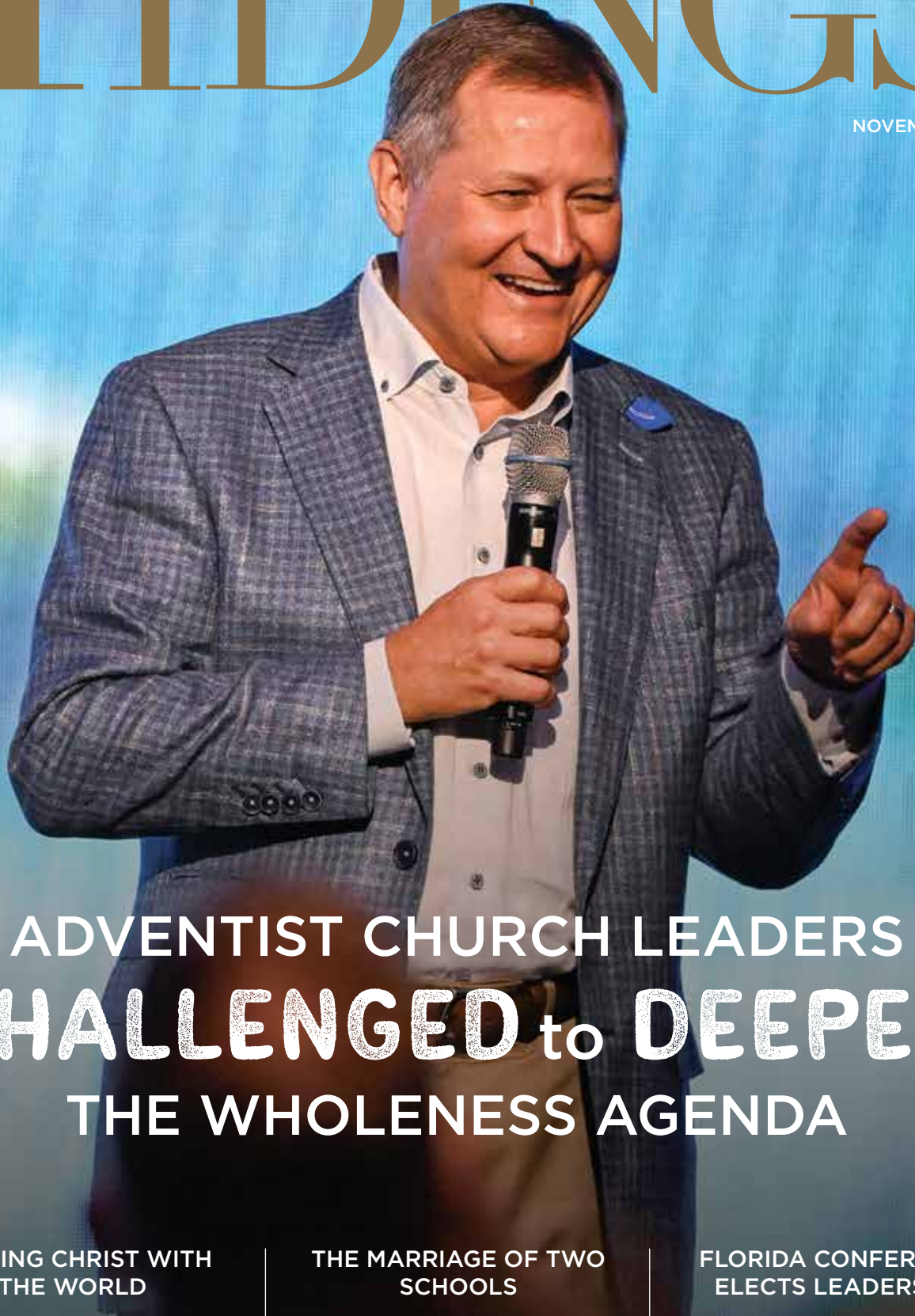


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# The Act of Neighboring



**Ron C. Smith, D.Min., Ph.D.**  
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“Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves?” Luke 10:36.

The parable of the good Samaritan condemns any system that asks its followers to cut themselves off from the need of fellow human beings. The story judged against Pharisaism because that philosophy precluded the priest and Levite from helping the wounded man.

The priest risked too much if he went near the body. Some scribes even ruled that if a person’s shadow fell over a dead body, that person was rendered spiritually unclean. For the priest, the risk of pollution probably loomed larger than the threat of brigands.

Over and against the poverty of such a system, Jesus offered the actions of the Samaritan. Though his religion also sought to avoid pollution, he never hesitated, but went into action.

The story paints a picture of extravagant action in favor of the needy one. The Samaritan placed the wounded man on his own donkey. He laid him down, as it were, on the back seat of his limousine while he himself rode along in the pickup truck. There’s a difference between an animal trained to carry a rider and one used to loads of merchandise!

Though the “two pence” of the story sounds insignificant, it represented board and lodging for several weeks. Besides which, the Samaritan spent the night at the side of the wounded man and wrote a blank check against any future expense.

The English language frequently turns nouns into verbs with scarcely a pause. For example, in the matter of a year or two, the word “parent” shifted from being always and only a noun, to being either noun or verb.

The issue of the parable lies in whether you will live with “neighbor” as noun or verb. The lawyer wanted it to define a particular group; Jesus made it a mode of action. Not “Who is my neighbor?” but “Who neighbors?” the Christian must ask. Not “Whom will I cut off and whom will I include in my outreach?” but “How shall I neighbor in the face of this present need?”

For our example, we have the Great and Good Samaritan who saw humanity wounded and dying of terminal sin, and shed Himself of honor and glory to lift and heal. When Adam and Eve sinned, humanity was left stripped of God’s glory. We were, consequently, naked and wounded. We were robbed of our communion with God. Jesus, the figurative Good Samaritan, understood that extreme hurt required extreme help. No other Samaritans had the resources to provide this kind of help. Jesus became God’s answer for those left by the side of the road. Further, Jesus did more than the Samaritan in this story. He was the one who took the punishment for us. Unlike the beaten Jew, Jesus actually died for us. Yes, the name of Jesus is salvation and neighbor in action. Jesus “neighbors”!

Our neighbor is every soul who is wounded and bruised by the adversary. Our neighbor is everyone who is the property of God. -RCS





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# ADVENTIST CHURCH LEADERS CHALLENGED to DEEPEN THE WHOLENESS AGENDA

BY ELIZABETH CAMPS

commend you — you are already doing so much for the whole person. My question is, what haven't you tried yet?"

This was the closing statement that Chris Oberg, CEO of Path of Life Ministries, gave to a room of AdventHealth Board members and executive leaders, key representatives of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and local community leaders who attended AdventHealth's 32nd annual Conference on Mission. Oberg challenged attendees to live up to the AdventHealth brand promise: feel whole.

Over the course of the three-day conference, the presenters responded to that challenge through a deep exploration of understanding what wholeness is, how it's quantified and how to help communities feel whole.

Hosted by AdventHealth, this annual event brings together key leaders from the Adventist Church and AdventHealth to discuss foundational issues, industry trends, and the delivery of transformational whole-person care to millions of

individuals. For the last five years, AdventHealth has been on a journey to understand and live its brand promise in a way no other organization has done. In this multi-year process, attendees have grappled with what wholeness looks like for the body, mind, and spirit. Previous years of the event invited attendees to work through key issues such as mental health, spiritual care and health equity.

This year's Conference on Mission, with the theme "Guided by Purpose," gave attendees the opportunity to explore the results of the years-long research that AdventHealth has dedicated to defining wholeness. The event began with an opening keynote from Oberg in which she challenged those present to go beyond what was already being done and look for what more can be done.

"When you put wholeness in your brand, you're taking on a big responsibility," said Terry Shaw, president and CEO of AdventHealth. "We started this journey by putting spiritual care in the outpatient

"Wholeness is delivered every day in this organization. The opportunity we have is, can we do it more often? Can we be more consistent? Can we ensure more people get to experience it?"





PHOTO BY: TIM BROWN

Terry Shaw, president and CEO of AdventHealth, addresses attendees at the 32nd Conference on Mission hosted by AdventHealth in Orlando, Florida.



David Banks, senior executive vice president and chief strategy and organizational transformation officer for AdventHealth, presented attendees with the business case for wholeness, journeying through a history of pivotal moments in health care, and forces that shaped health care into what it is today.

setting and adding mental health services into primary care. Now we have a wholeness model to help us look at, from a business perspective, what it means to feel whole. And, we have our diversity, equity, and inclusion councils to better enable us to help people feel whole.”

David Banks, senior executive vice president and chief strategy and organizational transformation officer for AdventHealth, presented attendees with the business case for wholeness, journeying through a history of pivotal moments in

health care and forces that shaped health care into what it is today. With this established context, Banks presented the strategic aspirations of AdventHealth through the year 2030, and how these aspirations are rooted in a legacy of whole-person care and come together to make AdventHealth a nationally recognized leader in whole-person care.

“Wholeness is delivered every day in this organization,” said Banks. “The opportunity we have is, can we do it more often? Can we be more consistent? Can we



Carla Park, executive director of wholeness and faith strategy for AdventHealth, led conference attendees through an overview of the AdventHealth wholeness model.

## REFLECTIONS FROM THE 2022 CONFERENCE ON MISSION ATTENDEES

“Taking this time every year for our whole company to come together to focus on our mission keeps us connected and energized in the sacred work of caring for our communities in their greatest time of need,” said Michael Knecht, president at AdventHealth Shawnee Mission. “This year’s conference personally inspired me to challenge our thinking of how we serve the most vulnerable in our community.”

“While I have felt inspired and energized with each one, the Conference this year was on another level!” shared Eric Shadle, M.D., vice president of mission integration for Centura Health. “At various times throughout the Conference, I found myself being intellectually challenged, easily amused, and deeply touched in my soul — so much so that I was brought to tears. It was an amazing time of spiritual, mental, and operational insights that made me emboldened to come back to Colorado and Centura Health to fully live our ministry’s mission of Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ, and vision of ensuring every community, every neighborhood, and every life is whole and healthy.”



We are each a connected entity: to self, to God, and to others.”

ensure more people get to experience it?”

Carla Park, executive director of wholeness and faith strategy for AdventHealth, led conference attendees through an overview of the AdventHealth wholeness model.

“For our concept of wholeness at AdventHealth, there is no such thing as an individual,” said Park. “We are each a connected entity: to self, to God, and to others.”

Park’s statement came alive throughout the entire event. Each element of the conference — speakers, environment, storytelling, integration of the arts, and mission threaded throughout — created a unique experience that was truly a conference on mission. The key takeaway for attendees was their readiness to work on connecting together with God to move forward in a way that will change AdventHealth and change the world.

“God’s presence was felt,” said Park

in reflection of the conference. “It wasn’t just us sitting around, but the presence of the Holy Spirit was there. God worked through humans to do something beautiful.”

To close out the event on Sabbath morning, attendees heard an inspiring message from Sam Leonor Jr., mission and spiritual care executive at Adventist Health. Leonor spoke on the unchanging mission of Adventist health care and how it connects to wholeness. The message highlighted how the healing miracles performed by Jesus during his time on Earth did more than just heal a broken body, but rather His miracles healed the mind and spirit of the recipient too.

“We must be the kind of people who see people as Jesus did, and we must enter into the work ahead with our eyes wide open,” said Leonor. “We must choose to see the real need, what people actually seek: belonging, fulfillment, and meaning. Once our eyes are open to that, it is impossible to ignore. This will make AdventHealth an organization more closely aligned with the mission and values of our founder: Jesus.”

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Chris Oberg, CEO of Path of Life Ministries, gave the opening keynote presentation in which she challenged attendees to go beyond and look for what more can be done to help people feel whole.

“Of all the events we have throughout the year, this one is my favorite,” said Thor Thordarson, president and CEO of AdventHealth in the Great Lakes Region. “It’s a time where we can step back and really focus on how we are doing in living our mission. It’s a time to recharge our spiritual batteries, to be inspired and really understand the ‘why’ behind our work.”

“I appreciate the intentionality of AdventHealth in staying true to the core values of our faith, and in building on the hospital foundation of the health system, to continue to stay on the path of bringing wholeness to people,” said Elden Ramirez, executive secretary of the Lake Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and member of the AdventHealth Board.

“If we allow ourselves as an organization to expand our ministry beyond caring for the acutely ill, meaning we address the whole person across the continuum of health and the life experiences that define them, we could implement great transformation,” said Ronny Ford, M.D., vice president and CMO of Texas Health Huguley. “As caregivers and Christians, not only would it be transformational for the people we care for and for ourselves, but it could redefine the healthcare industry. In that, I can only imagine A Voice saying, ‘I am well pleased.’”

# SHARING CHRIST WITH THE WORLD:

*Delegates attending 20th Quinquennial Session handle business, receive messages of hope*

BY LUCAS L. JOHNSON II

More than 200 delegates attended the 20th Quinquennial Session of the Southern Union Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, on September 18, 2022.

In the opening report, Ron C. Smith, D.Min., Ph.D., Southern Union president, emphasized to the 235 delegates their mission: “Sharing Our Faith and Sharing Christ with the World.” Smith, who was re-elected president of the Southern Union, and other Union leaders lauded the delegates for their faithfulness over the years, particularly during the pandemic. They elaborated on their

appreciation in the special Quinquennial Report *Southern Tidings* released in September.

“Over the last quinquennial period, our faithful members of the Southern Union, through responsible Christian ministry, have not only ministered to our local churches, but to this post-modern and post-Christian culture,” said Smith. “I am so encouraged and inspired by our brothers and sisters of this vast Union. I write this report to thank each of you for your faithfulness. What powerful witnesses you have been and continue to be. Within this quinquennium, we



PHOTO BY: R. STEVEN NORMAN III

Re-elected Southern Union officers include Jim Davidson (left), secretariat; Bonnie Davidson, medical-dental/health professional associate director and women’s ministries advisor; Yolanda Smith, women’s ministries advisor; Ron C. Smith, D.Min., Ph.D., president; David Freedman, treasurer; Ann Freedman, disabilities and family ministries associate director; Marlene Colburn; and Dave Colburn, undertreasurer.

## RE-ELECTED AND NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

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Delegates who attended the 20th Quinquennial Session on September 18-19, 2022

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have endured a worldwide pandemic. COVID-19 wreaked havoc on our world, nation, churches, and individual families. But it is amazing how the metrics surrounding the success of ministry through the Southern Union continue to climb onward and upward.”

Among the highlights of the session was the re-election of Smith and the three other officers: Jim Davidson, executive secretary; David Freedman, treasurer; and Dave Colburn, undertreasurer.

In his report, Davidson noted that despite the pandemic, at the end of the December 2020 period, 42,191 members were added to the Southern Union through baptism or profession of faith, 36,285 joined churches throughout the Union by transfer, while 30,219 transferred out.

“At the beginning of 2016, Southern Union membership stood at 286,686,” said Davidson. “At the end of the quinquennium in December 2020, Southern Union membership had grown to 308,337. This is an increase of 21,651 members. We give God all the praise and glory for what He has done to increase His flock in the Southern Union.”

He added that since the last session, there are 52 more churches and 29 more companies than there were five years

ago, for a total of 1,166 churches and 219 companies throughout the Southern Union territory.

“In addition to this, there are numerous groups and other church plants that have not yet reached company or church status,” said Davidson. “Virtually wherever you travel throughout our eight states, you will find an Adventist church nearby.”

Freedman said his report can be summed up in three words: blessed, grateful, and mission-focused. Members remained focused on giving amid the pandemic.

“Tithe from the eight conferences is our main source of income,” said Freedman. “During the last quinquennium, the Southern Union showed consistent gains in tithe. Our eight conferences ended the year 2020 with more than \$258 million in gross tithe income. Due to God’s continued blessings and our members’ continued faithfulness, ministry has flourished and many have had an opportunity to accept Christ as their Lord and Savior. This faithfulness has and will continue to have eternal results for many people in our communities.”

During the session, Smith made his appreciation to the attending delegates tangible. He invited R. Steven Norman III, Southern Union communication director

and *Southern Tidings* editor, to present each of them with a pictorial journal called REFLECTIONS, which showcases God’s hand in the 120-year (1901-2021) history of the Southern Union.

“We value and appreciate each of you as delegates for this 20th session, and to demonstrate our appreciation tangibly, we are going to present you a gift,” said Norman.

At the end of his report, Smith laid out the mission for the next quinquennium, which includes more baptisms, planting new churches, revitalization, and strengthening families. But, most of all, he said to remain hopeful.

“In the presence of the pandemic, many have managed to survive varied hardships surrounding their faith journeys,” he said. “Hope has prompted many to look beyond the dying and the suffering to the life we will one day have. Hope says the tree of life still grows. It waits for you in the paradise of God. We are admonished to get up. Go on. Tough it out. We have a reward waiting for us that will make today’s misery seem little more than a bad dream.”

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# THE MARRIAGE OF TWO SCHOOLS

BY PAOLA MORA ZEPEDA AND ROGER R. WADE

*The Kentucky-Tennessee and South Central conferences partner to jointly administer their schools in Memphis.*

Through collaborative efforts of the local school boards and pastors, the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference (KYTN) and the South Central Conference (SCC) have created a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to jointly administer their two schools in Memphis, Tennessee, for the 2022-2023 school year. As agreed on the MOU, Memphis Jr. Academy (MJA), from KYTN, and Greater Memphis Adventist Academy (GMAA), from SCC, will function as one under the name, Memphis Adventist Academy (MAA).

## History of the Schools

MJA opened its doors in 1910, originally functioning as an eighth-grade academy. In 2016, after years of growth and change, the first class of seniors graduated from MJA's new high school program. Throughout its history, MJA has placed a strong emphasis on Bible study, Christian growth, and character development.

GMAA started in 1920 when the Mississippi Boulevard Church was founded by J.H. Laurence. The church and school then moved to a property on Alcy Road, and remained there for 37 years. In 2016, because of the physical condition of the building, the school moved its classrooms to Overton Park Church. It then changed its name to GMAA and continued to serve the Greater Memphis community, providing Christian education and character development for all children.

## Pastors Take Initiative

The inspiration for a possible partnership started when Steve Gallimore, Kentucky-Tennessee pastor, and Alex Horton, South Central pastor, began discussing the future of the church and its schools.

“We thought, ‘well we have two Adventist schools close to each other, bringing [the schools] together is an opportunity to have a much better education program,’” Gallimore said. “You know, if there are more churches involved then we are bringing together a lot more power.”

According to Horton, a group of pastors brought up the ideas to their church boards, who voted to further pursue the union of the schools.

## The First Steps

In February of 2022, the two conferences started having meetings to discuss the possible partnership. The meetings

were attended by the conference's presidents, treasurers, pastors, and school board members. According to Pegi Flynt, Kentucky-Tennessee superintendent, this was an important step in the planning process.



Steve Haley poses with pre-K and kindergarten students, teachers, and Fabian Reid, MAA principal, during a visit to the school. The Kentucky-Tennessee and South Central conferences have created a Memorandum of Understanding to jointly administer their two schools in Memphis, Tennessee, for the 2022-2023 school year.



Steve Haley (left), Kentucky-Tennessee president, poses with pre-K and kindergarten students, teachers, and Fabian Reid, MAA principal, during a visit to the school. The Kentucky-Tennessee and South Central conferences have created a Memorandum of Understanding to jointly administer their two schools in Memphis, Tennessee, for the 2022-2023 school year.

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Natalie St. Bernard with her first and second graders. While the quick union brought some challenges for MAA, like finding additional classroom space, moving teaching materials, and hiring new staff, Pegi Flynt says these experiences have been important for the eventual growth.



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Pre-K and kindergarten students enjoy the school's newly-installed playground during their recess time. As a strategic process to fully unite MJA and GMAA by the 2023-2024 school year, a Partnership Organizing Committee has been established with equal representation from both conferences.



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Students in the yearbook class (grades 5 to 10) working on news stories. Following the MOU, Memphis Adventist Academy now has a high-enrollment record with 90 students.

“I continued to encourage the collective boards and constituents that this venture had to be a heart and soul matter,” Flynt said. “We must love one another. Much like a marriage, a partnership brings two families together. With Ephesians 4 as our guide, we can walk hand in hand in this ministry for the families in Memphis.”

As the conversation was just starting and leaders were figuring out the logistics of a possible partnership, GMAA began looking for a new school building. Though not in the original plans, this opened the way for the two conferences to consider an MOU that would go into effect for the 2022-2023 school year.

In May, Flynt, alongside Steve Haley, Kentucky-Tennessee president, requested Keith Hallam, the Southern Union education director, to facilitate the drafting of an MOU.

According to Johnny Holliday, South Central interim superintendent, while the MOU has allowed the two schools to function together for the current school year, work still needs to be done to address the governance matter on the local conference level.

“At this time a school partnership has not been completed,” Holliday said. “Plans are being made to further discuss and put in place governance and functions that will prayerfully result in a full union.”

### Crafting a Partnership

Currently, a Partnership Organizing Committee (POC) has been established, with equal representation from both conferences. The POC, which meets once a month, will guide the strategic process for uniting GMAA and MJA into one school by the 2023-2024 school year.

In addition to the POC, the two schools are also working with Bainum Family Foundation to develop a strategic plan for the partnership development of MJA and GMAA. The Bainum Family Foundation is a group that strives to create “an equitable society that supports all children and families.”

MAA now has a record-high enrollment with 90 students. While the quick union led to some challenges, like finding additional classroom space, moving teaching materials, and hiring new staff, Flynt said these experiences have been important for the eventual growth.

“The difficulties that we have faced so far have been a catalyst to think carefully and deeply for the future partnership,” Flynt said. “As we encounter and solve challenges we will have a better idea of what the partnership is actually going to look like.”

### Two Conferences Come Together

The partnership has received a lot of

support from both conferences. Benjamin Jones, South Central president, said he is excited to work alongside Kentucky-Tennessee.

“This endeavor is a bridge that will allow our students and our teachers to begin building a connection that’s positive with diversity,” Jones said. “My generation still remembers the issues of racism, old traditions, and institutional hurts, but [we] want to see the next generation achieve all that it can to be citizens of Earth and Heaven.”

Similarly, Haley said he looks forward to seeing the pastors, teachers, and leaders of both conferences “join together in hearts and minds.”

“I am also excited to recognize that this endeavor will make an incredibly important statement to all of our members ... that our differences do not need to divide us,” Haley said. “Instead, our common faith and love for each other and our children can honor God in a wonderful way through this exciting and important venture.”

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# FLORIDA CONFERENCE ELECTS LEADERSHIP



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Elected Florida Conference administrators include Allan Machado (left), president; Elisa Rahming, treasurer/CFO; and Tim Goff, executive secretary.

The 72nd Quadrennial Constituency Session for Florida Conference was held October 9, 2022, on the campus of Forest Lake Academy, Apopka, Florida. The following officers were elected to serve Florida Conference Constituency for a newly voted five-year quinquennial of 2022-2026:

**President**  
**C. Allan Machado, D.Min.**

Allan Machado was elected to continue as the 24th president. He has served Florida's constituents since June 24,

2018. "My main purpose is to serve the Lord and His Church," says Machado.

**Treasurer/CFO**  
**Elisa T.M. Rahming, M.B.A.**

Elisa Rahming was elected to continue to serve as treasurer/CFO. She has a passion for a "mix of ministry and numbers." Rahming is a CPA, as well as a commissioned minister.

**Executive Secretary**  
**Timothy A. Goff, D.Min.**

Tim Goff, was elected to continue as

executive secretary. He has served since October 2, 2018. "I consider it a privilege to work to prepare a people to meet their Savior," says Goff.

**Being About the King's Business**

After a hiatus of six years, including two years due to the COVID pandemic, delegates were eager to be about the King's business. The theme of "Press On" was dovetailed with the Conference mission statement: "Walking Together in Faith, Hope, and Love — Faith in Jesus, Hope in the second com-

ing, and experiencing and sharing the Love of God as we Press On.”

### Constitution and Bylaws Changes

Synopsis of changes delegates voted on as recommended by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee:

- Change from Robert’s Rules of Order to General Conference Rules of Order.
- Change from four-year to five-year term.
- Provision, where circumstances dictate, to hold Executive Committee meetings and Constituency meetings virtually.
- Conference executive secretary to chair the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.
- Amendment to include an AdventHealth appointee to the Executive Committee.

### Church As Usual

Church as usual would be a thing of the past after the pandemic invaded the physical, mental, and spiritual lives of Florida’s members.

More churches began streaming services with pastors preaching online to empty sanctuaries for many months. Drive-through communion services were



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conducted by pastors and elders, and social connection with the church family continued with drive-through activities.

### Carrying Forth the Mission

Statistics, while not always showing the full picture, are the qualifiers used to show the Lord’s leading in spite of difficulties:

**Churches** — 300 entities in Florida consisting of 216 churches, 60 companies, and 24 mission groups, including 17 newly formed churches and 24 new companies.

**Membership** — 67,289 as of July 25, 2022, with 12,073 new members joining the Church through baptism and profession of faith during the past six years.

**Tithes and Offerings** — show consistent growth.

“During the quadrennial and pandemic, we continued to follow where God led: planting churches, evangelizing throughout our state, and carrying forth His mission,” says Machado. “I hope you, like I, resolve to have no other choice than to praise the Lord for His faithfulness, and determine to ‘Press On to His Second Coming.’”

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# How AdventHealth Mission Control Drivers Improved Emergency Department Outcomes

**A**dventHealth Mission Control is proving to be a critical component in the emergency department by increasing success rates in several key areas, including connection, operational efficiency, and optimizing patient outcomes across three Central Florida counties: Orange, Osceola, and Seminole.

Relying on data that is updated every three to five seconds, the 12,000-square-foot, high-tech command center combines a complex blend of real-time data to forecast capacity across 18 emergency departments, including 11 hospitals, and track every patient — anywhere between 2,400 and 2,600 patients on a given day.

Featuring 60 wall-to-wall TV monitors, called tiles, AdventHealth Mission Control uses this data to create connectivity, operate efficiently, and optimize outcomes by bridging gaps and decreasing delays to care.

“Like an air traffic controller, Mission Control helps land all of our patients at the right bed in the right place at the right time,” said Sanjay Pattani, M.D., emergency medicine physician and associate chief medical officer of AdventHealth Mission Control.

Populated by 14 artificial intelligence apps, which process about 600,000 data messages each day, Mission Control provides AdventHealth a live view of the emergency rooms, inpatient floors, outpatient centers, and other services, using artificial intelligence and machine learning to understand the patterns and take action.

“From a clinical standpoint, enormous amounts of data have historically been housed within various siloed depart-



Sanjay Pattani, M.D. (left), emergency medicine physician and associate chief medical officer of AdventHealth Mission Control.

ments, dashboards, and tools. This is a challenge because the data isn’t usually available in a timeframe for clinical relevance. Typically, this data has been used to show a doctor what happened last week or last month, or yesterday, which is, quite frankly, limited in its usefulness,” Pattani said. “Clinicians need to know what is happening today and how to act on the data in a given moment. That’s the beauty of Mission Control. It provides critical access to real-time, actionable data to drive patient outcomes.”

The timing of Mission Control could not have been more perfect.

Roughly six months before the COVID-19 pandemic hit, the hospi-

tal system opened Mission Control in 2019 — the largest system-based health care command center in the nation — to make clinical operations across Central Florida as streamlined and efficient as possible.

“I cannot imagine going through the pandemic without Mission Control. We were stretched, but without it we could’ve been in a crisis,” said Pattani.

## Real-time Data Drives Real-time Decisions

During the height of the pandemic, Mission Control’s efforts centered around capacity management, particularly balancing ER wait times and vol-



umes with capacity throughout the hospital system.

Mission Control tracks every movement during an inpatient's stay, from the minute a patient arrives to the emergency department, to their bed assignment and scheduled procedures. In some cases, this process starts before a patient even arrives, as they are enroute with EMS.

"The Emergency Department is the first point of contact for Mission Control, and it acts like a barometer, allowing us to seamlessly balance the 'front door to the hospital' with the in-house daily progressions of care and procedural bed placement needs," said Pattani.

The care coordination among specialists on non-elective, emergent care between the ER and ICU is a critical component of this system, Pattani explained, and Mission Control enables real-time juggling among patients from any entry point in the system, whether that is the operating room, post-anesthesia care unit (PACU), direct hospital admits from community physician practices, emergency department admits, or transfers from both within and outside the AdventHealth system.

"As the virus surged, Mission Control and its vertically integrated system played a huge role in guiding our clinical teams when capacity constraints dictated a need to pause performing elective procedures and when we could resume," he said. "This ability to use artificial intelligence to predict capacity constraints is now a lifeline to our system."

### Creating Connectivity and Optimizing Patient Outcomes

Operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week, Mission Control staff work behind the scenes to seamlessly guide patient coordination.

The team of more than 50 nurses, EMS and flight dispatchers, transport techs, and other specialists, are impacting clinical care on multiple levels, from quality to operational efficiency. For example:

- Admitted patients in the ER have received bed assignments 15 minutes faster.



- ER admission to bed placement times decreased by over 23 minutes.

- Lateral transfer of patients from one hospital to another due to overcapacity went from 357 pre-pandemic to over 2,450 — an over 600% increase.

- Phone call abandonment rate for AdventHealth's Transfer Center decreased from 8% to 3%.

- Transport times among interhospital transfers has decreased over 15 minutes.

"This connection allows for simultaneous coordination of flight and bed placement to ensure a seamless patient transition," said Pattani. "This drives operational efficiencies because there is less down time between helicopter flights, for example, which decreases delays in care, translating into lives saved and improvements in patient outcomes, especially among those with the highest acuity."

For example, if medications aren't given in a timely fashion or a physician hasn't seen a patient within 48 hours, those actions get elevated, enabling Mission Control staff to intervene, determine any barriers and meet clinical service line expectations.

Other clinical improvements directly tied to Mission Control include pulmonary embolisms (usually related to blood clots), cardiogenic shock (heart failure), ST elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI — a heart attack with a completely blocked coronary artery), and secondary traumatic stress (STS), which are some of the highest quality outcomes in the state.

### Evolving Into the Future

Mission Control is the problem solver in a complex equation of clinical care, but Pattani says it is capable of so much more.

"Our goal is to positively disrupt how we deliver health care, and we believe we've just scratched the surface of its potential," he said.

As the command center expands, which is set to happen in 2023, it will remain nimble and grow to meet the needs of the hospital system, and drive decision making in new areas such as forecasting staffing needs. 📍

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BY ADVENTHEALTH

# “Revive Youth Rally” 2022 Back in Person

What a challenge and faith-building experience! The third Revive Youth Rally was held on July 29-30, 2022, with nearly 300 attending in Charlotte, N.C. Three years ago, this outreach/evangelistic event entered the planning stages with the goal of graduating from the Charlotte Sharon Church gymnasium to the Charlotte Convention Center with as many as 2,500 high school and collegiate students in attendance. The idea was to see a mix of Adventists and those who were not Adventists, specifically hoping to reach the unchurched. Having to postpone for two years due to COVID-19, there was a big question mark about proceeding with such a large gathering. Before the pandemic, this team had seen some growth and momentum with the first two annual rallies in 2018 and 2019, but would the growth match the investment?

The team prayed, “What should we do, God? Should we keep planning for a large event, or shrink the event because of COVID?” The youth rally board committed themselves to fasting and praying as a group, individually, and among church members. But still, they were not sure what God had planned. There was a feeling of, “If you build it, they will come.” But, three months from the event there were only about 60 people registered. With significant funds committed in contracts, worry started to creep up.

The event had been planned in hopes of having as many as 2,500 high school and collegiate students at the event. The idea was to see a mix of Adventists and those who were not Adventists, specifically hoping to reach. Emails were sent to youth pastors in the Charlotte area. In an answer to prayer, the registrations started to come in. Even with the increase in registration, there was still the worry that it wouldn't be enough to cover the accruing expenses.



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es. So, the chairman of the board started to pray specifically for money. God provided. Money came in, and more people registered. Some extremely generous people who believed in evangelism for the youth, the Carolina Conference, and the Southern Union added support. The week before the event, the rest of the money showed up. God sent close to 300 people. Most of them were not Seventh-day Adventists.

In the end, it was a powerful weekend that will set the stage for years to come, with amazing speakers like Richie Halversen and Roger Hernadez, a pro-gamer, a Christian comedian, a former pro-MLB player, and amazing Christian musicians leading people to Jesus.

A community services project working with the Carolina Conference, David Graham, and Forrest Watson, assembled 370 disaster relief buckets. With compassion international, which usually gets

a 1% sponsor rate from events, a 10% sponsor rate was reached. They were amazed by the generosity of the young people in attendance.

To top that, when Richie Halversen, Southern Union church growth director, made a call for people to come forward with decision cards, there were 24 decisions by young people to give their lives to Christ. Another 14 requested Bible study, and 45 students requested prayer.

With numbers like that, every cent that was spent, every prayer that went up, and every hour of work from the amazing volunteers made for an amazing weekend of revival, devotion, and transformation.

To find out more or to send a student next year, visit the website at [www.reviveyouthrally.com](http://www.reviveyouthrally.com). 📍

BY PASTOR RYAN HODGINS

# Nosoca Pines Ranch Celebrates 50th Anniversary



PHOTO BY: HENRIQUE GOMES

Back in the summer of 1974, a group of young people from the Carolina Conference traveled to the brand new Nosoca Pines Ranch (NPR) for a week of fun and adventure. They were the first to experience NPR summer camp — an experience full of activity, excitement, and spiritual connection designed to help shape their future lives.

Nosoca Pines Ranch was established in 1971 by the Carolina Conference to serve the youth as a summer camp and retreat center for Conference ministry events. Nosoca can house 350-plus guests, can camp up to 1,000 while providing food service and activities to all size groups.

The first building erected was the camp ranger’s home near the entrance to the camp. The second was a cafeteria which doubled as a meeting hall. The third was a shed to house supplies, tools, and equipment. When the first campers arrived in 1974 under the direction of the first rangers, the Collins family, they slept in tents.

The cabins at NPR were built through

the sweat and toil of church members, with each church assigned to build all or part of a cabin depending on what they could afford. Many members camped in the tents or traveled in on weekends and helped to erect the cabins that are still standing and serving campers today. Fourteen cabins and a medical building were built under this program. To those have been added a gymnasium, aquatic center, several hotel-style lodge rooms, and the horse barn, in addition to housing for year-round staff.

Though postponed in 2021 due to the pandemic, on July 15-17, 2022, all those who served as staff at the camp over its history were invited to return for a weekend of reminiscing and renewed friendships from over the past 50 years. Around 200 attended the event organized by current NPR directors Rick and Helen Faber, and former staff members Marca Age Wilson, Lindsay Morton Little, Roxanne Faber Force, and Elise Faber.

“We wanted to do something special for our 50th anniversary,” said Faber,

who has served at NPR for the past 19 years. “With the pandemic near its peak, we were forced to celebrate a year late, but it just gave us more time to plan a great weekend for our NPR family.”

“We are thankful to the visionaries and workers who made Nosoca Pines Ranch a reality over 50 years ago,” said Leslie Louis, Carolina Conference president. “So many amazing things have happened there for the cause of Christ, and I pray that God continues to bless the camp ministry and those who go there to learn more of Him.”

Thousands of people young and old have had life-changing experiences at NPR, many of them giving their hearts to Jesus for the first time. With summer camp back in full swing this past season, and retreats and training events being planned left and right, NPR is on track for the next 50 years of fun-filled ministry for all ages. 📍

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BY REBECCA CARPENTER

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# Spring Meadows Takes Mission Trip to Kentucky

Fourteen individuals met in Manchester, Ky., on July 24, 2022, for the first mission trip hosted by AdventHealth Manchester since COVID. Team members hailed from Spring Meadows Church in Sanford, Fla., north Georgia, and North Carolina, and included five who were not Adventists. The goal was to work with the Healthy Home project addressing needed improvement to home environments, resulting in better patient outcomes.

David Watson, AdventHealth director of plant services (also Clay County 911 director), had arranged two projects for



PHOTO BY: LARRY SOULE

The Spring Meadows mission team prays with David Watson as he prepares to resume work in the evening after a long day of rescuing people and clearing roads.



PHOTO BY: ELICELDA SANCHEZ

Keith Hensley (back row, left) of AdventHealth Manchester, Ky., is pictured with the Spring Meadows Church team on a mission to improve home environments.

the group. Work progressed on the first project for three days with increasingly torrential rain impeding scheduled work. On Wednesday night, eastern Kentucky experienced catastrophic flooding. Thursday found Watson and his team rescuing homeowners, and clearing the roadways of trees and other obstacles to get to homes devastated by flood waters.

That evening the group said a special prayer for Watson as he prepared to resume work to help flood victims. He may not have known everyone impacted, but the loss of life and property was personal — family and friends were suffering, and he needed to do all he could to help them.

In spite of the challenges, the team made significant repairs to an old mobile home for a widow who was so pleased with the results, she asked for help for neighbors. They also built a wheelchair access ramp for an elderly couple with health issues.

During the week, some team members

worked closely with Tom Kyser, Manchester Church pastor, doing Vacation Bible School (VBS). Spring Meadows Church members and team members provided school supplies for VBS attendees and neighboring children.

Afternoons found team members organizing furniture in the new church school location, painting interior walls, pressure washing exterior walls, dismantling a fence, and weeding the school's playground area.

After working together for a week, a unified team departed for their respective homes with the struggles of Manchester's people and the devastation indelibly etched in their minds. The team is praising God for taking them all safely to and from Manchester; and, although the mission trip is over, Manchester and its environs are never far from their thoughts. They hope to help them rebuild. 📍

BY DENISE WARE

# Money Matters: Youth Financial Literacy Series Held



PHOTO BY: GERRY BRIERRE

Youth Financial Literacy Series participants display their certificates upon completion of the course.

Cooper City, Fla., Church held a Youth Financial Literacy series July 18-31, 2022. This virtual series ran with six high-impact, 90-minute presentations, videos, and financial trivia. Twenty youth registered for the series and were challenged with engaging topics, including God’s biblical standard for good stewardship, building strong credit, avoiding debt, savings and investment, banking basics, entrepreneurship, and college financial planning.

Tanya Wilson had dreamed of finding an engaging Christian financial program to introduce money management, savings, and investments to the youth of Cooper City Church. In the Spring of 2022, she pitched the idea to two Adventist friends, Susan Gooding-Liburd and Widline Nordé, both fi-

financial experts with extensive experience in the public and private sectors. Although the women had never met before, they shared a mutual passion for finance, and were committed to advancing the youth ministry.

All three women would later meet for lunch and brainstorm various topics on the back of a napkin. By the end of the meal, the blueprint for a Youth Financial Literacy series was born.

The program exceeded all expectations. What began as a lofty dream for the youth at Cooper City Church, gained momentum, and eventually attracted youth from as far as New Jersey. Not all participants were from Christian homes; thus, some did not know how to pray or understand the concept of tithing. The program allowed Christian youth to provide positive peer influence, and a few

attendees learned to pray by modeling the prayers heard.

At the end of the series, Cooper City Church held an awards banquet where participants were presented with certificates and gift cards for program completion. A parent expressed gratitude for the program and now considers the church her new family.

The series provided life-changing values for each youth with positive returns for generations to come. It also instilled an abiding principle for managing God’s resources as expressed in 1 Corinthians 10:31, “Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” 📖

BY TANYA WILSON



# Greeneville Adventist Academy Goes to Bolivia

The Bolivian children reached as high into the air as their arms could stretch as they heartily sang, “Read your Bible; pray every day; and you’ll grow, grow, grow!” At the end of the song, the teacher asked, “Boys and girls, do you want to shrink or grow in Jesus?” They jumped into the air and joyfully yelled, “Grow in Jesus!” The enthusiasm the children had at Vacation Bible School (VBS) was contagious.

Greeneville Adventist Academy (GAA) high school students, led by Angela Emde and partnered with It Is Written, arrived in Cochabamba, Bolivia, in April of this year to serve the Lord by leading in evangelism, helping with church construction, and providing free vision clinics.

In the evenings, students divided into teams and went to six different churches for evangelism. Freshmen and sophomores provided a VBS program for the children of those churches. Kaeleigh Elliott remembered, “I was especially blessed one night when I noticed how carefully all the kids were coloring their sheets. The night before, I had to teach them how to color because they had never seen anything like it and didn’t want to ruin precious paper. Almost every kid made sure to color within the lines to make the best picture possible, and when they were done, they tried to give it to me to keep. When we told them that the sheets were theirs to keep, their faces lit up like it was Christmas.”

The juniors and seniors preached an 8-part sermon series at five of the locations. Sebastian Hurtado, a junior from GAA stated, “I had never preached before. And, it was definitely incredible. And then that Sabbath when I watched the fruits of my labor, the people getting baptized, it was just so amazing I couldn’t keep the tears inside! It was that



Ellie Rose Emde (right), Greeneville Adventist Academy high school student, assists one of the patients at the vision clinic. The high school students assisted nearly 800 patients during their mission trip to Bolivia.

impactful! I never felt so close or connected to God than at that moment. I was just literally in awe.”

The team also participated in five free vision clinics. At the vision clinics, led by Brad Emde, O.D., they saw 792 patients and gave away more than 840 pairs of glasses and sunglasses. In some cases, people were given their livelihood back. Many of the Bolivian women are seamstresses. As their near vision decreases with age, they cannot see to do their sewing and weaving. But, thanks to the GAA team, vision was restored! As sophomore Jenna Felan exclaimed, “Here we were giving people the ability to see, sometimes for the first time in a long time, and it was totally free.” Ellie Rose Emde stated, “One thing I will never forget about this trip was the very first day in the vision clinic. There were two small children, a little boy and a little girl. I gave them each

a small stick of bubbles. Blowing bubbles, laughing, and getting to know them was something that will warm my heart for years to come. Though there was a barrier built by language, we were able to tear it down by love and smiles!”

In addition to evangelism and vision clinics, the students participated in construction and renovation projects at several churches. Senior Jayden Cushing said, “It was just so incredible to know that God used us to be a blessing to so many people in Bolivia.”

At the end of the trip, the students toured the world-renowned Bolivian Salt Flats in Uyuni. GAA sophomore Rylie Tomlinson, after seeing the Salt Flats, said, “I can’t even imagine how awesome Heaven will be.”

BY ANGELA EMDE



# Pavilion Honors Late Member and Her Smile

Members of the Battlefield Community Church gathered to dedicate their new outdoor pavilion on August 27, 2022, named after former member Anita Fernandez Orquia. This pavilion had been in the planning stages for many years after the church was built around 10 years ago. When Orquia died in 2018, the talk of building a pavilion accelerated using private donations to fund the project.

Bernie and Anita Orquia were members of the Battlefield Church for many years, and were well known in the Adventist Church. The Orquias are originally from the Philippine Islands, and when they came to the United States they eventually settled in Houston, Tex. Anita was the assistant controller for the city of Houston, and Bernie was chief accountant. In 1984, the Orquias moved to the Collegedale area where she became the manager of the Collegedale Credit Union, and he taught accounting at the University of Tennessee Chattanooga. Then from 1985 to 1990, Bernie worked for the state of Tennessee as the state auditor. From 1990 to 1999 Bernie and Anita worked as General Conference auditors, and then transitioned to the Southern Union as auditors, with Anita retiring in 2006 and Bernie in 2007.

They both served in several offices in the Battlefield Church. Anita was a visitation elder and Bernie served in several positions, including being on the finance committee. After Anita passed, it left a void in the church as members and visitors alike missed being greeted by her friendly smile. They decided that a pavilion in her name would be an outstanding way to remember her as she was known for her hospitality.

In 2020 COVID-19 hit, and getting building supplies and a contractor was



Members of the Battlefield Community Church in Ringold, Ga., celebrated the dedication of their outdoor pavilion on August 27, 2022. The pavilion is named after Anita Fernandez Orquia, who regularly greeted members and visitors with a warm smile.

almost impossible, but finally Doug Dewey, head elder, found a contractor that agreed to take on the project. Even after the contract was signed, it took several months for the structure to be completed. The building itself was finally completed in the fall of 2021. There was still some work left to be done, such as lighting and ceiling fans. Members Larry Turner and David Morikone were responsible for getting the lighting and electricity installed, while Jennifer Dewey worked on getting the picnic tables. Former member Philip Pheifer was also on the building committee, and helped get the project completed.

After church services on August 27, 2022, the building was dedicated. Neil

Reid, Georgia-Cumberland central region ministerial director, preached the homily; Justin Childers, Battlefield pastor, read the dedication responsive reading; Bob DeForest, former Battlefield pastor, led a time for memories of Anita Orquia; and Greg Medley, Georgia-Cumberland associate treasurer and Association treasurer, presented a check to Battlefield Church. The members hope to use the pavilion not only for church socials and potlucks, but also for outreach projects for the whole community. 📍

BY JUSTIN CHILDERS

# Gulf States Holds Treasurers' Retreat

The month of September was inaugurated by a spiritual retreat for Gulf States Conference treasurers at Camp Alamisco in Dadeville, Ala.,

September 2-4, 2022. Church treasurers, as well as those who oversee the finances at Gulf States schools and the Conference office, received both prac-

tical training and spiritual encouragement. Gwen Speak, Conference treasurer, said the retreat provided a time for renewal and growth. Brian Danese, Gulf States president, who was in charge of the spiritual messages, added it was also a time for fellowship, training, and encouragement for the treasury team. To Royce Sutton, church treasurer, the meeting was more than an event, it was a true blessing: "I hope that from it I will be able to be energized and refocus on my mission as a treasurer as I go back to my church." 📍



BY COMMUNICATION TEAM

# Huntsville Hispanic Church Celebrates Inauguration

The Hispanic Church community in Huntsville, Ala., celebrated a memorable day on September 17, 2022, marking the inauguration of their new church. "What happened here today attests to the fact that God continues to move within His Church, for the Church keeps on moving forward," said Gerson Sanchez, Gulf States Hispanic coordinator. According to Orelbis Herrera, pastor, the acquisition of the new church building is the result of years of prayer. Herrera believes the church can be a lighthouse in a neighborhood populated by Central American families, especially Mexican and Guatemalan, who can find in the church community new friends and a new home. 📍



BY COMMUNICATION TEAM



# Two Hispanic Companies Achieve Church Status

Two companies have changed status and are now officially churches. The Pinson Hispanic Church in Birmingham, Ala., received its official status on September 10, 2022. This memorable day was marked by the baptism of a newly married couple and the presence of church members and friends. “This is a place of refuge where families can come and find a place to grow,” said Misael Silverio, pastor. “But above all, this is a place where the Gospel of Christ is preached for the transformation and salvation of people,” he concluded.



The following Sabbath, September 17, 2022, the celebration took place at the Guntersville Spanish Church in Guntersville, Ala. Guntersville Spanish

began as a company, and in less than a year reached the new status. “The church is thrilled with this opportunity to continue growing,” said Jose Lache, pastor. “The church is happy to keep working in the preaching of the Gospel, and with this new status, we hope to rise up to the challenge and not stop here, but to move forward,” Lache added. Next, in the church’s goals for the near future, is the acquisition of their own building. 📍

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BY COMMUNICATION TEAM

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# New Life Church Holds Community Car Wash

The New Life Church in Defuniak Springs, Fla., held a different kind of community outreach on September 18, 2022. The church’s youth groups offered drivers a free car

wash, and the opportunity to pray with them. But, this was only one of the activities that marked New Life’s Impact calendar. They gave out bottles of fresh water at a local park, offered a special

dinner at the church for the Fire and Sheriff’s departments, and assisted the elderly with yard cleaning.

New Life’s pastor, Omar Montilla, who was washing cars with the youth, said people were quite surprised once they realized they were doing this for free, and as a way of showing God’s love and serving the community — a perception experienced not only for those who received the service, but also for the ones serving. “Many of the kids washing cars here with us are not even members of the church; they are members of our Pathfinders and Adventurers clubs, and we are just happy to let them know that Jesus loves them, and that Jesus takes care of them.” 📍




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BY COMMUNICATION TEAM

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# Officers Re-elected During the 33rd Regular Constituency Session

The 33rd Kentucky-Tennessee Conference Constituency Session was held September 25, 2022, at the Madison Campus Church in Madison, Tenn. During the session, officers were voted in, and delegates approved edits to the Conference's constitution and bylaws.

Out of a possible 830 delegates, 664 were present at the constituency meeting. During the session, delegates re-elected Steve Haley to serve as president, Mike Hewitt as vice president for administration, and George Crumley as vice president for finance.

"It's extremely humbling to be re-elected," said Haley, who has served the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference for 13 years. "[My wife] and I are very grateful that God would have in His desire to enact His own plans, and that the constituent body has invested in us to continue serving for the next quinquennium."

Departmental directors voted were Joel Sutherland, ministerial director; Jeff Horn, associate treasurer; Gail McKenzie, women's ministries director; Pegi Flynt, education superintendent; Matt Pacer, associate education superintendent; Marshall McKenzie, church growth director; Paola Mora Zepeda, media ministries director; Greg Taylor, youth director; Nelson Silva, associate youth director; Rocky Davis, publishing director; Malinda Haley, health ministries director; Silke Hubbard, trust service director; Barrett Mikkelsen, IT director; Xioamara Mercado, human resources director; and Doug Thompson, Nourish Christian Market Place manager.

In addition, delegates approved updates to the Constitution and Bylaws. Some of the changes included a proposal to allow the Conference, in case of special conditions and when approved by the Executive Committee, to hold its constituency meetings virtually; an addition to prevent members from the vari-



PHOTO BY: PAOLA MORA ZEPEDA

Joel Sutherland recognizes pastors who retired between 2017 to 2022. During the Conference's Constituency Meeting, Sutherland was re-elected to serve as the ministerial director.

ous regions of the Conference to serve in two consecutive nominating committees; and a revision to change the nominating committee's meeting time to 14 days prior to the regular constituency meeting.

"We make [Constitution and Bylaws] changes because our situation changes, our world changes, and our ministry avenues change," said Hewitt, who leads the Conference's Constitution and Bylaws committee. "These changes are important because we try to keep the Constitution and Bylaws relevant to the times we're living in, and the situations we're dealing with."

One amendment, which called to change representation from one delegate for 25 members to one delegate for 50 members, was sent back to the Constitution and Bylaws committee for revision.

Special guests of the constituency session included Ron C. Smith, D.Min., Ph.D., Southern Union president, who presented the devotional and brought the



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Southern Union Conference and North American Division representatives pose with the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference Executive officers and their wives following the conclusion of the Conference's 33rd Regular Constituency Session, September 25, 2022.

nominating committee report to the floor, and Charmaine Davis, senior auditor for the General Conference.

As the Conference moves forward to the new quinquennium, Haley says Kentucky-Tennessee will continue to partner with God to engage and reach the local communities, faithfully spreading the three angels' messages.

"My fondest hope and desire for this upcoming quinquennium is that we don't have another one," Haley said. "I hope God interrupts these mid- to long-term plans with startling kinds of events that will imminently foretell the arrival of Jesus. I would love to not have another [constituency meeting], simply because we are desirous of going home." 📌

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BY PAOLA MORA ZEPEDA

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PHOTO BY: CARLIN ANNA ALVAREZ

The Highland Academy choir sings during the beginning of the constituency meeting.

## Highland Walkers Completes 35-million Step Journey

Highland Walkers completed their 35M- step journey on the Pan American Highway on August 11, 2022. In total, the walk, which they had started in May of last year, was more than 18,000 miles long — the equivalent of a trip from Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, to Ushuaia, Argentina.

The challenge was done virtually on a website called worldwalking.org. Participants logged their steps each day, and entered them into the website's database, which tracked the group's progress.

The Highland Health/Fitness Ministries Committee (HHFMC) began the walking program

during the height of the COVID-19 outbreak to avoid doing activities in large groups of people. In two months, they completed the walk across America, which totals 5,932,665 steps, but it took

them over a year to do the Pan American Highway walk.

The PanAmerican Highway is known as the longest road in the world because it connects two continents from north to south. Ten Highland Walkers participated in the challenge.

"These walks encouraged me to keep exercising," said Marsha Westerbeck, who participated in both walks. "It was a good incentive."

HHFMC is planning a community outreach health seminar that will be held at the Highland, Tenn., Church on January 21, 2023. For more information on the seminars and monthly classes, check out the Highland website at [highlandadventist.org](http://highlandadventist.org). 📌

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BY IRIS CLUTE

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Stephanie Thornton walks for the Highland Academy (HA) Pan American Highway journey. In a little over a year, HA faculty and staff walked more than 35 million steps in an effort to keep active within their campus.



# Memphis Hispanic Church Find Friendships, Relief Through its Small Group Ministries



PHOTO COURTESY OF ARMANDO ZALDAÑA

For the past 10 years, the Memphis Hispanic Church has placed a strong emphasis on its small group ministries which has resulted in a stronger church community and place of rest for its participants.

For the past 10 years, the Memphis Hispanic, Tenn., Church has been placing a strong emphasis on its small group ministries. This has resulted in a stronger church community and a place of rest for its participants.

Armando Zaldaña, church member at the Memphis Hispanic Church, was baptized in 1993 thanks to the influence of a small group he attended while living in California. Since then, he has taken leadership of different small groups, and spearheads this ministry at the Memphis Hispanic Church.

“The [small groups] are not just a religious gathering, but a lifestyle,” Zaldaña said. “It gives us a chance to learn about God and make connections beyond the church service on Sabbath.”

The Memphis Hispanic Church currently has eight small groups, which meet weekly on Wednesdays. The groups vary

in size, but on average each is composed of 10 participants.

According to Zaldaña, a small group should have two goals: to worship and to fellowship. At the Memphis Hispanic Church, the program starts with ice breaker activities, followed by Bible study and prayer. In addition, the groups offer a potluck and a time for the members to discuss what they wish to achieve as a team.

“Another important aspect for a small group to be successful is to provide special programs for the children,” Zaldaña said. “This way, parents can focus on the meetings without worrying about their kids.”

For some church members, like Roberto Cámara, small groups play an important role on their spiritual life. Cámara was born to an Adventist family but says he never felt connected to the church community until he joined a small group.

“For most of us [in my group], our relatives live far away, in another country,” Cámara said. “So, to have someone that I can share my worries and joys with is a relief.”

Cámara has been leading his small group for the past 2 ½. He says this ministry has been a blessing to his entire family, and now he encourages other churches to fully invest in these programs.

“I know many people see [small groups] as a burden, because you have to take two or three hours from your week to attend a meeting that has nothing to do with your responsibilities,” Cámara said. “But once you give it a chance and experience this church family, it becomes like an oasis. It’s like having a party once a week.”

BY PAOLA MORA ZEPEDA



# Historic Autograph Collection on Display in Southern's McKee Library

A new exhibit showcasing verified original signatures of prominent historical figures from around the world is currently on display in Southern Adventist University's McKee Library. The display is open to the public and includes 75 autographs spread across 24 frames, each of which includes historically significant objects. The collection belongs to alum Rahn Shaw, M.D., '78.

"I want to inspire students," Shaw said. "This collection represents people who aimed and strived for great accomplishments. For learners with all kinds of passions and interests, this can encourage them to dream big within the realms of their own fields of study."

A few years ago, Shaw enabled Southern to better recognize and empower students who are pursuing STEM and business degrees when he initiated the Dr. Rahn and Natalia Shaw Endowed Scholarship Fund. Now, he hopes his

collection will inspire students from all academic departments and schools.

Passion for science and history motivated Shaw to begin acquiring autographs nearly 30 years ago when he



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purchased the signature of Captain A. E. Laporte, the man who piloted the first mail service flight across the Atlantic Ocean. Other renowned signatures in the collection include Sir Isaac Newton, Marie Curie, Desmond Doss, Alexander Hamilton, and Albert Einstein. Each U.S. president is represented except the current commander in chief.

"Seeing the real signatures of notable historical figures on our walls is stimulating to our students," said Deyse Bravo, library director. "It's a wonderful reminder of how 'unimaginable' feats can be achieved through hard work."

Shaw's collection will remain on the library's main floor until December 9. For more information about McKee Library, including operating hours, visit [southern.edu/library](https://southern.edu/library). ●

BY AMANDA BLAKE

# Grant Funds New Plant-based Eatery at Southern

This fall, Southern launched a new whole-foods, plant-based eatery on campus called The Garden at KR's Place, thanks to a generous grant from Ardmore Institute of Health. As a granting organization with a vision for "a future where healthy lifestyles will be the preferred method to prevent, treat, and reverse chronic diseases," Ardmore Institute of Health has shown its support for this project with a total of \$160,000.

The Garden is a partnership between Southern's Food Services team, School

of Nursing, and Vegetarian Culinary Arts program. The idea originated with a group of faculty and staff who share a passion for increasing the plant-based food options on campus.

"Our vision of providing more food options that nourish the body, soul, and spirit is becoming a reality," said Cindy Rima, DNP, '86 and '18, a nursing professor who was instrumental in securing the grant. "I look forward to these vibrantly flavorful meals being shared in a space that invites all to engage in this culinary adventure."

Maggie Pickens, '15 and '18, a graduate of Southern's culinary program, serves as the chef and director of the new eatery.

"Our goal with The Garden is to provide a plant-centered dining experience for Southern's students, faculty, and community," Pickens said. "I want them to be amazed that healthful dining and healthful food can be an explosion in the mouth." ●

BY ANAYA MILLER

# West Broad Church Holds Beach Baptism

Curious to know more about her neighbor's religion, Talisa Rolan, a member of the Baha'i Faith, requested Bible studies from Debbie Roper, a member of West Broad Church in Savannah, Ga. After studying the Bible with Roper for two years, Rolan made the decision to be baptized along with her two sons, Sky and Jet. Kaggia Scott, pastor, was in for a surprise when Rolan requested to be baptized on Mother's Day at Tybee Island Beach. After agreeing and planning to have the baptism at

noon, Scott was in for another surprise. Rolan wanted the baptism to take place at sunrise. Honoring all of her requests, the church members were invited to meet at Tybee Island at 6:30 a.m., on Mother's Day to witness the event.

Rolan was not finished with her special requests. Knowing at that hour of the morning the water would probably be a little chilly at Tybee Island, she went higher and petitioned God for the water to be warm. As the church family gathered on Mother's Day at Tybee Island in the ear-

ly morning to witness the baptism, the weather was quite chilly. However, to the surprise of Rolan, Scott, and Roper (an elder who assisted with the baptism), as they stepped into the beach water, it was quite warm. God had honored Rolan's request. The three Rolans went down into the warm water at Tybee Island Beach one by one, on Mother's Day at sunrise. God indeed answers His children's prayers. 🙏

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BY BEATRICE BANKS

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West Broad Church held a baptism at Tybee Island.

# Perrine School Celebrates “Teacher of the Year”

**A**manda Goodluck is a first and second grade teacher at Perrine Seventh-day Adventist School in Miami, Fla. She is a teacher because she cares and enjoys serving others. She is passionate, loyal, and faithful. She forms relationships with her students and their families, and cares for each student like her own. She loves her students, and believes that with love and kindness even the slowest child can excel. She always has an encouraging word for even those challenged students who are not in her class.

Goodluck tries to find each student’s strengths as well as their weaknesses. She is very concerned about struggling students, and is always finding new strategies to help her students succeed. She meticulously prepares for her students so that each child can get the maximum benefit. She arrives to school early, and is usually the last person to leave. She never thinks that she has done enough for her students. She goes above and beyond the call of duty. Her mantra is “Yeah, man, you can do it.”

It was under the principalship of Sandra Fletcher, Ed.D., that Goodluck realized that Perrine School needed a strong preschool to feed into the kindergarten class. Although she had just worked on her bachelor’s, she took on the challenge to prepare for the directorship, and was successful. She faces challenges head on, convinced they can be solved.

Howard Summerbell, Perrine’s current principal, thinks of Goodluck as “a teacher who teaches with her heart. She has a knowledge and context of the school, and shares so that the organization can grow.” He says, “She is a team player with a willing spirit in order for growth and development.”



**Amanda Goodluck (left) stands with Sandra Fletcher, Ed.D., Southeastern education superintendent.**

She has an acute sense of humor which goes to cushion challenges. Very often Goodluck is heard counseling and seen mentoring the younger teachers. She is respected by teachers, parents, and students. She is a liaison between the church and the school, as well as a strong recruiter for the school.

Throughout the years as a teacher, Goodluck’s students have received numerous scholastic awards, and many have gone on to be highly sought-after professionals and well-respected citizens. In addition, her former students have come back to visit her and thank her for the role and influence she played in their success,

Goodluck is profoundly dedicated to

Christian education. Very often she is encouraged to move to the public arena where it is believed that financial gain is greater, but she never budes. Goodluck’s mind is made up. She is dedicated to teaching and serving her students, building lives not just for today but for eternity. She believes that no matter how small the school is or lacking in supplies, Christian education far outweighs public education.

Goodluck has proved to be a well-rounded and effective educator, and a fierce defender of Christian education. ●

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BY MILLICENT TAYLOR

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**BENNETT, BARBARA A.**, 75, born Sept. 9, 1946 in Tampa, FL, died June 15, 2022 in Tampa.

The values of Barbara's faith permeated every aspect of her life. She served Tampa First Church as church clerk, deaconess, greeter, and assistant treasurer. Previously at Brandon Church, she taught children's Sabbath School, directed the Pathfinder club, and later served as Florida Pathfinder west area coordinator. She also sang in various music ensembles and church choirs.

Barbara worked at such secretarial positions as Tampa General Hospital and Kemper Insurance before working 12 years as secretary at Tampa Junior Academy, later renamed Tampa Adventist Academy. She loved interacting

with teachers and students, and kept up with many of them on Facebook later in life.

Barbara became assistant administrator of Florida Gulf Coast Apartments in 1995 and was promoted to administrator in 2001. When she retired in 2013, she helped manage apartment finances on a part-time basis up until her passing.

She is survived by her husband of nearly 56 years, Alfred Bennett; two sons: Alfred Lee (Lori) Bennett Jr. of Apopka, FL, and Bryan Neil (Arminda) Bennett of Bremerton, WA; her twin sister, Betty (Ted) Schoonard of Land o'Lakes, FL; four grandchildren; nieces; and nephews.

A Celebration of Life service was conducted by former and present pastors at Tampa First Church. The love she shared with others was reflected in the memories shared by many attendees at the service. She was loved by hundreds of people who were part of her life.

**DOROCHER, EUGENE LEWIS**, 78, of Joelton, TN, born July 30, 1943, died July 7, 2022. Eugene was a member of the Bordeaux and Boulevard churches. He was employed as a pressman at the Southern Publishing Association in Nashville, TN. He had been there for more than 19 years when the plant closed.

He then worked at Wilks Publishing in Portland, TN, until he retired. He was a veteran of the United States Army, having served in the Vietnam War.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Francis Lewis and Elna Durocher; a daughter, Jennifer Lynn Durocher; and a grandson, Alexander Durocher. He is survived by his wife, Minnie Brown Durocher; four children; and eight grandchildren



**TORRES, MYRTA S.**, 80, born March 28, 1941 in Toa Baja, Puerto Rico, died Jan. 16, 2022 in Clermont, FL. She was the oldest of four children.

She was the loving wife of Pastor Eugene Torres for 61½ years. She worked for 44 years alongside her devoted husband in his ministry. She was a member of the Clermont Church, and later transferred to the Leesburg Spanish Church. Throughout her life, she was actively involved in her church: telling the children's story, planning social events, and loved singing in choir and duos with her beloved husband. She was a caretaker for her parents and in-laws. She worked as a CNA and as a teacher's assistant at Orlando Junior Academy.

She enjoyed crocheting blankets for her family and friends. Her life was a constant reminder of God's love. She will be greatly missed by all who loved her.

She is survived by her husband Pastor Eugene Torres; one son, Eugene Torres III of Casselberry, FL; two daughters: Sylvia Torres Thomas of Tangerine, FL, and Alicia Torres Fowler of Apopka, FL; one brother, Raul Montanez of Ormond, FL; two sisters: Nelida Flores of Fort Myers, FL, and Annie Hernandez of Little Neck, NY; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; many nieces; and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Avelino and Antonia Montanez; and her daughter, Isabel Torres Baker.

A graveside service was conducted by her brother-in-law, Pastor Luis R. Torres at Oak Hill Cemetery in Clermont, FL.

**VIAR, PAUL E.**, 79, born Oct. 14, 1942, in Lansing, MI, to Paul and Gladys Viar, died Aug. 15, 2022 in Orlando, FL, surrounded by his family. He had struggled with idiopathic lung disease and complications from Crohn's for nearly a year. He was a member of Forest Lake Church in Apopka, FL, for 54 years. He grew up in Dyersburg, TN.

After his father died, he and his mother moved to Portland, TN, where he graduated from Highland Academy with the highest meritorious service award. He earned a B.A. and a M.A.T. at Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, TN. After teaching 8th grade for one year in Graysville, TN, he received a call to teach at Forest Lake Academy in Apopka, where he taught for 24 years.

He orchestrated countless biology trips, was head sponsor of multiple classes and the Student Association. In 1985, the Mirror was dedicated to him: "To you, Paul Elvis Viar, our favorite hillbilly and bio professor, we dedicate this annual."

He was the first professor hired by the newly opened Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences (now AdventHealth University) in Orlando, FL, and taught there for 22 years. He was awarded an honorary doctorate degree (Ped.D.) for his distinguished service in education in 2006.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Sue (Welton) Viar; one son, Jeff of Saluda, NC; one daughter, Angela Middag of Apopka; and three grandchildren: Christopher, Nicholas, and Charlotte (Charlie).

A Celebration of Life service was held at WholeLife Church in Orlando, Oct. 8, 2022.





**BLAKENSHIP, LAVON BINKLEY**, 88, of Madison, TN, born in Ashland City, the oldest daughter of the late Andy and Laura Binkley, died Sept. 6, 2022. She went back to school at 40 years old to become a licensed practical nurse for 15 years, and then went back to school to get her RN. She practiced nursing for 25 years at Madison Christian where she met her loving husband, Paul Howard Blankenship. She loved her family, gardening, cooking, and her dog, Buddy. She is survived by seven children; numerous grandchildren; and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters: Penny Binkley and Dorothy Jones; and brothers: Billy, Tommy, and Jimmy Binkley. She will be lovingly remembered by sisters: Betty (Joe) Summar, Marilyn Nagy, Ruth (Tim) Robertson, Frances (Bill) Chafin, Elizabeth Stanley; and brother, Steve (Linda) Binkley.

**HELMS, JAMES LEE**, 73, of Johnson Mill Road, Crofton, KY, a native of Monroe, NC, he was born Aug. 11, 1948 to the late Carl Helms and Viola Helms, died July 30, 2022 at Jennie Stuart Medical Center of natural causes. James retired as First Sergeant from the United States Army. He also worked as a bus driver and substitute teacher for Christian County Public Schools. He was a member of Hopkinsville, KY, Church. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Mary Helms; two daughters; one sister; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Kimberly Ulrigg; and his brother, Kenneth Helms.

**NOISETTE, MARIE ANDREA**, 85, born April 26, 1936 in La Romana, Dominican Republic, died April 23, 2022 in Orlando, FL. She was a member of the North Orlando, FL, Church for 20 years. Marie was on OBGYN nurse for the Long Island College Hospital for almost 30 years until she retired. Marie loved church and was very involved. She rendered her voice in songs and sang in many choirs, both in the church and in the community. Music was her passion and she sang in three languages, English, French, and Spanish. She often looked forward to singing the Handel's Messiah with one of the choirs. She loved to cook, and most of all, she loved to entertain friends and family. Marie had a great sense of humor which was loved by many. She was involved in prison ministries for the New York City Department of Corrections. Marie was a representative of the community services ministries, and a deaconess at Hanson Place Church in Brooklyn, NY, and the North Orlando, FL, Church. Marie was a loving, caring, and selfless individual who loved her children and family. She loved the Lord and her prayer and desire is for her children and loved ones to be saved. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Wilner; three children: Harry, Gilbert, and daughter, Sandy (Denton Waite); seven grandchildren:

Andrew, Anica, Corey, Lemuel, Brian, Malik, and Gillian; her aunt Clemenica; in-laws: Francois Paul, mother-in-law, brother and sister-in-law: Jacques Comier (Anite), Jean-Claude Paul (Josette), Maude Noisette, and Rudy Noisette. She was preceded in death by her son, Ernest Wayne Webster; her five siblings: Nicholas Souffrant, Altagracia Saint-Jean, Emanuel Souffrant, Evelyn Ramirez, and Lorenza Cenafils. The service was held at the Guilgal Church in Orlando, and officiated by Pastor Olinto Groce. Interment at Woodlawn Memorial Park & Funeral Home in Gotha, FL.

**OSBORNE, IRENE FELICE**, 105, born Feb. 3, 1917 in Salt Lake City, Utah, died July 12, 2022 in Auburn, CA. She graduated from the Madison College nursing program in 1939 and married John Wesley Osborne the following September. After her husband finished medical school, they moved to Hendersonville, TN, in 1948, with Irene starting a lifetime of working with young people. She founded one of the first Pathfinder Clubs in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference in 1950. They transferred to Avon Park, FL, in 1967, and her continued youth work earned her the 1987 Adventist Woman of the Year. The church there named their youth center in her honor. Osborne moved to northern California in 1998, and lived with her daughter and son-in-law for the next 24 years. At the age of 95, she directed the children's lower Sabbath School Division at the

Mt. Shasta, CA, Church. She is survived by her two sons: David (Judy) Osborne, and John (Diane) Osborne; two daughters: Pat (Bill) Kirstein, and Judith (Jim) Crabtree; four grandsons; and six great-grandchildren. Her husband, Dr. John Wesley Osborne, died in 1992 at the age of 78.

**SPALDING, MARISA "JO"**, 88, born June 7, 1934 in Franklin, KY, died June 23, 2022. She was a member of the Madison Campus, TN, Church. Spalding loved to tell tall tales of her adventures with her siblings. She retired from Methodist Publishing House in 1989, where she worked as a proofreader. Spalding loved to make people laugh, whether it was acting silly, building a pretend village for her grandchildren, doing her Minnie Pearl impersonation, or telling stories. She is survived by her three daughters; one bonus son; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and three brothers. She was preceded in death by her parents: Elvis and Ruby Simmons; her husband, Nathan; and her sister, Virginia.

**WIGGINS MOORE, DAISY J.W.**, 77, born July 9, 1944 in Coalfield, TN, died June 27, 2022. She was a member of the Coalfield Church. She is survived by three siblings: Carole (Joe) Gigante, Danny (Alice) Wiggins, and Randy (Pat) Wiggins; two sons: Chris (Lily), and Andy (Nina); two grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and five adopted grandchildren. Jane was preceded in death by her

husband, John; sister, Bonnie Wiggins Adams; brother, Paul; and her parents: Thomas and Evaleen Wiggins.

**WOODS, NANCY CAROLYN TAYLOR**, 92, born Feb. 6, 1930 in Macon, GA, to the late George Walter Taylor and Emily Ann Taylor, died March 12, 2022 in Grey, GA. Her mother was a member of the Old Cherokee Avenue SDA Church in Atlanta, GA, and she took Carolyn with her when she could. Due to her mother's severe health challenges, Cardia Barnwell and her husband agreed to take custody of Carolyn. Afterward, Bob Woods entered the picture. Bob had graduated from Broadview Academy. Soon after returning, Bob got word that Cordia Barnwell and Carolyn needed a way to Atlanta to attend church because the church in Douglasville, GA, was not functioning at that time. Bob, being the gentleman he was, offered to take them to church in Atlanta. Bob tells how impressed he was when he first saw Carolyn. So impressed that he asked for a date that very night. Within six months, April 10, 1949, they asked Pastor Harry Taylor to marry them at the Beverly Road SDA Church in Atlanta. Carolyn was baptized six months after they got married. It was her close connection with the Lord that brought her through her challenges: From having the minimal support system during her childhood, the Lord led in having support come into her life; to marrying Bob and having her wonderful family while bearing so many responsibili-

ties. And finally, it was the Lord that gave her faith in her last illnesses and assurance to face death without fear. She and Bob spent these last years in the loving home of their son, Curt, and his wife, LaVerne. Carolyn is survived by her loving husband of over 72 years, Robert Charles Woods Sr.; four sons: Robert Charles Woods Jr., Kenneth Wayne Woods, Curtis Irvin (Donna LaVerne) Woods, and Edward David (Connie Denise) Woods; grandchildren: Robert C. (Cheryl) Woods III, Joseph B. (Jennifer) Woods, Rachel Teruya, Amanda Woods, Joshua (Brittany) Woods, Deborah (Dean) Gillespie, Rebecca (James) Sticher, Jessica Woods, Sheila (Brett) Welton, Bobby (Tawnya) Williams; 19 great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; a host of other friends; and loved ones to meet again on that great resurrection day. Preceding Carolyn in death were her sister, Evelyn Taylor Pelot, who was seven years older than Carolyn; and her brother, George Baxter Taylor, who was four years older. Carolyn and her husband Bob were charter members of three Adventist churches: Beverly Roads Church, Douglasville Church, and the Hiram Church. Two memorial services were conducted, one at the Wimbish Road Church in Macon, and the other at Douglasville Church, with Bob and Carolyn's grandson, Pastor Joshua Woods presiding and Pastor Ian Carney and Tom Carter assisting.





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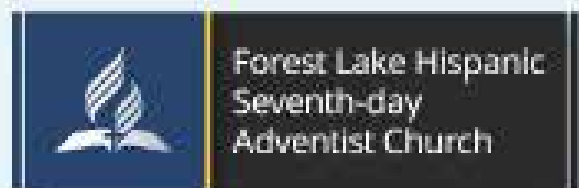
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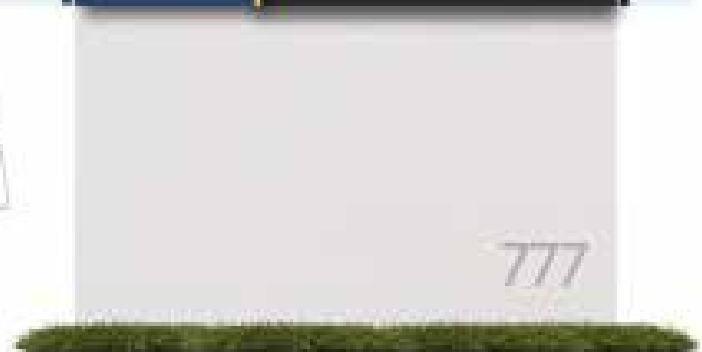
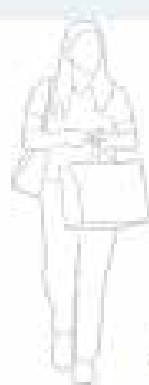
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**Pastors’ Wives Retreat** - Nov. 4-6. Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.

**Spiritual Gifts Seminar** - Nov. 19. Jamestown SDA Church, Jamestown, TN.

**Pathfinder Junior Event** - Dec. 9-11, Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Crandall, GA.

**Adventurer/Pathfinder Director Council** - Jan. 8. Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, Crandall, GA.

**Adventurer Bible Game Regional Event** - Jan. 14.

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**Archaeology Museum Lecture** - Nov. 7. Southern’s Lynn H. Wood Archaeological Museum invites the community to a free talk at 7 p.m. by Yosef Garfinkel, Ph.D., author and professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Speaking in Lynn Wood Hall Chapel, Garfinkel will share exciting discoveries based on excavations done in cooperation with Southern. For more information, visit [southern.edu/archaeology](http://southern.edu/archaeology).

Violin Concert by Marcio Candido - Nov. 7. Southern invites the community to hear violinist Marcio Candido in concert at 7:30 p.m. in Mabel Wood Hall’s Ackerman Auditorium. Performing extensively worldwide as a soloist, concertmaster,

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**Percussion Concert by Britton-Rene Collins** - Nov. 10. Southern is pleased to present percussionist Britton-Rene Collins in concert at 7:30 p.m. in Mabel Wood Hall’s Ackerman Auditorium. With a wide musical repertoire, Collins has loved percussion since she was 8 years old, and that passion shines through in every performance. Tickets are required and will be sold at the door for \$8 per person (free with a Southern ID). For more information, call 423-236-2814.

**Carl Bernstein: Why Truth Still Matters** - Dec. 1. Join us for a riveting conversation between legendary journalist Carl Bernstein and local television host Alison Lebovitz as they explore “Why Truth Still Matters.” Southern Adventist University will host this free event at 7 p.m. in Iles P.E. Center. Audience members will have the opportunity to submit questions for a live Q&A during this inaugural event of the R. Lynn Sauls Endowed Lecture Series, sponsored by Southern’s School of Journalism and Communication. Registration is strongly recommended; visit [southern.edu/truth](http://southern.edu/truth) for more details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE WOMEN’S CONVENTION - Aug. 8-11, 2023. Orlando, FL. SAVE THE DATE!!!**

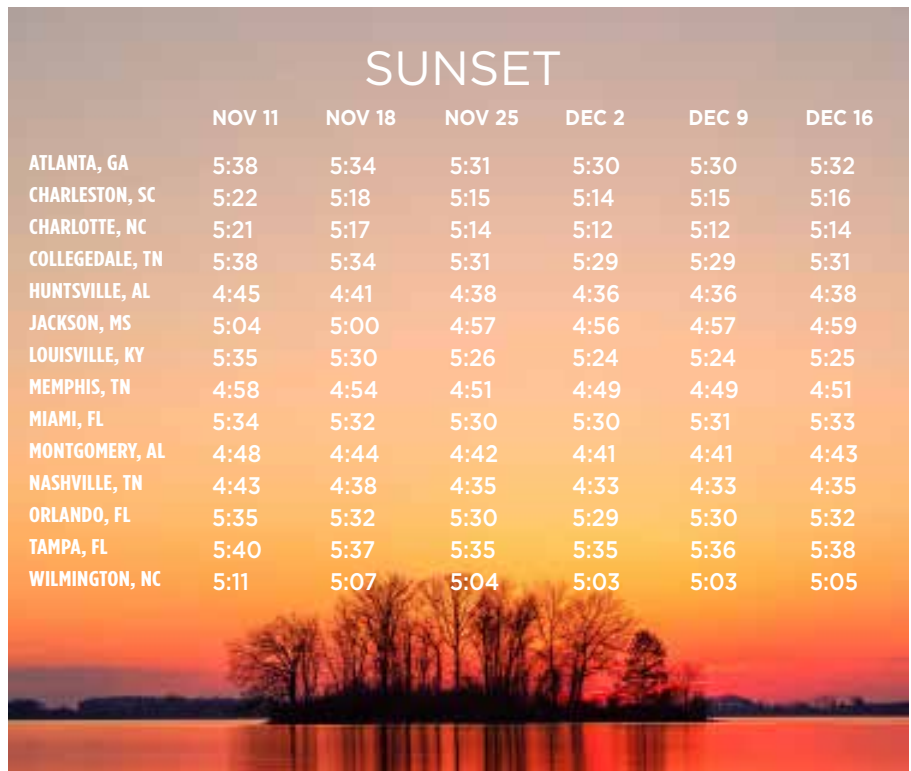
**BASS MEMORIAL ACADEMY AND CHURCH CELEBRATE 100th Homecoming/Anniversary - Nov. 5.** You can check BMA Church’s website: [basschurch.org](http://basschurch.org). Former church members, teachers of BMA & BCE, and students, please send any information you may have regarding the Talawah Church and school, BMA, BCE, and O.D. McKee’s childhood home to [bma100year@gmail.com](mailto:bma100year@gmail.com) and/or 601-688-4082 and leave a message.

**ARDEN CHURCH HOMECOMING CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF MINISTRY - Dec. 9, 10.** Event includes Vespers on Friday evening, Dec. 9, and a special church service on Sabbath, Dec. 10. All former members are invited to attend.

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| ATLANTA, GA     | 5:38   | 5:34   | 5:31   | 5:30  | 5:30  | 5:32   |
| CHARLESTON, SC  | 5:22   | 5:18   | 5:15   | 5:14  | 5:15  | 5:16   |
| CHARLOTTE, NC   | 5:21   | 5:17   | 5:14   | 5:12  | 5:12  | 5:14   |
| COLLEGEDALE, TN | 5:38   | 5:34   | 5:31   | 5:29  | 5:29  | 5:31   |
| HUNTSVILLE, AL  | 4:45   | 4:41   | 4:38   | 4:36  | 4:36  | 4:38   |
| JACKSON, MS     | 5:04   | 5:00   | 4:57   | 4:56  | 4:57  | 4:59   |
| LOUISVILLE, KY  | 5:35   | 5:30   | 5:26   | 5:24  | 5:24  | 5:25   |
| MEMPHIS, TN     | 4:58   | 4:54   | 4:51   | 4:49  | 4:49  | 4:51   |
| MIAMI, FL       | 5:34   | 5:32   | 5:30   | 5:30  | 5:31  | 5:33   |
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| ORLANDO, FL     | 5:35   | 5:32   | 5:30   | 5:29  | 5:30  | 5:32   |
| TAMPA, FL       | 5:40   | 5:37   | 5:35   | 5:35  | 5:36  | 5:38   |
| WILMINGTON, NC  | 5:11   | 5:07   | 5:04   | 5:03  | 5:03  | 5:05   |



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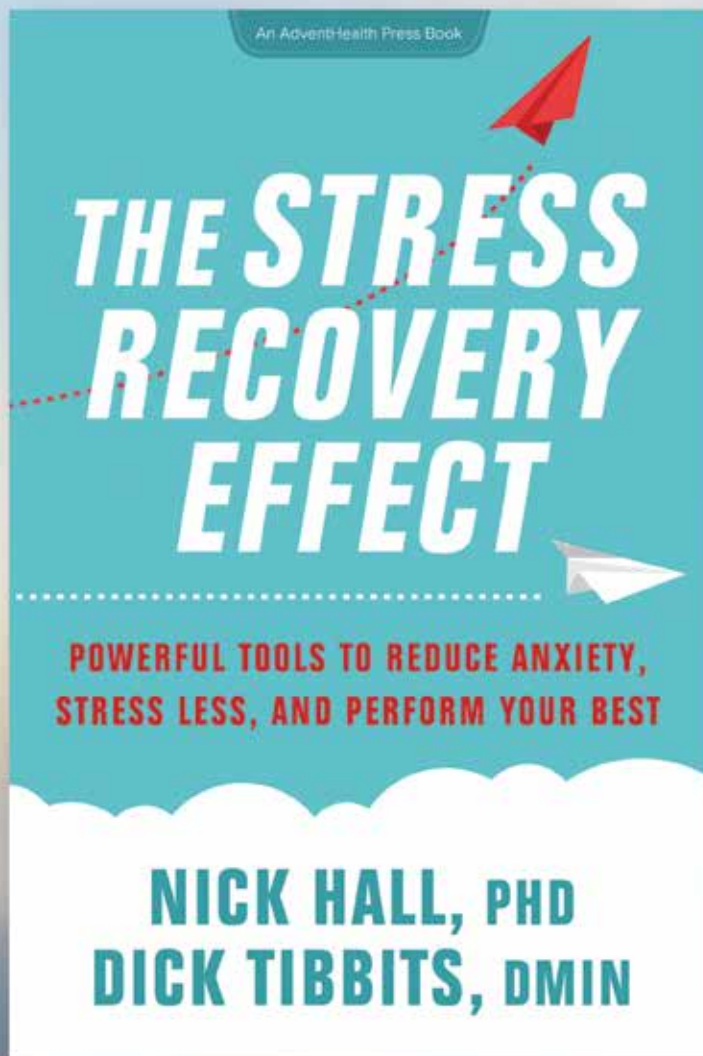


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