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On the Cover

Ask any student of Southwestern Adventist University, past or present, to tell you about their impressions of the school, and they will probably describe it as a place that is: friendly, diverse, caring, active, spiritual, involved in the community, special, genuine, intellectually stimulating, and a place that nurtures leaders. These elements and more are what make Southwestern a unique and inviting place to grow and learn. That's the spirit of Southwestern! [Photo by Jessica Lozano]

Point of View»

BY ERIC ANDERSON » SOUTHWESTERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT



An Adventist Anniversary

An historic day is creeping upon us. Next January 7 will be the 120th anniversary of the beginning of Southwestern Adventist University.

Anniversaries are a bit of a problem for Adventists.

Like anybody else, of course, we want to notice milestones and progress. Who could have guessed on that long-ago winter morning how “the school in Keene” would grow? Who could have imagined in 1894 that one day the school would be part of a union conference with more than 100,000 members?

But, at the same time, we are quietly disappointed. Shouldn't we have been in the Kingdom “long ere now”? Should we be celebrating at all?

I say, “Yes, let's celebrate.” Adventists have always been good at doing two things at once.

Our name teaches us to look for the Advent—the literal, soon return of Jesus Christ. We speak of “the blessed hope,” we exhort each other to “be ready,” we make plans only after we have said “If time should last.” We are not fooled when secular optimists announce schemes to end war forever, eliminate crime, or announce “man's conquest of nature.”

And yet, we also look forward to the future. We save for retirement, hope for children and grandchildren, take out 30-year mortgages, and worry about environmental dangers a century away.

At a university, even one owned and staffed by *Adventists*, we teach our students to plan ahead and to “defer gratification.” We tell them that there are no educational quick fixes. We think that it makes sense, even if the end is near, for a minister to be able read his New Testament in Greek, for a future doctor to really know anatomy and physiology, and for tomorrow's philanthropists to understand the arcane mysteries of accounting.

As Christian educators, we do not expect our students to become articulate writers or skilled musicians instantly or miraculously.

That is also part of the Adventist tradition. As one non-Adventist historian put it, Seventh-day Adventists have a rare ability to preach about heaven and at the same time build hospitals and schools here on earth.

That reminds me of a story about Martin Luther. Somebody asked the great reformer what he would do if he knew that the Lord was returning the next day. According to an old story, Luther quickly responded, “I would plant an apple tree.”

In other words, when our Lord returns, we want to be found doing important work, work such as planting trees—or educating young Christians. Such an attitude is the right one for a school that has served the denomination for 120 years.

So we will invite you to join us in celebrating our anniversary.

I won't guess how many more anniversaries we will have. Let's just say that Christian education will go on until Jesus comes.

Eric Anderson, Ph.D., Southwestern Adventist University President





CREATION Health

BY LYNELL LAMOUNTAIN » SENIOR MANAGER OF MISSION DEVELOPMENT, FLORIDA HOSPITAL

Create Your Own Life: ONE UNIVERSITY STUDENT'S QUEST FOR MEANING

Rachel (not her real name) weighed 250 pounds by the time she was thirteen. Her family was concerned about her health, but found no medical reason for her obesity. What no one knew was that she used food to manage pain that stemmed from deep emotional wounds.

Rachel's life took a turn for the worse later on when she got in with the wrong crowd at college. By the end of her first semester, she was a chain smoker and drug addict and weighed 384 pounds.

Her mother was deeply worried for her daughter's life, as any parent would be, and enrolled Rachel in a school with a good reputation for helping young people work through their pain in healthy and productive ways.

For her last meal before leaving home, Rachel feasted on two double cheeseburgers, two servings of fries, and a large milkshake.

At her new school, Rachel adhered to a healthy diet and a strict exercise regimen. She also met with her behavior coach regularly, who helped her to finally identify the underlying emotional cause of her food addiction. It turned out that she had been living in the shadow of her older sister who was tall and pretty, and had been voted "most attractive" in high school (Rachel had been voted "best personality").

For years, Rachel had prayed for God to make her popular and beautiful like

others, always afraid to be her true self because people might not like her.

Within months, Rachel dropped from 384 pounds to 273. She returned home and started attending church.

She realized that God had always been there for her, and was still on her side. She found a new source of comfort in His loving grace.

"When I found the Lord," she says, "a sense of completion came over me—like it was the missing piece in my puzzle." God filled Rachel's life with new meaning.

The day that Rachel told me the story of her journey, she was excited to share how God had given her a clear sense of purpose—that He was calling her to care for others. Because of this, she was exploring a career in nursing. She said, "Whenever you associate with the Lord and the things of the Lord, He will bless you." Rachel is a new person and said that one of the most important things she has learned is that *life isn't about finding yourself, it's about creating yourself*—which, she believes, happens through service to others.

That's CREATION Health!



- C** Choice
- R** Rest
- E** Environment
- A** Activity
- T** Trust
- I** Interpersonal RELATIONSHIPS
- O** Outlook
- N** Nutrition

her sister. But He didn't. So she ran from Him and rebelled against spiritual things.

She now realized that she had been running from herself all of those years, too. She had never felt like she quite measured up or was good enough; she felt unattractive, unappealing, and inferior. Craving acceptance and belonging, she sought the approval of

Lynell LaMountain writes from Florida Hospital in Orlando, Florida.

ARME Bible Camp IT STARTED WITH THE CLOSING PRAYER

THE GOAL OF ARME BIBLE CAMP IS TO BRING ABOUT REVIVAL AND REFORMATION. These camps have been held in many places and are continuing to spread to new locations, both in the United States or abroad. I had the privilege of going to ARME when it was held in Camp Judea at Wimberely, Texas, this past February.

It was my brother Isaí's idea to go. I probably would not have attended if it had not been for him. I had seen several fliers promoting the camp but hadn't put very much thought into going. It did sound like it could be a good experience, so I decided to go. We went with a group from the Keene Spanish church. I did not know what to expect from the weekend, but I had heard ARME was a great camp. That turned out to be very true.

The first night we were there was Thursday, which was when all-night united prayer session was scheduled. Basically, there would be a group of people praying together from Thursday night to Friday morning. I decided to go, at least to see what it was like. I did not plan how long I would stay, but I ended up being there until around four a.m. Praying with so many people was incredible. It was great to see one person presenting a prayer request and then two or three people praying for that specific need. People were really supportive of each other's struggles and requests. Since then, we have been having united prayer quite often at the Keene Spanish church. It is always very encouraging to hear someone else pray for some of the same things I struggle with. It is always a blessing to pray with others.

On the last day of the camp, one of the speakers put an emphasis on fasting and challenged us all to do the Daniel fast, which consists of fruits, vegetables, and grains, for 21 days. Several of the people in our group felt convicted to do this. At first, I wasn't so sure about it, but I agreed anyway. I'm glad I did, because it was a huge blessing. My temporary change in diet and abstinence from certain foods caused me to spend more time in prayer and personal Bible study. This helped me to remember everything I had learned at ARME.

Praying and fasting after ARME Bible Camp had ended

was a huge part of what made the camp truly affect me. It didn't just end after the closing prayer. I was encouraged to take into account what I had learned and to put it into practice. The moral support from our group helped a lot. If we all took the time to pray with each other and to fast, we would all be greatly blessed. The experience blessed me, and I know it would do the same for others, as well. I encourage everyone who can to go to ARME Bible Camp. It is truly a wonderful camp.



Brisa Ramirez learned about the power of prayer and fasting at the ARME Bible Camp held in Wimberly, Texas.



Pass it On...

A Monthly Focus on Evangelism in the Southwest

BY MAKALA COLEMAN » SOUTHWESTERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY SOPHOMORE JOURNALISM MAJOR

Students Becoming Teachers

Members of Southwestern Adventist University's chapter of ENACTUS, an organization that encourages future leaders to use entrepreneurial action to transform lives, recently traveled to the Dominican Republic as an addition to the nursing department's annual mission trip.

While Southwestern's nursing students provided medical care and others led out in Vacation Bible School, Elisa Lamb and Jasmin Galloway, ENACTUS members, spent their first day being trained to install water filters. By the second day, they were installing them in the community.

"We walked all over the place, and even had to climb up in the mountains to reach one location," said Lamb. The team installed water filters in churches, schools, and individual houses. They were able to install 28 filters, and 18 more were to be installed by facilitators in the community.

"There was a pastor whose home was one of the first where we installed filters," said Lamb. "He said that, within a week, his family felt much healthier because of the filters." The students thought that all of their time would be spent with the water filters, but they ended up helping with every aspect of the trip.

The nursing department held five different clinics throughout the week, and with the clinics came a pharmacy. While the nursing department performed exams, ENACTUS was able to help by handing out prescriptions.

"People came from everywhere," said Lamb. "There was no glass in the windows, so people stuck their heads in. One person

even tried to sneak in through the back door."

"It got to the point that while we were double-checking prescriptions, people would just shout their names out to be next," says Galloway. "That was probably the craziest thing we were involved in."

Another project was the construction of a new trade school. "The goal is to help people be able to support themselves," said Aaron Moses, ENACTUS sponsor. "Classes such as agriculture, sewing, and computer sciences will be taught there."

Children in the Dominican Republic are taught basic classes, such as algebra, at a very young age, and, when they get older, they learn a trade. While the new school was being built, the students continued classes in the church, even through the noise.

"These kids didn't have all that they needed, but were still so happy. It amazes me. With that attitude, even work didn't feel like work. I know that we made a difference and that's really what I enjoyed," said Lamb.

"I love how well everyone worked together," said Galloway. "We had a lot of fun. There was a lot of time to bond with each other. The water filters were how it started, but the timing of everything ended up perfectly so that we could help with every aspect of the trip."

"It was my first mission trip," said Lamb. "I look forward to coming back next year, and as many years as I can after that."

ENACTUS has a long-range plan to continue with the installation of water filters. As people hear that the water filters actually work and improve health, there will be more interest in them. This will require more fundraising for more filters. They hope that the program will grow as more and more people want to install water filters.

They also hope to address educational needs of the community, especially those of women. The goal is to raise \$12,000 to build a new school.

"We would really like for other departments to become involved in this and come with us to teach specific skills," says Moses. "We would like to keep this up long-term and continue to grow each year."



ENACTUS members (blue shirts) with members of the community who were happy to be able to drink clean water after receiving water filters that the ENACTUS members installed.



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A TASTE OF HOME

Emily Nolasco, freshman communication major

It's natural to associate going off to college with newly-found freedom, but that doesn't mean that students don't get homesick. They are far from family, it's sometimes tough making friends, and even the food is different. But new Southwestern students often find that their school is different than most other colleges and universities. The Southwestern family and the church community strive to make Southwestern feel like a home away from home.

From Cornerstone Café to Man Up, from the McHenry's freshly-baked cookies and prayer sessions with students to Dr. Parry's algebra-test brownies, from grandmas making Sabbath breakfast to spending time relaxing at professors' houses, students at Southwestern can attest to the at-home feel the campus is known for. Talk to the them and often you'll find that a big reason they chose this school was because of the closeness and camaraderie they felt with others.

"When I came to Southwestern, I was a little worried about being homesick or not fitting in, but as I'm finishing off my first year, I can honestly say that I no longer need to worry about any of that," says Alex Loewen, a freshman pre-physical therapy major. The closeness was one of the reasons Loewen chose to come to Southwestern. He enjoys walking into the cafeteria and recognizing everyone there.

A new ministry has formed on campus this semester called the "Cornerstone Café." Around 40 female faculty, staff, and student have been attending every Tuesday in the new student center for a light homemade lunch, followed by inspiring testimonies from women of faith in the community. This ministry, a collaborative effort by the Keene church, the university staff, and women in the community, has become a welcoming place for young women to be refreshed in their relationship with God.

"When you look at many of the stories of Jesus in the New Testament, it's about food and fellowship," says Susan Grady, one of the organizers. "You've got the wedding feast, Jesus feeding the 5,000, and later feeding the 4,000, for example. Food and fellowship provide an inviting atmosphere in which to share the love of Jesus."

A small group of grandmas share this same philosophy. When several ladies who attend the chapel Sabbath School at the Keene church

heard about the need for volunteers to help provide a light breakfast snack following the university-led Life House Sabbath School class, they readily volunteered. Every six weeks, these four grandmas of current Southwestern students (donned in matching aprons dotted with hearts) provide a delicious homemade breakfast for the approximately 100 students who attend.

"The grandmothers that help out all love it," says Grady. "It's something fun that they can do for their grandkids and for their grandkids' friends, and so they plan for weeks on what they are go-



Ashley Riddle, communication major, enjoys delicious tacos at the Cornerstone Café.

ing to do, making stuff from scratch and trying out new recipes.” The grandmas are already talking about what they want to do next year.

Diem Dennis, associate director of records, feeds the band every time they perform. “Mrs. Dennis never ceases to amaze me with how much she cares for the students,” says Romel Fabriga, senior computer science major. “She always makes sure the band has a scrumptious breakfast for those early morning performances. And feeds us when we’re on the road. Also, she makes the best taco soup!”

The at-home feel doesn’t stop there. Dr. Amy McHenry, professor of biology, bakes cookies to take to dorm residents. McHenry goes to each door and prays with the students who are in their rooms, then she gives them the homemade cookies.

“I really appreciate what Dr. McHenry does, coming into the dorm and praying with the students,” says Kara Banks, freshman education major. “It’s nice to know that a professor truly cares for all the students and not just the ones who are in her class.”

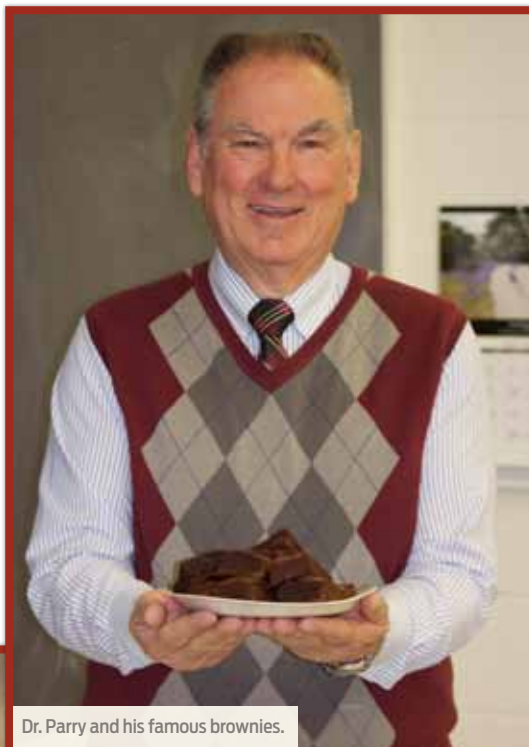
The first time Dr. Amy McHenry knocked on Banks’ door, Kara remem-

bers being really surprised. “It was amazing that a busy professor took time out of her day to pray with me,” she says. “As she prayed, I really felt like the faculty and staff do care. Her homemade cookies remind me of my grandma’s and I look forward to her visits.”

Dr. George Parry, math professor, also gives homemade baked goods away to his students on test days. His grandchildren make delicious brownies for his algebra students every time they have a test. He doesn’t remember why or when he started it. He just wanted to show his students that he cares and wishes them the best.

Lastly, when departmental vespers or other parties and events are held at faculty houses, it gives students the chance to be in a home and to get to know their professors on a more personal level. It shows that Southwestern’s faculty strive toward making students feel loved, accepted, cared for, and at home.

“I think what makes Southwestern feel like family is that everybody knows each other and that the faculty really care for you and wish you success in your classes,” says Loewen. “Most of them would gladly take time out of their day to help you with anything.”



Dr. Parry and his famous brownies.



Mary Ortiz shares at the Cornerstone Café about her special brand of women's ministries. A different staff, faculty, or community member presents each week.

SOUTHWESTERN SINGS

Makala Coleman, sophomore journalism major

“Southwestern Adventist University has a unique musical climate,” says Eric Anderson, Southwestern’s president. “That young man singing Mozart today could be part of the gospel choir the day after tomorrow. The young woman leading her peers in simple praise songs on Friday night might be singing in Latin or Swahili on Sabbath morning.”

Both the Music Department and campus worship leaders encourage wide participation in an eclectic range of music. For Southwestern students, “diversity” means a variety of music, shared by everyone, not separate styles, enjoyed by isolated groups.

“It doesn’t matter where you come from,” says Islem Mattey, chaplain at Southwestern. “Music brings students together. You can have three students from different cultures standing next to each other and they’re all singing the same song. They’re all praising the same God.”

The music of Southwestern is as diverse as the student body. There is contemporary Christian music, traditional songs, and music from different cultures.

“Different groups on campus all have their own worship style,” says Mattey. “It’s a beautiful mixture. Each person has a song, and together each song makes Southwestern what it is.”

“We have a broad range in terms of catering to different people in music,” says Michael Gibson, freshman theology major. “Music sets the tone for the worship service, and it’s really versatile. There are many different ways to sing a song; you can really custom fit for whatever you want to do.”

“I think music at Southwestern is great, because we have so much variety,” says Alexander Cortes, freshman general studies. “A few weeks ago we had a country gospel style praise team for the service. That was really cool and different. Also, you actually hear hymns. In many places hymns are completely gone, but here on campus it is part of the mix.”

One way that students are involved with music is through praise teams. It’s more than standing on a stage to sing. Being on a praise team is a chance for students to make friends, relax from studies and ultimately, praise God.

“From the start I’ve been a part of a praise team,” says Stephanie Rudisaile, junior English major at Southwestern. “It’s a great way to meet people and get involved. Also, it’s a great way to strengthen your connection with God.”

Even when song service isn’t perfect, God can use it to make a connection with people. Rudisaile tells of one time when technology wasn’t cooperating. Before taking the stage, the team prayed, leaving their performance in God’s hands.

“God blessed through our music,” says Rudisaile. “It wasn’t perfect, but God made up the difference. Music is one of the strongest ways to connect with God. It will get your attention when other stuff won’t. It gets in your mind and makes a difference in your day-to-day life.”

Part of the reason Jonathan Dunchie, freshman music major, chose to attend Southwestern is because he heard that students have a heart for praise. During one Friday-night vespers, he was especially enjoying the music. Then he realized that compared to angels, our voices are simple. Yet God still loves to hear what praise we give. “God doesn’t care about the melody that comes from our voice,” says Dunchie, “He cares about the melody that’s in the heart.”

Siblings Michael Demiar, sophomore nursing major, and Princess Demiar, freshman nursing major, often play or sing on a praise team at Southwestern. When their praise team practice is over, they usually linger and play for the pure joy of it.

“We’re from a very musical family,” says Princess. “I guess that’s just how we were raised. So now we’re able to share that form of worship with others.”

“It’s just one of many ways to express gratitude for all that God



Students relaxing and singing praises together is a welcome and frequent sight on campus.

has done for us,” says Michael.

“While I’m up on stage I really feel like it’s not about me,” says Gibson. “It’s about bringing people to God. So for me personally, music is one of the most important parts of worship.”

Southwestern students also sing outside of the vespers or church setting. “With music there is so much freedom,” says Matthey. “You’ll find that people have courage to sing on their own time. I’ve walked by the prayer room many times to hear music, or in the dorm hallways a student might be inspired to just sing. We even have a small group dedicated to song and praise.”

Enny Velasquez, freshman music major, likes to sing with her friends on Friday night. In her music studies, she is required to perform throughout the

contemporary Christian to classic hymns in both English and Spanish.

“When you have performance anxiety, it’s easy to forget the real meaning of why you sing,” says Velasquez. “Singing with my friends or by myself, I don’t feel the pressure to perform, I’m just singing songs for Him.”

Melissa Chacon, sophomore psychology major, is also involved in a similar group. “We sometimes have an after “afterglow” jam session,” says Chacon. “There are anywhere from 10 to 25 people



Praise teams: It’s a great way to meet people and get involved. Also, it’s a great way to strengthen your connection with God.

there and we just hang out and sing. I’m always singing! Sometimes I feel like my praise isn’t worthy, but I can give what I have. God gave me my voice and my talent to sing, so I use it for Him.”

They not only sing, but they also share testimonies. It’s a very relaxed atmosphere. Any student is welcome to join in the praise.

“Music is the language of God,” says Cortes, who also enjoys these ‘jam sessions’ with his brother Anthony. “It’s His way of speaking to us and touching our lives.”

Overall, music is an integral part of student life at Southwestern Adventist University. It’s a powerful ministry that reaches out to students in a way that nothing else can and brings the campus into a spirit of worship.

“It’s not about a performance,” says Matthey. “Music can express every possible emotion. It makes a difference in our students’ lives by strengthening their connection with God. That’s why music is so valuable on this campus.”

year. She loves to sing and enjoys these performances, but Velasquez is sometimes nervous to go up front. When she sings with her friends, it reminds her of why she performs.

“It’s my way to thank God for all He has done in my life,” says Velasquez. “I can show my true feelings when I sing.”

Students go to Callicott Student Park, or the rotunda, and sing for hours. It usually takes place after Friday-night vespers and afterglow, making for an entire night of worship. Music varies from

FIRST (AND SECOND) IMPRESSIONS

Amy Rosenthal, vice president for academic administration

A year ago I was a history professor in California. If an angel had appeared to me, announcing that I would be moving to Texas within the next few months, I would have had a hard time believing the message. Like Sarah (with a different sort of incredible news), I might have laughed.

As I complete my first year as vice president for academic administration, I am delighted to be at Southwestern Adventist University. I knew when I accepted the job, of course, that Southwestern was a good school. But I now have a better idea of just how strong the university is. Here are some first (and second) impressions:

1. I am delighted by the openness and friendliness of this campus. This is not a place where snobbery thrives. Few of our students are wealthy—and none of them is aloof or cliquish. Our student body reflects the rich variety of the Adventism in the Southwest—White and Black, Anglo and Hispanic, immigrant and native. Our students are not self-conscious in demonstrating Christian unity. Unlike some secular campuses, ours is not divided into mutually suspicious ethnic groups.

2. I am impressed by the quality of our programs. Though Southwestern is a small university, our teachers are excellent. (I hope this article does not fall into “the wrong hands”—other schools might love to hire some of our professors!) A campus guest visiting a biology class taught by Suzanne Phillips, dropping into a rehearsal of Marc Elysée’s string quartet, or observing Bill Kilgore’s early-morning enthusiasm for Greek would witness teaching and learning at its best. We can be proud of our academic programs.

3. I didn’t know that Southwestern is the only Adventist college to own both a radio station and a TV station. Think of the possibilities!

4. I can’t get over how many of our employees are “Renaissance men” (or

women). Daryl Thomas doesn’t just teach computers. He also installed solar panels on his house and invented an automatic hail guard for them. Darcy Force is not just our public relations officer; she is also an accomplished equestrian. Jerry Potter is a skilled photographer as well as an expert in student finance. Karl Wilcox can tell you a thing or two about mountain climbing—when he is not studying medieval literature.

5. I am thrilled by the ways in which students are given opportunities. In this small school, nobody has to wait a long time to show what he or she can do. We give our students a chance to shine—right from the beginning.

First impressions are important, they say. For me, those first impressions are being daily confirmed.



EDUCATION BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Glen Robinson, communication professor

From the beginning of his studies at Southwestern, Carson Gibbons knew that he wanted to work in advertising. He learned that internships were expected, and so he pursued every opportunity he could find in the advertising arena. And he prepared for those internships through learning in and outside the classroom.

Carson did well in classes, and graduated with honors in 2011. He was soon offered a job, first an entry-level position, then a full account executive position in Baltimore this year. But before the job opportunities came the internships, and before the internships came learning the skills necessary for those internships.

Carson's story is not unique. The ranks of Southwestern's alumni are filled with graduates whose first opportunity to prove themselves came because they were ready to step in and do what they

were already trained to do. They learned that doing the minimum might get them a degree, but only initiative on their part—taking that next step—would prepare for work in their chosen field.

Southwestern believes that education goes beyond training a student for their first job. It means preparing them for a life-long career, as well as to be a contributing member of society. But education also means taking what is learned in class and in the laboratory and showing students how to apply it in the larger world. And because of the low student-to-teacher ratio, Southwestern is an ideal environment to make that happen.

Drs. Amy and Peter McHenry are not only popular professors in the biology department, they are established and respected researchers in parasitology and tumor cell biology, respectively. One of the reasons why they came to Southwestern was because they

had a burden to involve students in the research process. Now students have an opportunity to work shoulder-to-shoulder with them in research.

"A biomedical research program for the undergrads is something that the school needs," says Peter. "They can put that on their resume when they apply to medical school, or when they go on to graduate school."

In the religion department, junior and senior theology majors participate in the student pastor program for two academic years. Students are assigned to churches in the Dallas-Fort Worth area under the supervision of a seasoned pastor.

"This activity equips stu-



Devin Grady, junior theology major, shares his message during student week of prayer.

dents with the necessary tools to begin ministry right after graduation,” says Jorge Rico, department chair. “This program has also been instrumental in making our students more visible to potential pastoral employers and in helping them be hired for ministry.”

In a history class called Digital History, students are involved in a long-term project to record interviews with U.S. veterans and make their stories available online to other researchers. Junior English major, Monique Gaskins, interviewed her great uncle, who was an African-American soldier in World War II.

“At the time, it was really cool to interview him,” she says. “Then later on, that interview meant so much more to me because he passed away just two weeks later.”

Opportunities to apply class lessons not only help students make sense of what the textbook says, but pay off in dividends when they apply for internships. And internships are a priority at Southwestern.

Josh Pena, an '06 radio-TV-film graduate, says, “My senior-year internship led me to the job I have today. I interned with Dallas’ ABC affiliate, WFAA Channel 8. In this business, where ‘who you

know’ often outweighs ‘what you know,’ the networking, friendships, and connections I made during my internship put me directly in touch with the chief editor at CBS11. I’ve been working at CBS11 as a video editor for the past seven years, editing packages, breaking news, and even an Emmy award-winning special.”

Haley Huff, who graduated this year with a degree in business management, got a jump start on a career when she did an internship at Imagine Nation Center of Learning in Mansfield, Texas, last summer. At the end of her internship, Haley’s supervisor wrote: “Because of Haley’s performance, she has been offered a position upon graduation as business director in our corporate office. We consider her to be a great asset to our corporate teaching structure.”

Southwestern graduates have a great track record when it comes to getting established in their careers. Some of that is due to internships, but even a successful internship depends on what they learned in classes, labs, and through direct interaction with knowledgeable, caring faculty and staff.

PREPARING PASTORS: THE SOUTHWESTERN EDGE

Makala Coleman, sophomore journalism major

Southwestern theology graduates are getting a reputation around the country, according to Jorge Rico, chair of the theology department. “The secret is in our Field School of Evangelism,” he explains.

“Because we wanted our graduates to be prepared to be pastors,” Rico says, “we asked church leaders for their advice.” Based on their answers, the theology department restructured its requirements, putting new emphasis on the Field School, which prepares students for pastoral and evangelistic work. For the last three years, employers have been “particularly impressed with our graduates.”

“I believe Southwestern’s Field School of Evangelism has a lot to do with our students being hired,” says



Jorge Rico, professor of theology at Southwestern. “It gives students an idea of how to get started in ministry. This, along with the Student Pastor Program, exposes students to all different areas of ministry, so they are easily placed in a church.”

This program is conducted in conjunction with the Southwestern Union and the local conferences within this union. Students enroll in a three-credit class during the summer. It’s a seven-week program in which students are immersed in evangelistic work. Each year it’s in a different conference location.

A Southwestern instructor travels with the students to guide them throughout the program. The first four weeks are spent learning and observing evangelism.

In the morning students attend a



we have had baptisms as a result of these ministries.”

The pastors and churches involved with this program take it very seriously. It’s more than just a strategy to train students. It’s actually a real evangelistic series and a program to bring people to the Lord.

“As a result of this program, conference presidents have noticed the preparedness of Southwestern theology graduates,” says Rico. “They know the students have a little bit of an edge with ministry.”

Southwestern theology students are not only offered jobs from inside the Southwestern Union, but from all over North America. Students have received interviews, and in some cases jobs, from presidents across the North American Division.

In addition to getting students hired, the program is also based on a higher ideal. It’s about making a difference in the lives of people.

“Ministry is not just about getting a job,” says Rico. “It’s a calling. You have to be professional, but more than that, more than a job, you have to feel that calling from the Lord. It’s about making a difference and bringing people closer to the Lord while better preparing them for the coming of the Lord.

“All I can tell you is that I’m excited. I’m very happy to be part of this program and very appreciative to my God for the opportunity he’s given Southwestern students. I look forward to seeing this program continue to grow.”

class focused on the theory behind evangelism. In the afternoon they do field work. This includes knocking on doors to pray and encourage people.

At the end of the day they return to the designated church and help with an evangelistic meeting. A seasoned evangelist conducts the meetings and they are required to participate. The evangelist assigns them to different activities.

“The students get theory and practice,” says Rico. “They get to see evangelism at work.”

During the next three weeks the students are assigned to a church of their own. They then conduct their own evangelistic meetings. A Southwestern instructor attends these meetings, and shares feedback with the students.

“We coach them,” says Rico. “The whole idea is to give students confidence and training so they go out saying, ‘I can do this.’ And



The Radical Difference



ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

I was on the campus of Southwestern Adventist University recently and had the opportunity to once again engage a number of senior theology majors in personal, serious conversation. In those visits, I was reminded of what this institution stands for and just what a tremendous impact it is having in the lives of our young people.

One of the goals of education is to open the mind of an individual to better understand the world in which he or she lives, and then to help that individual make a meaningful impact in the lives of others and in the community where they live through their chosen profession. How people view the world and even their own existence is largely influenced by all the stuff that enters the mind via the educational

process and their own life experience. So, as students assimilate information, it will not only make a difference in how they will think, but also in what values, standards, and morals they will accept and what priorities will govern their lives.

Over the years, I have spoken with individuals who were highly educated with degrees in religion and/or applied theology that were acquired at a private or evangelical university. These were brilliant people. However, it did not take long in conversation to discover that their philosophical approach, not only to life but also to eternity, was so riddled with humanism and existentialism, that there was no need of a Savior. The ethic of right or wrong was determined by the situation and the definition of sin was predicated on their definition of law. There was no such thing as

absolutes.

I do not reference such people to criticize, but rather, to point out the radical difference in what I observed in the ministerial students at Southwestern. They were young people who carried a passion for reaching the lost with the message of Jesus. They understood the absolutes of right and wrong and saw the world in need of a Savior. They are the kind of people I want standing in the pulpits of our churches. I'm grateful for Southwestern Adventist University, the dedicated staff in every department, and the educational outcomes that this institution delivers.

Steve Orian, president

Danny Heim Named Student of the Month

SPRINGDALE, ARK. » In 2011, Danny Heim came to Arkansas from the Marshall Islands with his parents, Charles and Marine Heim, and enrolled in the eighth grade at Springdale Adventist School. After graduating from school, he wanted to attend Ozark Adventist Academy, but fi-

nancial hardship made that impossible for the family, so he was enrolled at the local junior high school.

Danny has a kind and helpful nature, and when a fellow student accidentally tipped over his wheelchair, Danny immediately came to the boy's rescue. Although

some students were mocking the boy that had fallen, Danny stepped in to offer assistance, reassuring and comforting him as he righted his wheelchair and helped him up from the floor. Danny continued to help him and made certain that the student was all right.

A short time later, Danny was called into the principal's office and questioned about the incident. When he acknowledged that he had helped the other student, the principal told him that, because of his kind act, he had earned the "Student of the Month" award.

Danny is currently serving as a junior deacon at the Springdale church and is actively involved in ministry. Besides singing with the praise team, he also helps with the sound system on a regular basis. His friends and church family are very proud of him.

Bonnie Dolinsky



Danny Heim operates the Springdale church sound system.

Going Deeper at Henderson State

ARKADELPHIA, ARK. » Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, became my school of choice when I was impressed to start a campus ministry in my local area. I had a desire to share my faith in a public environment with other young people and several events lead me to enroll at HSU for the fall semester of 2011. I reserved a room in the student activities center for every Tuesday night and teamed with a friend to lead Bible studies from Amazing Facts study guides. The study group was named Going Deeper, and I posted flyers, invited students, and prayed. What happened next was amazing!

I started meeting students in my classes

and school organizations who wanted to study deeper into the Bible. Although at times there were only two students, the group started growing. Today the attendance had grown exponentially! Going Deeper meets twice a week. On Tuesdays, we meet for a deep Bible study in the books of Daniel and Revelation. On Thursdays, we meet to share blessings and prayer requests, read a couple of verses, and spend time in prayer. We have more than 30 students who have come out during the week for Bible study and a regular attendance of 14 students on Tuesday nights. Those who attend are from various races and backgrounds. As Leah Grant, an art education major, says, "Going Deeper is open to the whole campus."

Going Deeper has helped me to draw closer and depend on Christ more, and it has been a blessing to others as well. Chris Espinoza, a business student, says, "Going Deeper is a ministry that God has used to draw me nearer to Him." Caleb Stephens, a business systems information major, says, "Going Deeper has enlightened me with truths and much more knowledge that I do not think I would have discovered for myself."

Myia Hayes, a business major, says Going Deeper has helped her "depend on God and His Word." She recently decided to get baptized and is studying with the local pastor.

When I think about all that is happening through Going Deeper, I realize that God is working. All I did was reserve a room, find someone to help me lead a Bible study, and tell others. I did not want to attend Henderson State University at first, but God had special plans. I truly believe that the same movement of Going Deeper can happen in other universities across the nation when individuals are surrendered and work for God. Students in universities are hungry for spiritual truths. Will you not share your faith with those around you?

Izhar Buendia



University students spend time 'going deeper' into God's Word.



Women's Ministry at the Benton Church

BENTON, ARK. » The women of the Benton Seventh-day Adventist Church gathered together for a wonderful Sunday breakfast and fellowship in early February. After taking time to visit and eat the specially prepared breakfast, the women shared prayer requests and then had the privilege of lifting up one another up in prayer. It was a special, spiritual time, bearing one another's burdens and coming together as sisters in Christ. The



women all look forward to coming together on the first Sunday of each month to strengthen not only their own private walk with Jesus, but to also cement their relationships with each other as sisters in Christ.

Trish Light

The Benton church's women meet for fellowship breakfasts each month.

Bonnerdale-Amity Maranatha!

BONNERDALE, ARK. » This spring break found some members of the Bonnerdale and Amity churches joining with people from as far away as Hawaii, Austria, and North Carolina, converging in Ambato, Ecuador. The purpose of this trip was to minister through medical clinics, health presentations, preaching the Word, and through the construction of a school complex that will be a huge blessing to the community.

Our medical team had three doctors, a couple of dentists, and several assistants who saw 768 people, many of them chil-



The doctors who accompanied the mission!

removed dozens of teeth from both young and old. David Lopez, the Maranatha coordinator assisting our group and a graduate of Loma Linda Dental School, even taught Emma Curtis and Sylvia Westgate to successfully pull teeth!

The construction team did an excellent job in laying the block for the walls of one of the new school buildings and putting up the metal roof on two other classrooms. The site of the new school has a view of the volcano and of the green fields and mountains in the area. This new complex will be a tremendous upgrade from the cramped school, which is located in the city and has no vegetation in sight.

We are grateful to Tim Bainum and the Maranatha organization for coordinating this trip as well as a wonderful follow-up visit to the Islands of Galapagos. Our team was blessed with great food in a great country; we made new friends and made an impact for the cause of Christ. Not a bad way to spend a spring break!

Brandon Westgate, pastor

dren. Most of them had treatable issues and were given medicine free of charge. Most were also given reading glasses, which were fitted and tested by the Polk family. The dentists saw many people and



A mother with child awaiting treatment in Ecuador.

Harrison Bible School Brings Christ to Inmates

HARRISON, ARK. » Statistics show that prison or jail rehabilitation programs have not solved the problem of crime. The only answer to crime is Christ! When any person—incarcerated or free—sincerely accepts Jesus Christ as his or her personal Savior, there is a total transformation of that person from the inside out.

The purpose of prison ministries is to reach out to people trapped in sin and show them the source of true freedom—it is about introducing them to Jesus.

The New Discovery Bible School began in 1992. Today, from its headquarters in Keene, Texas, Bible lessons and teaching supplies are provided to more than 40 New Discovery Bible Schools in the United States.

The New Discovery Bible School operated by the Harrison church was started

about four years ago, and has seven teachers serving more than 75 students in at least five states. We often receive letters and poems testifying to the goodness of God's working in the hearts of those who are rejected by most of our society, sometimes even their families.

One inmate who travels from facility to facility to work in the inmate construction writes, "I've moved again, hence I am just receiving the new set of studies from you. They have had to catch up with me. Praise God, now I can continue my journey through the Bible. I have one name for you right now, of a friend who is interested in the Bible studies, but there will be more once I spread the good news of how enjoyable the lessons are. I've been blessed anew by these lessons and know there are those who are as thirsty as I am for God's Word."

Another student writes, "You will never know what a big encouragement you have been to me. I am sorry that I have completed all the lessons and we will no longer correspond. Could you please send me an enrollment card for a friend?"

We often receive requests for prayer, and sometimes the students offer a prayer that God will bless us and our families. Most of our students are incarcerated, but from time to time these students request that we enroll a friend or a loved one who is not in prison. We are happy to do this, as everyone needs to know of the love of Jesus. Bibles and other spiritual materials are provided to those who request them. We solicit your prayers for our ministry and the students we serve.

Francis Chase

ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Adventist Education is Faith Preservation



According to The Barna Group, six out of 10 20-year-olds, even though they were involved in a church while a teenager, are not active Christians.^[1] Less than 1 percent of 18–23 year-olds today have a biblical worldview.^[2] These are sobering statistics!

The Seventh-day Adventist® Church is not immune. Roger Dudley in his book, *Why Our Teenagers Leave the Church*, points out that half of our young people will drop out of the church by age 25.

What can we do to stop this horrific hemorrhage? There are many things we can do, but one of the most important is to educate our children in our church schools from kindergarten through college.

There are many Christian young people and teachers in public education today. However, from high school down, the Establishment Clause prevents teaching from a biblical worldview. That is as it should be, as public schools should be a safe place for all children, whether they come from a home where God is important or they come from a home where God is not important. Teachers in public education can-

not teach from a biblical worldview, and much of what they teach can undermine the biblical worldview being taught in our homes and churches. How many hours do our children sit learning from teachers who don't teach from a biblical worldview compared to the hours they spend at home? We face an uphill climb to maintain faith.

Once our young people move into college, because of their increasing maturity, the Establishment Clause restrictions that formerly applied do not apply. College is to be a place of diversity and free speech. However, that is only true as long as political correctness principles are not violated.

While our colleges are not perfect, educating our young people in Seventh-day Adventist colleges like Southwestern Adventist University has never been more important in my view. Our colleges reinforce what we have been trying to teach our young people since childhood, rather than tearing down faith.

For example, the opportunities our students at Southwestern have to participate in real-world science in the dinosaur dig

and the processing of those fossils can build faith, rather than undermine it. The opportunities our students have to participate in the mission of the church, including going on mission trips, build faith rather than undermine it.

So as you consider a Seventh-day Adventist Christian education, including college at Southwestern (I confess my bias as a member of the class of 1977!), consider it an investment, not an expense. Consider it a faith preservation step so that going forward by the grace of God, we can minimize the numbers of those who know not the Lord.^[3]

Vialo Weis

[1] <http://www.barna.org/teens-next-gen-articles/147-most-twentysomethings-put-christianity-on-the-shelf-following-spiritually-active-teen-years>.

[2] <http://www.christianpost.com/news/survey-less-than-1-percent-of-young-adults-hold-biblical-worldview-37415/>.

[3] Judges 2:10.

Miracle on a Motorcycle

BROKEN ARROW » This story was shared by one of our members, Ulysses Negrillo, during a recent church service.

“This incident happened several years ago when I was living in the Philippines. I had just gotten off work for the day and very much wanted to attend mid-week church service that night, but I had a problem, as I had only enough money for one bus fare, and church and home were in opposite directions. Even though it would be a treacherous several-mile walk along a dark and busy highway to my church, I had decided to attempt it when a man on a motorcycle stopped in front of me and pointed in my direction.”

“‘Hey you,’ he shouted above the roar of his machine.

“I looked around to see who he was talking to and saw that no one else was there.

“‘Who, me?’ I asked, as I walked over to him.

“Then he pulls a piece of paper out of his pocket to ask if I know where an address is. I tell him that I know the street and was heading in that direction myself.

“‘Hop on,’ he says, ‘you show me where to go and I’ll take you there.’

“Much to my surprise, his final destination was directly across the street from my church. So by

the grace of God, I was able to attend the church service and had bus fare for my trip home. God is good.”

After listening to this story I couldn't help but wonder whether this was just a random act of kindness by a stranger or indeed, a miracle on a motorcycle. God truly does work in mysterious ways to show how much He cares for His children.



When Ulysses Negrillo needed a ride to church and had bus fare for only one way, God sent someone on a motorcycle to take him to church.

Judy Marquette

Work Bee at the Antlers Church

ANTLERS » The Antlers church held a work bee recently for the new church building of the Antlers church. The Lord blessed us with a wonderful day for working, even though rain was predicted. This inspired us to work early and fast. The building is progressing and we know the Lord is going to send us new members, so we want to be ready. The members worked like a well-oiled machine, young and old, men and women, all working together as a team. One of our faithful members, Rachel Piper, made sure all the workers had a hot meal to keep us energized. It was a wonderful experience. Spending that time together was a great way to get to know one another.

Marlene Medina



The Antlers church recently had a work bee for the new church building.

Black Heritage Program

BRISTOW » “Good afternoon neighbors, and welcome to our studio,” announced Virginia Harrison. “Today, we’re doing a live taping of the 2nd annual Bristow Seventh-day Adventist Black Heritage Program, broadcast here at our WSDA TV station, Studio A in Bristow, Oklahoma.” With that welcome on February 23, the sanctuary became a television studio, and local members Harrison and VeEsther Hammond were transformed into co-hostesses of the TV Show, *Evening Vespers*. Joining them was a bevy of guest artists, including representative members of our church: Luke and Chantee Fisher; siblings Andrew and Elisa Fisher; and Bernice Lee.

The theme for the show was Remembering the Stones, based on Joshua 4:1-7: “Like the children of Israel,” said Harrison, “We shall remember the meaning of the stones and seek to explain to our youth and to remind our adults of the great lessons God has sought to teach us about deliverance.



The Bristow church held a special evening vespers on the subject of Black heritage, using a radio broadcast format.

And we’ll expound about how many God-fearing Anglos worked alongside African-Americans to help us in our struggles and to aid us in our emancipation.”

Then for the next 90 minutes, the audience sat captivated by the light but informative banter from the co-hostesses and an educational PowerPoint presentation, interspersed with readings and music from the New Life SDA Church, Gwen Bess, Divine Christian Attitude, Cynthia Hill, and others. Highlights included:

- 1) A graveyard in New York City, where over 400 corpses of the first African-American slaves were unearthed during the preparation for a 34-story, \$276-million federal building in 1991;
 - 2) A recount of the number of Anglo-Saxons enslaved in North Africa, where it is estimated that between 1 million and 1.25 million European Christians were enslaved by Muslims in North Africa between 1530 and 1780, a far greater number than had ever been estimated before; and
 - 3) The solidarity of the various ethnicities of the Congress of Racial Equality, when 13 Freedom Riders were killed during the integration of bus depots in the south.
- Approximately 60 persons attended, including some from the Bristow church’s neighborhood. Videos of the 90-minute taping are available from Virginia Harrison at vechols_tcc@msn.com.

Virginia Echols-Harrison

Cycling Ministry



EDMOND » As a sport, cycling has a long history of being associated with determination, suffering, endurance, and overcoming adversity. This makes for some exciting, memorable, and motivational stories that demonstrate the strength of the human spirit. This is my story. It is not necessarily spawned from suffering or overcoming adversity but by a realization that somewhere in my life there was a void. The late Morris Venden used to say, "In order to have a meaningful and lasting Christian walk, we must be involved in Christian witness and outreach." Through the years, I have held a number of church

positions, including cradle-roll leader, primary leader, church photographer, deacon, PA system director, nominating committee member, praise team member, and the list goes on. But recently, God helped me gain fulfillment through a different kind of ministry, opening the way for me to become part of the Edmond SDA Cycling Club, which helps to raise money for good causes. Imagine riding 10, 20, 30, even 100 miles, pushing yourself to your very limit and then farther, crossing that finish line with every muscle in your body burning. You're exhausted but you have this feeling that begins to grow until it's overwhelm-

ing. It's a feeling of joy, accomplishment, and pride, the feeling that you have given your all. When I ride for a cause, I smile because I have accomplished something not just for myself, but for someone else, as well.

While it may be true that we should "Give till it hurts," Christ clearly wants a "cheerful giver." Christ commended the widow in the book of Luke saying, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave out of their wealth, but she out of her poverty gave all she had." Christians should never measure generosity by what they give, but by what they have left. Cycling, to me, feels much the same. By the end of the race you have nothing left, and you're happy knowing that you gave all you had, and what you had was for someone else. If the Edmond SDA Cycling Club can invite a friend of neighbor to a race/charity event and help them even get a small glimpse of the monumental sacrifice Christ gave for us, then this fledgling cycling club will have made it one step closer to hastening Christ's return. I pray that this ministry will be a shining light for Jesus. To learn more, please visit www.edmondadventist.org or e-mail us at edmondsdacycling@gmail.com or watch us on YouTube at www.youtube.com/user/edmondsdacycling

Adam Unsell

Steven Mosley Presents at Southern Hills

OKLAHOMA CITY » The Southern Hills church was recently blessed with Steven Mosley's presentation of Chosen Garment, *The Whole Bible in One Act*. Mosley dressed in character, and with his musical background, showed a very creative, engaging, and inspired look at the Bible. Both deep and funny, it was enjoyed by the young and the young at heart. Mosley's weaving in and out of biblical characters and thought-provoking story lines kept the congregation in awe. Chosen Garment is a wonderfully entertaining, Jesus-centered, colorful, and living account of the Bible.

Carla Everett



Steven Mosley recently presented Chosen Garment, a thought-provoking presentation about the Bible, at the Southern Hills church.

God Led Me to Southwestern



When the Lord initiated his call to ministry, I never envisioned that it remotely meant that Southwestern Adventist University would be a part of the call. Interestingly enough, there were graduates from Oakwood University in the graduate school at Oklahoma State University, and one was encouraging me to attend there.

I have come to realize that it was not a lack of promotion on their part, but it was not in God's will to go any other place but Southwestern.

Being a new Adventist, I needed patient professors that were sensitive to my naïve

questions without embarrassing me. These Southwestern professors also embraced my scholastic thirst and supported me by hiring me as a Greek reader. All of these things not only accelerated my learning, but gave me confidence to tutor others.

Some like to criticize our university as not being spiritual enough. However, the list is long, not only of those who have gone on to serve well in various jobs, but have become great leaders in our churches at every level and they are doing it with much spiritual zeal.

Southwestern Adventist University is also the place where God had my wife, now

of 38 years, waiting for me. The point of it all is that Southwestern is ordained of God to bless those who, in faith, seeks His will in their lives.

Remember, the key to choosing a university is to follow the Lord's leading. This is the experience God led me to, but you must go where God leads you. Ultimately, our desire for all young people is that they choose Christian education. If this sounds like a testimony, it is, and I'm humbly proud to give it.

Samuel L. Green, president

SOUTHWEST REGION CONFERENCE

Don't Let The Devil Be Your Housekeeper

DALLAS, TEX. » Morgan Medlock, an Oakwood University graduate of 2007 and a member of the Southwest Region Conference, delivered one of the most powerful messages for the school's Alumni Weekend, many remarked. The Von Braun Center located in Huntsville, Ala., has been the home for Oakwood's Alumni Weekend events for many years and has featured many great speakers over the years. However, many

will not soon forget the message entitled, "Don't Let The Devil Be Your Housekeeper." With the atmosphere shaped by the music from the world-renowned Oakwood Aeolians, those in attendance were primed for a Word from God and were not disappointed.

Medlock's home church is City Temple Seventh-day Adventist church in Dallas, where members watched the service

streamed via the Internet and felt a sense of pride to see how God has led this young person over the years.

As Medlock shared from the Word of God, and the need to drive the "Canaanites out of our lives," the congregation erupted in applause as she described three different types of invaders: the "Haters," "Heartbreakers," and the "Hitchhikers." These are the individuals that need to be expelled from our lives if we want God to work a change in us.

Many have questioned where are all the young adults in our church. I don't know where all of them have gone, but in Huntsville, Alabama, one young adult from Southwest Region Conference was there and was used mightily by God.

Kenn Dixon, communication director



Far left: Morgan Medlock preaching the word of God to thousands at Oakwood University's Alumni Weekend in Huntsville, Alabama.

◀ The Medlocks being moved by the message from their daughter, Morgan.

21 Baptized at Love's Chapel Revival

FORT SMITH, ARK. » Amazing Grace will always be my song of praise for it was God's grace that brought me liberty. That is exactly what God's grace did for 21 people at the conclusion of Love's Chapel church's revival. History was made as Gregory Stinson, pastor, conducted one of the most successful evangelistic campaigns the church has ever had.

The evangelistic campaign lasted for two weeks last November, and began with an old-fashioned block party. People from the community were invited to the event where the church members gave away food and clothing, provided refreshments, performed blood pressure checks, and had a gospel concert. Richard Palmer, pastor, from Greenville, Miss., preached during the campaign's first week, and Stinson preached the final week.

Anne George of Miami, Fla., and Mor-

ris McPherson, of Enid, Okla., served as Bible workers. The church was engaged and supported the revival, and it was these efforts that made the meetings a success.



Following the revival at Love's Chapel church, 21 people were baptized. Seated in baptismal gowns are some of them.

One man had learned about the Sabbath from listening to Doug Batchelor's *Amazing Facts* and had attended the church two

Sabbaths before the revival. Stinson had preached that Sabbath and mentioned the upcoming revival. The man attended the meetings and, after hearing the Sabbath truth introduced to him again in living color, was convinced that he truly had found the right church and was one of the 21 baptized.

Stinson believes that soul winning is something that we should do all year long, not just when there is a revival. It is his desire to have our church become a training and evangelistic center for the community so that the church will be actively engaged in soul winning throughout the year. Soul winning is hard work. Let's pray that God will continue

to send us laborers for the harvest.

Sheila Sheppard

Week of Prayer Celebration at Metairie Emmanuel Church



▲ Pathfinders enjoyed the Sabbath celebration.

► Aakash Peters, a Pathfinder and student at New Orleans Adventist Academy, preached about "Fighting the Giant."



METAIRIE, LA. » The Emmanuel church in Metairie recently held a Sabbath celebration, which was the culmination of a Week of Prayer sponsored by the Pathfinder Club, and involved Pathfinders from Covington and the New Orleans metropolitan area. The day's theme was, "You Can Fight Against the Giant." The speaker was Aakash Peters, a Pathfinder and student at New Orleans Adventist Academy. He spoke about Philippians 4:13, which says "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Parents and the congregation were inspired by the sermon and the fact that the youth took charge. The celebration was followed by a fellowship dinner and a social in the evening.

Elaine Smith

Bethel Church Holds Marriage Seminar

CORSICANA, TEX. » The Millers emphasized the fact that love is a gift from God, quoting James 1:17, which says, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above."

Charles' credentials include degrees from Oakwood University and Eastern Michigan University, and Gloria earned her degrees in physical therapy from Northeastern University and Andrews University. They drew a distinct contrast between love, which is of God, and lust, which is of man. They also reminded us that marriage is ordained by God, but Satan aims to destroy the beauty of marriage. We were presented with red folders at the beginning of the presentation with information and supporting Bible texts. They also shared personal experiences, words of wisdom, information, recommendations, what to look for when choosing a mate, pitfalls to avoid when single and/or married, and so much more,

for the young and old.

Everyone applauded the couple when they learned that the Millers will soon celebrate 38 years of marriage. They have three grown daughters and four grandchildren. The Millers have been active church members in various parts of God's vineyard for many years and have been a blessing

and asset to the Bethel church family since their arrival. They both love the Lord and seek to live for Him each day.

Family ministries coordinator Lorraine James-Stiggers thanked the couple and presented them with a monetary gift, along with a small plant, for taking time out of their busy schedules to share their wealth of knowledge, as well as for their dedication and commitment to the Lord and spreading the everlasting gospel to a dying world.

The Millers decorated the fellowship hall with several danties and red roses to remind us of true love that only comes from Jesus, distributed mugs with love messages on them and colorful hearts to all who attended. We ended the evening with refreshments, white coconut cake, and with prayer by Norman Stiggers, pastor.



Married couples at the Bethel church's banquet. From left: the Millers, Shackelfords, Rowdens, and the Stiggers.

Lorraine James-Stiggers

Metropolitan Church Goes "Madly in Love—About Marriage!"

HOUSTON, TEX. » February 2 was an exciting day at the Metropolitan church when Mike and Gayle Tucker, co-directors of Faith for Today, made an appearance. Mike Tucker gave a powerful and inspiring sermon during the divine worship service. Later that afternoon, a free marriage seminar, Mad About Marriage, was held

at the T.E. Harman Center. Couples from the Houston community came and were blessed by the seminar.

Ademola Idowu, Metropolitan's family ministries director, and his wife, Modupe, along with Willy and Wilma Lee, worked hand-in-hand to make this event a huge success. "The seminar was a refreshing ex-

perience for me and my wife. We were so happy to see many couples engaged in the process of revitalizing their marriage relationship, and renewing their commitment to each other," Ademola Idowu said.

The event ended with a fellowship dinner and couples reported leaving the seminar even more madly in love!

Beth DeGracia



From left to right:

Head elder Ely Lagazo and his wife, Evelyn, enjoy a moment of closeness during Metropolitan's "Madly in Love" weekend.

Mike and Gayle Tucker pose with a couple who participated in their "Madly in Love" weekend marriage seminar.

Participants received a certificate at the conclusion of the marriage seminar held at Houston's Metropolitan church.

Southwestern Adventist University

God's Workshop in the Heart of Texas



My first memory of Southwestern Adventist University dates back to the early seventies when my two older sisters went to Keene to enroll there. The quiet country town with the college campus that came to life late each summer as the students arrived has always possessed a unique and appealing quality.

I can vaguely remember standing in admission lines and following my sisters around as they put together schedules and dorm arrangements. The Christian environment, the ever-present desire to assist students in their academic achievement and, more importantly, their walk with Christ was impressive to me even from that young age. I can recall anxiously waiting for mealtime at the cafeteria. In my opinion, great meals have been served there for the past 40-plus years.

Another attraction for me over the years, as well as for thousands of young people, has been the gymnasium where some awesome basketball has been played! Another thing that impacts a person about Southwestern is its warm and engaging

spirit that I attribute to the spirit of God. Despite the struggles, in spite of the challenges that are present, as they are in any of our colleges and universities, there seems to be the overwhelming sense that this is God's school, and not only is He in charge, but He will continue to see to its success and stability. It is important for us as constituents of the Southwestern Union to remember that Southwestern is *our* school. It was established by God for a purpose.

Notice the words of God's prophet, Ellen White, in the book *Education*, page 17. "Every human being, created in the image of God, is endowed with a power akin to that of the Creator—individuality, power to think and to do. The men in whom this power is developed are the men who bear responsibilities, who are leaders in enterprise, and who influence character. It is the work of true education to develop this power, to train the youth to be thinkers, and not mere reflectors of other men's thought. Instead of confining their study to that which men have said or written, let students be directed to the sources of truth, to the vast fields opened for research in na-

ture and revelation. Let them contemplate the great facts of duty and destiny, and the mind will expand and strengthen."

Today, 40 years after first stepping foot on the campus of Southwestern, I have two kids of my own who are graduates of Southwestern. I praise God for the solid Adventist education they received there and for the friendships and relationships they made, which will be with them throughout their lives. My son, David, found the love of his life, a fine Christian young woman name Brittany, who has already greatly blessed our family. There are so many benefits to Adventist higher education that it would be impossible for me to address them in this editorial. My fellow believers, encourage your children and the young people of our churches to choose Southwestern Adventist University. It is an excellent school. It is *our* school. Together we can build it up or tear it down, but either way, we will give an account the Head Master one day.

Carlos J. Craig, president

Evangelism Training a Success!

ALVARADO » Earlier this year, the Texas Conference's ministerial, church planting, and evangelism department hosted the second annual evangelism training in five major cities across the state. The event started in Austin, and also went to Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, McAllen, and San Antonio. Presentations covered the spectrum of evangelism, and included everything from innovative marketing and communication to discipleship and organizing effective small groups. In all,

more than 3,000 people attended the seminars. If you would like information about next year's evangelism training or would like to volunteer to



The Texas Conference's evangelism training spanned five cities across the state, and more than 3,000 people attended.



help, contact the ministerial department at the Texas Conference.

Jason Busch

TEXAS CONFERENCE

Ten-day Prayer Vigil at Gulfhaven

HOUSTON » The Gulfhaven church recently had an incredible experience as members met each night for 10 nights in prayer and supplication for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The church's motto for 2013, "Our Year of Spiritual Renewal," was introduced by Noel Lazarus, pastor, and approved by the church board. What better way to start the year than to spend 10 days of prayer and supplication to begin this spiritual revival? The presentations each night continued with the steps of how to receive this powerful and greatest gift of heaven. The messages were taken from the book, *10 Days in the Upper Room* by international evangelist Mark Finley.

Prayer was the essential theme throughout the 10-day session. The members would meet in groups of 2 or 3 and kneel in intensive prayer of thanksgiving to God and for themselves and each other as they prayed for forgiveness and to receive a new heart. Some prayers were silently ex-

pressed to God as people knelt individually from where they sat.

Everyone who attended has exclaimed that it has made a difference in their way of thinking and they were impressed by the Holy Spirit as never before. They wanted their lives changed so they could be the instruments that God could use to help spread His message. We are told that all of heaven is waiting for God's people to be ready to receive this power so He can finish His work on earth and take His children home. Lazarus completed the prayer series with a dynamic prayer session followed by a Spirit-filled message to end the 10 nights of prayer.

Pentecost made a dramatic difference in the lives of the early disciples and it can make all the difference in our lives, too. Filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, God's children will change the world. These wonderful and godly blessings have completely awakened the church

leaders and members and they are working on many witnessing plans for the future to reach out to the community. We thank the Lord for this wonderful experience and we realize that we are the vessels that the Lord wants to use to tell others of the love of Jesus. However, it is only through prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit that we can accomplish this great task for Him. Jesus said, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:18, 19).

Jean Hagen

Members who participated in the prayer vigil.
From left: Beulah Moses, Yaqub Dean, Ron Moller, Neville Boston, Venitia Lazarus, Noel Lazarus, Brent Bertheir, Victor Amankwah, and Jean Hagen.



The L.A.M.B. Project Joins Prison Ministries

KEENE » June Stanley has been involved with prison ministries at the Keene church for several years, and she has reached out and encouraged a number of members from the Grandview church to participate, as well. The program primarily consists of mailing correspondence lessons to inmates for their study with a fill-in-the-blank test that is mailed back and graded by one of the church members.

Recently, June decided to expand on this ministry by bringing the "L.A.M.B." project into the picture. L.A.M.B. stands for "Love A Mother's Baby." This program reaches out to pregnant and new



June Stanley stands beside a box of donated items for the L.A.M.B. Project, which helps infants whose mothers are incarcerated.

mothers who are incarcerated. June has been collecting baby blankets, clothing, bottles, and diapers for these inmates, who would not be able to provide these items themselves.

June's box at the Grandview church is almost always full of items to send. June says, "It's just another way of reaching out and showing God's love." For more information on The New Life Bible Studies or the L.A.M.B. project, please contact June Stanley at 254.854.2604, or email jstanley00@yahoo.com.

Jhan Beaupre

Campaña Restaurados

MCALLEN » The McAllen Jordan Spanish church recently had a week-long evangelism campaign with Julio Chazarreta, pastor. The meetings resulted in 14 new members baptized.

Noe Portillo



As a result of an evangelism campaign, 14 new members were baptized into the McAllen Jordan Spanish church.

National School Choice Week

KERRVILLE » The week of February 2 was named National School Choice Week, with events promoting school choice taking place across the nation. How is the support for school choice faring in America these days? According to research, half of America's governors officially celebrated National School Choice Week, joined by 23 mayors and 12 legislators. So what is school choice? School choice offers families the opportunity to select schools that meet their child's needs.

Observing this important National School Choice Week, the Hill Country Seventh-day Adventist

School invited students from Kerr Legacy Christian Academy at The Living Tree Baptist Church of Ingram to be part of the event. They joined in releasing large yellow balloons into the sky. Each balloon was

imprinted with "National School Choice Week." Attached to each balloon was a colorful ribbon with the message, "If found, receive a free copy of a book." Teachers Brenda Bennett and Tammy Jones organized the special program, and Bennett gave a speech to all the students about freedom. She pointed out that, as Christians, we understand that God gave freedom of choice at Creation, and that, as Americans, freedom of choice is a way of life. Today, we celebrate that way of life and believe that families should have the freedom of school choice for their child.



Students released yellow balloons in honor of National School Choice Week in early February.

Betty Blair

I Am Southwestern



Do you realize what a blessing it is to be a student at an Adventist university?

Today, the public school system teaches so many things contrary to our Christian beliefs as Seventh-day Adventists, such as lifestyle issues, different views on marriage, evolution, etc. The instruction given in the public school system is from a secular viewpoint, not a biblical perspective.

From kindergarten through high school I received my education at a public school. I did not attend an Adventist school until I went to college. I chose Southwestern Adventist University (then Southwestern Union College) and what a blessing it was! I was able to refocus my education to reflect our biblical point of view and learn more about God. I could openly practice and speak about my Christian beliefs and I didn't have to worry that my soda drink would be spiked or drugged in social settings.

The level of academics taught in our

Adventist school system is second to none. Not only was I learning the material in the textbooks, but was taught by godly teachers who were committed to performing their duties with excellence, based on their faith in Christ. The professors had a genuine interest in the students and a sincere desire for them to succeed, not only academically, but spiritually, as well. My educational experience at Southwestern reinforced my religious views and provided opportunities for spiritual growth and character building.

I really appreciated the opportunities the school provided that helped build character. While attending the university, I had the privilege of going to Bolivia as a student missionary, which really strengthened my faith in God. This experience taught me many things that I would not have received in a classroom alone.

Before I attended Southwestern Adventist University, I thought it would be a perfect school. Even though our Christian institutions are not perfect, the teachings

are in harmony with our biblical beliefs. It is a great place to establish Christian friendships with people from all parts of the world.

I thank my parents for the sacrifice they made to give their children a Christian education. My wife and I now have the opportunity to support our daughter, who is currently a student at Southwestern. I see the same positive influences that I experienced now being passed on to her by caring teachers who go the extra mile in helping their students strive for excellence, while showing them the love of Christ.

Are you interested in being trained for service to God and your fellow men? Southwestern Adventist University is a wonderful place to help you with those goals and prepare you to be a mighty worker in God's army.

Lee-Roy Chacon, executive secretary and vice president of finance

TEXICO CONFERENCE

Lubbock Church Celebrates Jesus' Resurrection

LUBBOCK, TEX. » The Lubbock church celebrated Jesus' death and resurrection in a beautiful Communion-cantata service on March 30. Jeremy McCombs, pastor, led white-robed elders, deacons, and youth in the Communion service. Head elder Robert Plant led the church choir in a moving cantata that focused on the last moments of Christ's life here on earth and then His glorious resurrection.

The Power of the Cross, arranged by Mark Hayes, depicted how we find salvation through the crucified and then resurrected Jesus Christ. Choir members practiced for weeks preparing this touching cantata. During one section, everyone in the congregation held up battery-lit candles in celebration. The congregation was visibly moved by the service, having never celebrated Communion in such

a meaningful way. It was a day of worship that many, both young and old, will not soon forget!

Ken Cartwright



▲ Jeremy McCombs, pastor, led the procession of "disciples."



◀ The breaking of bread during the Communion service.

El Paso Northeast Navigators Enjoy the Wonders of God's Creation

EL PASO, TEX. » The El Paso Northeast Navigators Pathfinder and Adventurer Clubs ventured to Guadalupe Mountains National Park in Salt Flats, Tex., and to Carlsbad Caverns National Park in Carlsbad, N. Mex., on March 3 for their second club outing.

The purpose of the trip was to visit some of the wonders of God's creation, and to earn Junior Ranger Badges by looking for

specific information at the parks.

"It was a wonderful trip. We saw the stuffed animals on display at the ranger station at Guadalupe Mountains National Park, and they didn't seem so scary and wild," said Pathfinder Sharian Ingleton. El Capitan, the mountain at the south end of the Guadalupe range, has guided travelers for centuries. The mountain stands in wonder against the deep blue sky; as a

sentinel of the gateway to the southwestern desert.

"I had a great time," said Pathfinder Zachery Rosales. "I had never been deep underground before. It was cool looking at all the rock formations." The Pathfinders had to adjust to the low light and be quiet in order to keep from bothering other hikers, and the bats that inhabit the cave during the summer season.

"I enjoyed looking at the different rocks and formations in the cave," said Ingleton. "We had to complete seven of 14 tasks in a workbook supplied by the park in order to earn our badges." The Pathfinders learned that the bats that live in Carlsbad Caverns do not hibernate in the winter months, but they migrate to South America and spend the winter there.

The Navigators were formed in August 2012, and have energized the youth program at El Paso Northeast church.

Barry St. Clair



Above left: El Paso Northeast Navigators Pathfinder and Adventurer clubs pose for a photo outside Carlsbad Caverns.

▲ The Northeast Navigators descending into Carlsbad Caverns.

◀ Pathfinder Devon Jiram sits atop a rock at a rest stop near Guadalupe Mountains National Park.

The Amazing Leading of the Holy Spirit

MIDLAND, TEX. » I was baptized in a Southern Baptist church in 1986, but there was a ten-year period when I was angry with God and turned my back on Him because I felt He didn't hear or answer my prayers. I started reading books on reincarnation and karma and started to believe in it.

My husband had three disabling strokes within a year and a half, completely changing our lives. I felt isolated and alone; life no longer seemed to have any meaning. Death seemed to be waiting at the door for us. My husband, who had been independent and full of life, now felt hopeless and helpless and the only thing he was able to do was watch TV. This was Satan's plan, but God had a better plan. We decided we needed God back in our lives and began reading the Bible together and started looking for a church.

Then, one day when I was reading the Ten Commandments, the fourth commandment kept standing out to me. I thought God must be trying to show me something. A couple days later my husband was flipping through the television

channels and came across *Amazing Facts* with Doug Batchelor, and he was preaching about the Sabbath! After hearing Batchelor's message, I realized God truly was trying to show me something!

One night, I read the book of Revelation all the way through and had no clue what it meant. I asked God to help me understand it and then went to bed. A couple days later, there was a colorful flyer with all these crazy-looking beasts on it in our mail. At the top of the flier it said "Amazing Facts." My husband said, "Let's go!" The speaker was not Doug Batchelor, but he was fascinating to listen to. I didn't miss a single night for fear I would miss something important! My husband became offended at one point in the seminar and quit coming, but I continued until the end. I knew through the whole seminar that this was where God wanted me because my questions were being answered! I was re-baptized on March 17, 2012, and this time I truly understood the meaning of being buried in death with Jesus and raised into new life.

When our older daughter looked up Seventh-day Adventists on the Internet,

she found some Web site that said the religion was a cult. She told me that I couldn't see or talk to her or my grandkids as long as I was going to this church and managed to convince my brother, sister-in-law, and 19-year-old niece that I had joined a cult. They, too, won't have anything to do with me now. I refuse to be manipulated by Satan in this way and will continue to be a member of the Adventist church until Jesus returns because I know this is where truth is taught and studied! I miss my grandkids, but God makes "all things work together for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose," (Romans 8:28). I will continue to believe and stand on this promise!

Our church just finished a two-weekend seminar, and truly amazing things have happened! My mom came to the meetings, and joined the church by profession of faith; my 10-year-old niece was baptized; and my husband made a complete about-face, because of personal visits from the pastors, and he also joined the church by profession of faith! God is truly amazing and I am so glad He never gave up on me

or my family! I'm looking forward to the day when the rest of my family will accept the truth of the Bible and Jesus as their Lord and Savior! All glory and praise goes to our Lord and Savior, Jesus!

Peggy Toolen



Peggy Toolen (second from left) was happy to witness the baptism of her niece and mother, Chelsey and Margaret Crowe (at right) at the conclusion of evangelistic meetings held by Southwestern Union Conference vice president, Duane McKey (far left). The baptism was conducted by Abner Razon, pastor (center back).

Passion for Outreach Marks First Great Controversy Congress

Esteban Griguol stood in front of an auditorium full of people and shouted, “Where are the fishermen? Where are the fishermen!” Two men rushed forward carrying fishing poles. Only instead of hooks and bobbers, paperback copies of *The Great Controversy* dangled from the fishing lines.

Griguol, publishing director for the Texas Conference, is passionate about using literature for outreach. On the last weekend of March he invited missionary-minded Adventists to a camp south of Dallas for the first Great Controversy Congress in North America. Organized by the Review and Herald HHS, which supervises literature evangelism in the Southwest, the event swelled to the size of a camp meeting with 550 lay people attending.

Normally, the work of the HHS is to sell literature. But this time this time they promoted a plan to *give away* a half million copies of Ellen White’s prophetic book in 2013. “I really believe Jesus is coming soon,” says Griguol.

“Now is the time to share like never before because—in the future—it will be difficult.”

Jack Henderson was a featured speaker at the event. Like Griguol, he has an uncontrollable urgency for sharing the Adventist message. Called the “world-wide pioneer” of *The Great Controversy* work, he partnered with the Review and Herald to print low-cost copies of the book and his enthusiasm soon launched a General Conference project that resulted in 90 million copies being given away last year. “If we don’t do it, the rocks are going to do it,” says Henderson.

“This is going to be one of the most momentous projects the publishing work has ever accomplished,” says General Conference vice president Delbert Baker, who is in charge of the Great Controversy Project and spoke at the event. “We will see the results of this for years to come.”

Those attending the congress recognized the power of the book, first published in 1888, to change lives. “A friend of mine

called from Mexico and told me, ‘A lady in your church gave me a book called *The Great Controversy*,’” recalls John Rosado of the Duncanville Spanish church in Texas. “I told him, ‘As far as I’m concerned, you have the greatest book on prophecy ever written.’” John reports that his friend called him back and said, “Thank you for encouraging me to read this book. Now I am keeping the Sabbath.”

efits she sees in outreach is that “the selfishness goes away. You’re not thinking about yourself anymore. You’re thinking of others.” She wants to start part-time in the literature ministry work.

“I assure you, we can evangelize this union in no time with the spirit I see in this room,” Henderson told the crowd. Southwestern



◀ “Everything we can do to speed up the work of God is blessing,” said Southwestern Union president Larry Moore, speaking to the 550 missionary-minded people who came from across the union to attend the first Great Controversy Congress.



▲ The 550 people attending the first Great Controversy Congress hold up Ellen White’s book to express their enthusiasm for finishing the work.

Above left: The first Great Controversy Congress opened with Texas publishing director Esteban Griguol dressed as a high priest and leading in a replica of the Ark of the Covenant—expressing a desire for the holy presence of God at the weekend event.

Isela Muzquiz drove 500 miles to the congress from Brownsville, Texas, so that she could get energized for outreach. “I’ve had a box of *Great Controversy* in the trunk for a while and I haven’t done anything with it,” she says. “I’m waiting for that push.”

Jose Olivencia, a sixth-grade math and science teacher, also keeps a box of books in his car trunk. “I want to be part of this magnificent work—to be out there in the fields witnessing,” says Jose. He has already given copies of the book to the parents of his public school students.

Many didn’t wait to leave the congress to start sharing. David Brown is the guest services director at the Salvation Army camp where the congress was held. He reports that he was offered a total of 30 copies of *The Great Controversy* by his customers. He ended up keeping a hardcover edition.

Angeles Garcia, from the Brownsville Spanish church, says that one of the ben-

Union president Larry Moore went on to say, “Everything we can do to speed up the work of God is a blessing.”

Winston and Maria Ramirez shared their testimony with the Sabbath-afternoon audience at the congress. They told how Jonathan Rodriguez, a literature evangelist, knocked on their door while he canvassed the neighborhood around his church. He left them a copy of *The Great Controversy*. Now their whole family is baptized. “Thank God that Jonathan found us,” says Maria. “We were so close to a church, but so far from God.”

Kim Peckham, Corporate Communication, Review and Herald Publishing Association

That Which Was LOST May Be FOUND

“You Lost Me.”

A difficult phrase to hear from anyone, but when the demographic research of the Barna Group points to upwards of 60% of young adults saying this about their church experience, it is a sobering sentiment indeed. The Adventist Church not spared, these statistics are finding a whole generation of young people feeling lost and disconnected from the faith community of their childhood.

Challenged by the realities facing the local church, over 600 ministry leaders from

across the nation registered for the *You Lost Me. Live! Dallas* learning experience this past Spring, hosted at the Arlington Seventh-day Adventist Church in Texas. Barna Group President, David Kinnaman, author of the book, *You Lost Me*, facilitated a day's worth of presentations, conversations and interviews meant to inform and challenge attendees regarding the church experience of young adults ages 18-29, also known as Millennials.

Those who attended *You Lost Me. Live!*—25 percent of whom were Adventist leaders, pastors, parents, and young adults—came away with a renewed vision for reaching out and retaining the next generation.

“We all need to tune into the frequency where young adults are broadcasting their needs, hopes, and challenges,” commented Richard Castillo, a communications consultant with the Oklahoma Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. “*You Lost Me. Live!* helped tune me in clearly, placing me in better touch with ways we can make a difference with young adults, an important segment of God’s kingdom.”

Produced by the Barna Group, *You Lost Me. Live! Dallas* was a free event for all the registrants. Thanks to sponsorship by the North American Division, Southwestern Union, and Texas Conference, Adventist attendees were not only enriched by the free presentations, but were also afforded a post-event reception supper to talk with others about their insights. Then, each Adventist attendee was given the *You Lost Me* DVD media curriculum to take home and spark fruitful conversations with their church and young adults about helping the lost come home.

Costin Jordache, assistant to the president for communication, Texas Conference



David Kinnaman, author of *You Lost Me* and president of the Barna Group, presented *You Lost Me. Live! Dallas* at the Arlington church.

Adventist Media Center Board of Trustees Meets to Discuss the Future of Media in North America

SIMI VALLEY, CALIF. » The Adventist Media Center (AMC) Board met on Monday, April 29, at the Adventist Media Center to discuss a proposal regarding the future of media in the North American Division, including media ministries, and other support services that are housed in the Simi Valley production house. The meeting was chaired by Dan Jackson, president of the North American Division.

The meeting and proposal came after two years of research. “This proposal will put the Division on a trajectory that serves our overarching vision of how God wants to use media in these end times,” said Jackson.

The Board reviewed the proposal, which included the following issues:

1. Allowing the present Media Ministries to relocate. The Division would grant permission for the media ministries to relo-

cate outside the Adventist Media Center.

2. A time period of 12-18 months for the media ministries to carry out the planning, and accomplish relocation. Efforts will be made to minimize the impact on employees who will be affected by and during the transition and relocation period.

3. Sell the property housing the current Adventist Media Center in a commercially viable fashion.

4. Utilize the studio facilities at the Division offices for production. It is the intent of the Division to create in the facilities occupied by the Division studio facilities adequate to meet the needs required by the Division that lie outside the specific needs of the various media ministries.

5. Ongoing commitment to provide funding for the media ministries. Funding levels from the Division would be identified

for each of the media ministries.

6. Commitment to explore new possibilities for media development. The Division anticipates a continued and increasing role for the media ministries in the future of media in North America.

“The media ministries’ mission and messages of hope and wholeness have helped to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout North America and beyond,” said Jackson. “We expect the media ministries to continue to maintain and provide the level of programs and services which will meet the future needs of the Division,” he said.

The Media Ministries of the North American Division include Breath of Life Ministries, Faith For Today, It Is Written, Jesus 101 Biblical Institute, La Voz de la Esperanza, and The Voice of Prophecy.

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Announcements

The Madison College Alumni Association Homecoming

will be June 21-23, honoring classes 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, and 1963. Also invited are those who attended Madison College or Madison College Academy and the Anesthesia School. We will have activities and meals beginning Friday evening through Sunday morning at the Madison Academy campus. Henry Scoggins, President, 865.919.7767, or Jim Culpepper, Sec./Tres., 615.415.1925.

The Lafayette, Louisiana, church

is looking for the following missing members: Nelson Chavez, Nila Chavez, Mildred David, Barbara Granger, Shirley LeBlanc, Amy Matt, Kimberly Munda, Darrell D. Richard, Rosaura Richard, Bea A. Roberson, Carol J. Roberson, Donna Scott, Steven Scott, Ray Stanford, Elena Volkova, and Sharon Watson. If

you have contact information for any of these people, please leave a message on the Lafayette Church phone - 337-984-2879, or email the information to pmvincent2000@gmail.com.

Correction: Ark-La-Tex Camp Meeting

will be held one day only, Saturday, July 27, 2013 at Jefferson Christian Academy.

Milestones

BIRTH

Isaac and Michele Heath have recently welcomed another special little blessing to their family, **Levi Isaiah Heath**. Levi was born February 8, 2013 and is especially loved by his big brothers, Andrew and Micah. And, as it goes with little brothers, he is already looking up to them and excited to learn from them.

Obituaries

GUNTER, Shirley Frances

born January 30, 1940 in El Dorado, Ark., and died March 30, 2013, in Hodge, La. She was a member of the Jonesboro church. Shirley attended Ozark Adventist Academy and then attended Union College. She spent many years in the education field as a substitute teacher. She was a long-time member of the Westlakes church in West Monroe, La., and later in life became a member of the Jonesboro church. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Henry Gunter; three brothers, Roy, Ralph, and Alfred Dumas; and a sister, Aline Dumas. Survivors: son, James Gunter and wife, Jennifer, of West Monroe; three daughters, Trudi Gunter-Decker and husband Terry, of Arlington, Tex.; Miriam Gunter of Chatham, Louisiana; Catherine Gunter Spillers and husband, Tony, of West

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Monroe; two sisters, Dorothy Dumas Marks and Patricia Dumas Mills, both of El Dorado, Ark.; four granddaughters; two grandsons; and many nieces and nephews.

HISER, Geneva Louise Allison, born December 19, 1929 in Sherman, Tex., and died November 24, 2012 in Loma Linda, Calif. She graduated from high school in Sherman, where she met her future husband, John William Hiser. They were married in 1946 when Jack returned from the Army when she was 16 and he was 20. In 1956 they moved to Jefferson to teach at Jefferson Rural Academy (now Jefferson Christian Academy). Jack was the principal and taught grades nine and 10, and Geneva taught grades one through four. They loved the country setting and became involved in helping the school to become a 12-grade academy. In 1963 they accepted a call to teach in the elementary school in Keene, Tex., where they spent five years before returning to Jefferson. Later on, Geneva decided to make a career change, and began to work at the hospital in Jefferson and later went to work for Dr. Jesse DeWare. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Jack. Survivors: daughter and son-in-law, Jackie and Bill Tucker; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-law, LD and Doloris Allison, and Jerry and Nancy Allison; brother-in-law, Jack McColley; sister, Wanda Hall; many nephews and nieces and a host of friends and extended family.

JOHNSON, Myrl Lee, born October 31, 1929, in Danevang,

Tex., and died November 26, 2012, in Shreveport, La. He was a member of the Linden church. Myrl was a Korean war veteran who enjoyed wood-working, fishing and spending time with family and friends. He was preceded in death by his sister, Gernell Delores Bradley. Survivors: wife, LaVerne Johnson, of Jefferson, Tex.; children, Bruce Allen McGill Johnson, and wife, Tanya, of Tampa, Fla.; Melvin Lee Johnson, and wife, Elisha, of Bethany, La.; Milton Lynn Johnson and Stephanie Moore, of Jefferson; Michael Leslie Johnson and wife, Luann, of Jefferson; brother, Ronnie Gale Johnson, and wife, Lorrie, of Cool, Calif.; 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and numerous other family and friends.

LAURENCE, Dr. J. Parker, born December 3, 1917 in South Bend, Ind., and died February 22, 2013 in Midwest City, Okla. He was a member of the Summit Ridge church. Parker pastored for many years and in the 60s and 70s he taught high school science in Detroit, Mich. In 1973, he earned a doctorate in education degree from Wayne State University. In the 80s, he and his wife, Waustella, spent eight years as missionaries in Africa. They moved to Summit Ridge Retirement Village in 1998 where Parker was very active in the church. He and Waustella would have been married 70 years this year. Survivors: wife, Waustella; several nephews and nieces; and a host of friends.

PRESCOTT, Helen Kimble, born November 10, 1924 in Independence, La., and died March 20, 2013 in Baton

Rouge, La. She was a member of the Berean church, having been baptized in 1947 under Evangelists W.W. Fordham and C. E. Bradford. Helen was also the sister-in-law of the late William Jones, a former president of the Southwest Region Conference. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Charlie Garner, Sr., and George Prescott; son, Charlie Garner, Jr.; and sister, Mable K. Sterling. Survivors: son, William Harold and wife, Janice, and Ernest Russell (Marsha) of Baton Rouge, Ralph of Nashville, Tenn.; and daughter Brenda Olige of Nashville, Tenn.; sisters Gladys Ball and Doris Jones of Huntsville, Ala.; numerous grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

SMITH, Merle Edmond, born July 4, 1928 in Sand Springs, Okla., and died February 20, 2013 in Tulsa, Okla. He was a long-time member of the First Church of Tulsa. Sammy was an auto mechanic by trade, but Sammy's best job, with his wife

Phyllis, was taking care of the babies at the nursery at New Life Center in Broken Arrow, Okla. He went with Phyllis for 32 years and saw many babies and children grow up to return with babies of their own. Sammy was always ready to give a smile or a hug away to every person he met. He enjoyed talking with people and sharing his love for God with them. He is remembered for his humor and for the stories he told. He told stories relating to what he had learned working on automobiles to everyday life. He was always pleasant and liked to cheer people he came in contact with. Even when he was going for cancer treatments he would share a word of cheer with the staff and other patients. Survivors: wife, Phyllis Arlene Smith; daughter, Judy Miller and husband, David; daughter, Gena Malcolm, and husband, Ted; daughter, Susan Morgan and husband, Kevin; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and his brother, Dennis Smith.

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| | Jun 7 | Jun 14 | Jun 21 | Jun 28 | Jul 5 | Jul 12 |
| Abilene, TX | 8:44 | 8:47 | 8:49 | 8:50 | 8:50 | 8:48 |
| Albuquerque, NM | 8:19 | 8:22 | 8:24 | 8:25 | 8:25 | 8:23 |
| Amarillo, TX | 9:00 | 9:03 | 9:05 | 9:06 | 9:05 | 9:04 |
| Brownsville, TX | 8:20 | 8:23 | 8:25 | 8:26 | 8:26 | 8:25 |
| Dallas, TX | 8:33 | 8:37 | 8:38 | 8:40 | 8:39 | 8:37 |
| El Paso, TX | 8:10 | 8:13 | 8:14 | 8:16 | 8:15 | 8:14 |
| Fort Worth/Keene, TX | 8:35 | 8:38 | 8:40 | 8:41 | 8:41 | 8:40 |
| Gallup, NM | 8:28 | 8:32 | 8:34 | 8:35 | 8:34 | 8:32 |
| Galveston/Houston, TX | 8:20 | 8:23 | 8:25 | 8:26 | 8:26 | 8:25 |
| Gentry, AR | 8:33 | 8:37 | 8:39 | 8:40 | 8:39 | 8:37 |
| Little Rock, AR | 8:20 | 8:23 | 8:26 | 8:26 | 8:26 | 8:24 |
| Muskogee, OK | 8:35 | 8:38 | 8:41 | 8:41 | 8:41 | 8:39 |
| New Orleans, LA | 7:59 | 8:02 | 8:04 | 8:05 | 8:05 | 8:04 |
| Oklahoma City, OK | 8:43 | 8:46 | 8:49 | 8:49 | 8:49 | 8:47 |
| Roswell, NM | 8:06 | 8:09 | 8:11 | 8:12 | 8:11 | 8:10 |
| San Antonio, TX | 8:32 | 8:35 | 8:37 | 8:38 | 8:38 | 8:37 |
| Shreveport, LA | 8:20 | 8:23 | 8:25 | 8:26 | 8:26 | 8:25 |
| Tulsa, OK | 8:39 | 8:42 | 8:44 | 8:45 | 8:45 | 8:43 |



On the Record »

BY PAT HUMPHREY » COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR, SOUTHWESTERN UNION

Catch the Spirit!

I LIVE A "STONE'S THROW" FROM SOUTHWESTERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY.

As a casual observer, I've watched over the years with interest and admiration as new developments have enhanced the campus, such as the construction of Pechero Hall and the addition of the new outdoor amphitheater where students gather during some of the many activities that take place on the campus. But aside from its beautiful campus, there's another vital aspect of the university that isn't so obvious to the naked eye. It's the "spirit of Southwestern" and the special attributes that make it a one-of-a-kind Christian learning environment.

In listening to both current students and alumni describe their educational experience, I'm impressed by the fact that they all seem to express many of the same sentiments about Southwestern. Here's the essence of what they say: Southwestern is a place that's friendly and where students have the opportunity to form strong bonds and friendships; a campus with a very diverse student body; a small school where students can interact one-on-one with faculty and staff; a place where faculty and staff put forth intentional efforts to make students feel at home and cared for; a school that provides a strong academic program with unique opportunities to grow, develop, and practice their skills in the real world; and finally, a place that provides a spiritual atmosphere where students can

connect with God.

Here's what a couple of alumni told me:

"My experience at Southwestern was a very important part of my life. The faculty, staff, and administrators went the extra mile for us and they definitely had the interest of the students at heart. This made a tremendous impact not just on me, but on many others. The most precious memories of my life were those that I had at Keene, and the older I get, the more precious those memories become." — Herman Harp

"I came to Southwestern after graduating from a public high school, and I found at Southwestern some of the best friends I ever made—lifelong friends—and best of all, I also found my wife." —Dennis Harper

At Southwestern's 2013 graduation ceremony, graduating senior class president Larissa Knopp expressed the following sentiments in her response to Senator Ted Cruz's commencement address. She described Southwestern as a school where teachers care about the students, as a place where students are surrounded by spiritual leaders, and where young people are given the opportunity to grow in Christ. The ultimate gift, she said, as a result of attending Southwestern, will be obtaining citizenship in heaven.

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Pat Humphrey

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Enny, Music Major

