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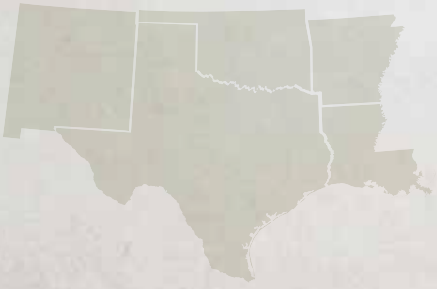
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## Fly With the Birds!

*(You could win a FREE week at camp, details p. 11)*

SPECIAL SUMMER CAMP AND CAMP MEETING ISSUE



# BIRDS ARE AMAZING!

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## On the Cover

Of the 12 issues of the *Record* that we publish each year, the summer camp/camp meeting special is definitely one of our favorites. This year our featured creature for the summer camp contest is birds, and we hope that you—whether you're young or old—have as much fun searching the magazine for them as we had learning about our feathered friends. Most of all, we hope you'll make plans to attend camp meeting and/or summer camp this year, and if you do, please write and tell us about the blessings you received! [Cover illustration by Alex Wicklund]



# Point of View»

BY LARRY MOORE » SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE PRESIDENT



## It's Time for Camp Meeting and Summer Camp!

Over the years I have attended many camp meetings. These special meetings have always been inspirational to me personally. As a young boy I still remember seeing some of the church's outstanding personalities, such as H.M.S. Richards, the King's Heralds, George Vanderman, Charles Bradford, and Dick and Jeannie Barron, just to name a few. This was the highlight of campmeeting. I enjoyed hanging out with friends and eating vege-burgers and going to youth meetings. These memories will never leave me. They would not have happened if my parents had not taken the extra effort necessary to take me to camp meeting. I really looked forward to being at camp meeting. I want to encourage families to be present at these sacred meetings. Not only will you grow

spiritually, but also your children will enjoy this precious time. Go make some memories!

Also, summer camp is available to our children. This is a fun-filled spiritual experience every child should have. Many of them have made that long decision that will affect them not only here but for eternity. I've seen children give their hearts to Jesus and prepare for baptism at summer camp. Now is the time to sign up. The cost is reasonable and it will be worth it to see our children fall in love with Jesus. May God bless you this summer!

*Larry Moore*



## Stepping Stone to Success

**LM:** Wow! I dare you to read the testimonies of **Shevon** and **Sean** and not understand the power and impact of caring, Christ-driven teachers and mentors!

**SRQ:** As I visualize my personal growth, my years spent at Southwestern can be represented by a caterpillar at the end of its allotted time in the safety and confines of the chrysalis. During that time, I studied hard, worked on campus, gained leadership experience in the student association, and learned to manage my time and relationships. In each of these experiences, I could feel my newly-formed wings flexing, pressing against the constraints—eager to see the effects of my next push. Burned into my memory are the caring faces and numerous thought-provoking conversations I shared with professors Steve Jones, Judy Myers-Laue, and Mark Aldridge. They saw my potential and encouraged my transformation into a Christ-reflective, deep-thinking adult. The best lesson I learned from these scholars is this: the means is just as important as the end. In my time as an accountant and now, as I am transitioning into a new career as a real estate agent in Arizona, this truth shapes even my smallest decisions and actions. Everyone knows *what* a real estate agent can do, but what



Shevon Rudder  
Quijano, 2007  
Psychology



Sean Amos, 2010  
Biology

really distinguishes one from another is not the number of sales and awards, or the recognition, but *how* they do business. My mentors at Southwestern drilled into me that the passion that God placed inside of me for integrity, honesty, and hard work were the very keys to my success. As a professional, wife, mother, and friend, I have determined that *all* of my actions will reflect the love and openness that God shares with me.

**SA:** When I came to Southwestern, everyone was so much friendlier than at the other campuses I had visited. That's really the main reason why I decided to attend—because I wanted to be in that friendly atmosphere. Everybody cares about one another here, and that is an unbelievable feeling. After graduating, I was asked to stay and be the campus services director. The faculty members have been great mentors; they always point me in the right direction. I love the responsibility of my job—it has taught me more than I could have dreamed and has helped me become a strong leader. I will always continue to work hard and bring forward new ideas to the university to make it a beautiful place. It is my passion to attract people to this campus through my role in campus services.





# CREATION Health

BY LYNELL LAMOUNTAIN » SOUTHERN UNION HEALTH MINISTRIES DIRECTOR

## Tips from Paradise for a Happier Life

**Take a moment to reflect about your personal environments**, both at home and in your workplace, and then ask yourself: Are my surroundings cheerful and healthy? Do they nurture my soul and recharge my spirit? Do I feel calm and happy when I'm in them? Do they comfort me, and give me a sense of peace?

Our environment affects our being. God knew the effect our environment would have on us. That is why He placed Adam and Eve in the best possible surroundings.

Although we can't expect to recreate the Garden of Eden, we can create our own kind of paradise that enriches our homes and enlivens our workplaces.

The closer we come to making our personal environments like the original garden home, the more of its benefits we will experience. The Garden was beautiful, and was filled with wonderful fragrances, textures, sounds, and tastes.

All of our senses—sight, smell, sound, touch and taste—influence our mood, as well as our health, either positively or negatively; our personal environments trigger emotions and reactions.

Cancer patients, upon returning to the clinic where they received chemotherapy, will sometimes re-experience the side effects of

why it is essential to pay attention to anything at home or work that might be affecting your health, because although you might not make the connection, your body will.

Take a critical look at your personal environment. Is simplicity and order the rule, or the exception?

After a routine cleaning of your house, does it still feel cluttered? Are stacks of old magazines scattered about? Are your closets stuffed with clothes you rarely or never wear? Are too many appliances crowding your kitchen counter space? Whether we realize it or not, the very sight of clutter saps our energy, drains our strength, and depletes our sense of peace. A simple, clean environment helps to clear the mind and it creates a deeper sense of calm.

To establish a sense of visual warmth in your home, display objects that awaken good memories. Surround yourself with things that create feelings of peace, comfort, and joy. This could be pictures of family and friends—or awards or honors that you've earned and received. Art may bring you energy: paintings full of color, or sculptures brimming with life. Display items that make your spirit dream and draw you closer to God.

Lastly, what was true at Creation is still true today—people need others to survive and thrive. We each require helpmates and heart mates to make it through life. Human touch is one of God's most special gifts. Skin is the largest sense organ in our bodies and responds positively to every loving touch. Numerous studies document the fact that we must have touch to develop and grow. Research has shown that husbands who hug their wives regularly tend to live longer and have fewer heart problems.

All of this is powerful because once we become aware of how our personal environments affect us and trigger certain reactions, we can take charge and choose to create an environment that supports our well being and makes us happy.

So, take a few tips from paradise and begin living life to the fullest today!

That's CREATION Health!

**Lynell LaMountain**, Southern Union health ministries director

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the treatment, despite the fact that they are no longer in treatment. Researchers discovered that certain pictures in the waiting room, the fragrance worn by a staff member, or even the background music, triggered the reaction. This research, conducted at the Sloan Kettering Memorial Hospital in New York, underscores

## God's Home on Earth

**I GREW UP AS A SEVENTH-DAY-ADVENTIST**, but never had the opportunity to attend summer camp. As I attended Southwestern Adventist University, I developed lasting friendships with people who worked at Nameless Valley Ranch. A dear friend suggested I try out for the drama production that was performed at the camp. I made the cut and was asked to apply to work at NVR. Seeing that it was my junior year in college as an education major, I thought it would be wise to work with children. I had never worked with children before and I was deathly afraid of realizing that I did not possess the talents and gifts to teach children. My first year working was absolutely inspiring. Not only did I find my path in life, I also found the ministry that I would sacrifice my entire life for.

Each week would bring a new age group to challenge the counselors and staff. And with each new group of children, my life changed more and more. I loved the pure hearts of the cub campers, the joy and energy from the juniors, and the independence, yet yearning for acceptance from the teens. My biggest challenge was facing the tween campers. At that age in my life, I was at my ultimate low. I felt ugly, worthless, and alone. My grades dropped, I was bullied, and I became sick to the point where I had to change schools. Having to work with children from that age group forced me to revisit the nightmares that I had buried and hidden in my heart. Through personal prayer, the presence of my campers, and the prayers of my camp family, I was able to overcome my past and become completely confident in the power of prayer and in myself.

Through time, I came to a crossroads in my life where I would have to choose going to summer camp or continue my college education and graduate on time. Torn between satisfying my parents and my newfound ministry, I chose working at summer camp with my entire heart. I turned down graduating on time, attending culinary school, a trip abroad, work, and the deepest desire of my heart. Every "dream" I had before working at camp became less desirable. My heart was changed. I had never felt the presence of God on earth as powerfully as I felt it at camp. I would yearn to be back at camp every school year. I felt fulfilled. I had finally found the ministry I was called to do. Being in the drama production has allowed me to minister to these children and to the staff in ways I

never thought possible. I could be myself at camp without the fear of rejection that I had felt my entire life. By devoting my entire life to God's ministry, I have been able to become the best woman I could possibly be. I can't wait to go back to God's home on earth this summer at Lake Whitney Ranch. Although this is my fifth year working for God, I only wish I could have found Him sooner.



- ▲ Campers reading the Bible
- ◀ Alejandra Rodriguez
- ▼ Arts and crafts class

**Alejandra M. Rodriguez** was a camp counselor at NVR for three years and for the first year at LWR. She has taught Cooking, Baking, Arts & Crafts, and Swimming. She will be the girls' director at LWR this summer.



# Pass it On...

A Monthly Focus on Evangelism in the Southwest

BY MAX BARTON

## Sowing Seeds of Hope

In 2013, after more than two years of steady, friendly, follow-up with Cuddy, Shawna, and their five children, Max Barton, an 82-year-old retired Chisholm Trail Academy Bible teacher, read about plans for summer camp at Lake Whitney Ranch in the *Record*. Cuddy had been very receptive to *The Great Controversy* and *The Final Crisis*, which he'd received when he accepted Max's invitation to take the family on a tour of the camp in its first week's session. The family seemed impressed by how well-organized and friendly the camp staff were and decided to allow their daughter to attend camp that summer. If 13-year-old Haven could have such a fun time at Lake Whitney Ranch's summer camp, what could Barton do to help more kids go?

Last summer, Barton gave away a great amount of his garden produce to people wherever he went. He thought, "Why not set up a Facebook page to raise and sell produce to sponsor kids for summer camp?" And so "Sowing Seeds of Hope = GPS (God's Salvation Plan)" was created and launched on Facebook.

The program grew out of the Chisholm Trail Academy and the Keene church Pathfinder food basket distribution effort to help meet the needs of families in the area. The prospective children to be sent to camp this year will be selected mainly from the food basket recipients.

A significant number of people are contributing all kinds of assistance, including counseling, financial, and legal advice, in order to keep the project on track. Frank, a highly-respected, retired conference financial officer, is lending his steady, guiding hand to the project. Barton says he is also grateful to Barry, one of his former CTA students for using his backhoe and tractor tiller to prepare the garden soil for planting. Tyke, a CTA science teacher and coordinator of numerous concurrently running activities, is recommending a number of her biology students to go across the road from the academy and get a feel of what it's like to do some real hands-on planting. Two of his friendly Baptist neighbors, Dave and Steve, were quick to help Max get his little old ancient tiller running. Retired Baptist pastor Norman has shown himself a friend and an important link between the garden area and his adjoining Baptist church property. Bejan, owner of Keene Family Dental next to the garden, has offered to help with a watering situation.

The plan is that our project's business manager, Bo, will schedule the CTA bus to take prospective kids and their families down to Lake Whitney Ranch during the camp's organizational



Max Barton grows and sells produce to help sponsor kids to attend Lake Whitney Ranch's summer camps.

time in June to see if some would like to attend. Gary Blanchard, camp director, and his camp counselors, will be there to host the visiting families.

Plans for distributing the produce are progressing and updates will be posted on the Facebook page, on the windows of Keene Family Dental, and Texas ABC Food store in the Keene shopping center, and announced in the Keene church bulletin. A large sign will be posted at the yet-to-be-designated spot for the Keene farmer's market, where donating people or businesses can have their names listed for shoppers to see.

Barton says he is thrilled with God's promise that whoever trusts in the Lord with all his heart and leans not on his own understanding, the Lord will direct his paths (Proverbs 3:5, 6).



## Algunos Buscan a Dios, Sólo Esperan Tu Ayuda

**E**l 24 de diciembre del 2012 me encontraba en una reunión familiar cuando me llamó el Pastor Kircio Mota para informarme que había unas familias en la ciudad de New Caney, Texas, que querían la atención de un pastor. Le dije que con gusto iba a visitarles para ver de qué manera íbamos a trabajar

trito, tuve una reunión en otro hogar con varias familias. Con el ánimo levantado empezamos a buscar un lugar para congregarnos. En dos semanas rentamos un lugar. Con la ayuda de Dios nos reunimos sesenta personas incluyendo jóvenes y niños. Así empezó la iglesia de New Caney que ahora tiene una asistencia de casi



De izquierda a derecha: El pastor Saúl Cedano, Juan Carlos y Gladys Berrios, y el pastor Frank Williams.

para iniciar un nuevo grupo. El 4 de enero del siguiente año nos reunimos con siete familias deseosas por comenzar un pequeño grupo y acordamos iniciar los preparativos para empezar una nueva congregación en esa zona. Desafortunadamente, la siguiente semana durante mi salida al Concilio Ministerial de la Unión del Suroeste en Burlson, Texas, me llamó un hermano de este grupo diciéndome que el plan no seguiría adelante porque varios hermanos se habían desanimado. La respuesta que les di fue: "Hermano, le pido que llevemos un plan de oración, y que sea el Señor que nos indique lo que vamos a hacer. Si no es Su voluntad, no se va a llevar a cabo, pero, si lo es, Él va a poner los medios." Y así lo hicimos.

Tan pronto terminó el Concilio Ministerial y regresé al dis-

trito, tuve una reunión en otro hogar con varias familias. Con el ánimo levantado empezamos a buscar un lugar para congregarnos. En dos semanas rentamos un lugar. Con la ayuda de Dios nos reunimos sesenta personas incluyendo jóvenes y niños. Así empezó la iglesia de New Caney que ahora tiene una asistencia de casi cien personas cada sábado. ¡La gloria y la honra sea para Dios! Como muchas veces acontece, al principio no es fácil, parecía que no se iba a lograr. Al mismo tiempo que empezamos a trabajar con el grupo de New Caney, trabajábamos con otro en Navasota, Texas. Hoy contamos en este pequeño grupo con una asistencia de treinta y cinco personas, incluyendo jóvenes y niños. Cuando nosotros confiamos en las promesas divinas y traemos nuestras peticiones ante nuestro Padre celestial todo es posible. ¡Alabado sea Dios! La obra que realizamos no es nuestra sino de Dios, y nuestro director es Jesucristo. Él no pierde ningún caso y tiene un plan victorioso para Su iglesia.

El sábado 25 de mayo del año 2013, el Señor nos bendijo con quince preciosas almas en el grupo de Navasota, quienes entregaron su vida a Jesús por medio del bautismo. ¡La gloria y la honra sea para nuestro amante Salvador Cristo Jesús! Creo firmemente que a medida que nos acerquemos al tiempo del fin el Señor nos abrirá nuevas oportunidades al consagrarnos a Él, dejemos que el Espíritu Santo nos guíe, y seamos obedientes al llamado como lo fue el apostol Felipe. ¡Que la gloria y la honra sea para nuestro buen Dios y que el Señor nos bendiga en su bendita esperanza!

¡Maranatha!

Saúl Cedano, pastor

# BIRDS ARE AMAZING!

**Mike Furr, associate education director, Southwestern Union**

**B**irds are some of the most interesting and beautiful creatures on earth. They are very diverse in size, shape, sound, color, and habitat.

God created birds on the fifth day of creation—Thursday as we call it today. Birds are mentioned in several places throughout the Bible. Birds such as pelicans, owls, ravens, doves, peacocks, eagles, sparrows, and others.

When we think of birds we usually think of a feathered creature that can fly. All birds do have feathers, but not all birds can fly. Other than feathers, birds have other unique characteristics too,

such as a hard shell, hollow bones, and a hard beak or bill.

There are between 9,000 and 10,000 species of birds in the world today and over 900 in North America. For the states in the Southwestern Union the number of species is: Arkansas—405, Louisiana—471, New Mexico—539, Oklahoma—473, and Texas—639.

None of the birds that can't fly are native to North America but you have probably heard of some of them. Those birds are the ostrich, emu, penguin, kiwi, and a couple of others. Aren't you glad that ostriches can't fly?







The ostrich is also the largest bird in the world. It can weigh up to 345 pounds and be 8-9 feet tall. When it's sprinting, its stride may exceed 23 feet. It also has the largest egg, usually 6-8 inches long, and has a 4-inch diameter with the volume of 24 chicken eggs.

The tallest bird in the U.S. is the whooping crane and it can reach about 5 feet in height. The bird with the longest wingspan in the world is the wandering albatross; its wingspan is about 11.5 feet. In the U.S. it is the California condor which has a wingspan of up to 9 feet, 7 inches.

The smallest birds in the



world are the hummingbirds. The smallest hummingbird is the bee hummingbird, which is only 2.75 inches in length, and in the U.S., it is the calliope hummingbird, which is between 2.75 -3 inches in length. Hummingbirds also lay the smallest eggs. The vervain hummingbird lays an egg that is less than  $\frac{39}{100}$  of an inch long and its nest is about half the size of a walnut shell.

Not only can most birds fly, but some of them can fly quite fast. The red-breasted merganser has been clocked flying at 100 mph. The peregrine falcon normally flies between 40-60 mph, but in a dive it has been clocked at 175 mph! At the other end of the spectrum is the woodcock, which only flies at about 5 mph.

Birds can also fly for very long distances, especially during migration. The sooty shearwater flies approximately 40,000 miles each year during migration. When the sooty tern leaves the nest as a juvenile, it remains aloft from 3-10 years out at sea, only resting on the surface of the water sometimes. Once a chimney swift was banded and it lived another nine years, which means it flew for nine migrations, so it is estimated that the mileage for this bird was about 1,350,000 miles! You would think that they would get extremely tired! In fact, the horned sunbeam hummingbird beats its wings approximately 90 times per second—talk about tiring!

Several birds can swim, such as some ducks, cormorants, puffins and, of course, penguins. The Gentoo penguin has been known to swim up to 24.85 mph. The long-tailed duck that lives in the U.S. usually stays within 30 feet of the surface but has been known to dive to a depth of 200 feet. Some cormorants can stay under water



for up to five minutes. (This can create a problem for birders.)

The eyesight of birds is quite remarkable too. Their eyesight is about eight times better than that of humans. A golden eagle can see a hare from one mile away and it is believed that a peregrine falcon can see one from up to five miles away.

Birds can live in very hot environments, such as deserts, and in extremely cold weather, such as on the South Pole. They can also live at sea level, in the mountains, in rain forests, in the busiest cities, and in the most isolated countryside. In fact, you can find birds almost anywhere.

Birds can have the brightest and most brilliant colors or they may be quite drab. The male birds are usually more colorful than the female birds. This is because the female bird is usually (but not always) the one that incubates the eggs and in this way it is harder for predators to find them and their eggs or young birds.

God showed great love and care when He created birds to inhabit the earth. Can you imagine what it might be like if there were no bird songs to hear when you are outside, especially on a nice spring morning? Or God could have created all birds to be the same shape and size or all of them a dull brown and white color, but He didn't. He created us as humans to be lovers of beauty, both visually and acoustically.

God created the birds to point to Himself as the provider of all

that we need. Read Luke 12:24 and you will find that Jesus tells us not to worry about our lives because He takes care of the ravens, He will surely take care of our needs, as well. In Matthew 23:37 Jesus tells us that He will protect us like the mother hen protects her chicks. Earlier, in Matthew 10:29-31 Jesus says that He sees the sparrow fall, and how much more will He see us. In Isaiah 40:31 it says that when we grow tired and weary, God will renew our strength and that we will soar on wings like that of an eagle. Isn't it great to know that God cares so much about us?

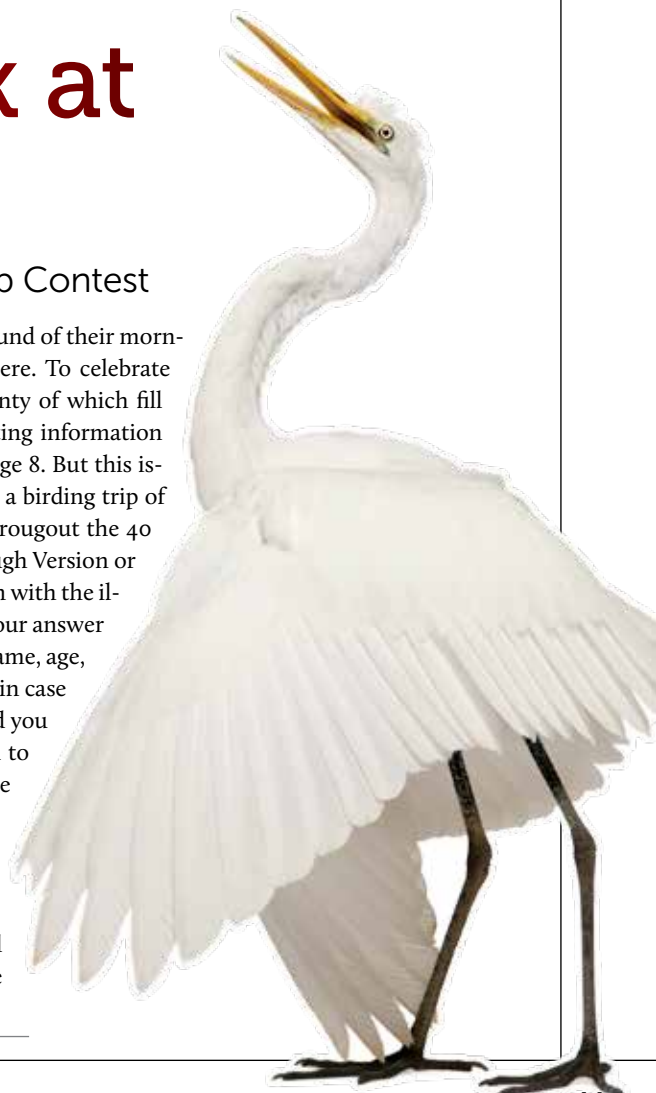
I would encourage you to go outdoors and spend some time observing the birds that God has created. Notice the beautiful colors and songs of each one. If you'd like, you can start making a list of all the different birds that you see and when and where you saw them. You can become a "birder," one who enjoys watching birds. See how many different species that you can find. Get a field guide or an app for your iPad, phone, or tablet and learn their names. It is a great hobby and one that should easily remind us of God and His love for us. Happy birding!

**Mike Furr** began birding as a camper at Lone Star Camp. He now takes his binoculars with him wherever he travels and finds opportunities to go out in nature and bird.

# Win a FREE Week at Summer Camp!

Annual *Southwestern Union Record* Summer Camp Contest

**W**hat would the great outdoors be without birds? From the beautiful sound of their morning songs to their airborne silhouettes at sunset, birds are everywhere. To celebrate the joy of birds, we've filled this issue of the *Record* with birds—plenty of which fill the skies and trees at a summer camp near you. You can learn a lot of fascinating information about birds by reading avid birder Mike Furr's article, "Birds Are Amazing!" on page 8. But this issue is about more than reading. We want you to grab your binoculars and go on a birding trip of your own. Can you spot all of the birds that are flying, nesting, and perching throughout the 40 pages of this issue of the *Record*? (To participate online, use the handy Flip-Through Version or the downloadable PDF of the April *Record*, available at [www.swurecord.org](http://www.swurecord.org).) Begin with the illustration on the cover and keep counting until you find them all. Then submit your answer to the question "How many birds are in the April 2014 *Record*?" along with your name, age, gender, phone number and/or e-mail address (please indicate contact preference in case you are a winner!), and the name and location of the local church you attend, and you could win a FREE week at summer camp (age restrictions apply; transportation to and from camp is not provided). One boy and one girl from each local conference will be randomly selected out of all the correct entries to receive a free week at summer camp. All entries must be received by **May 15**. Submit your entry online at [www.swurecord.org/summercamp](http://www.swurecord.org/summercamp) or e-mail your entry to [summercampcontest@swuc.org](mailto:summercampcontest@swuc.org). You may also mail your entry to **Summer Camp Contest**, Southwestern Union Record, P.O. Box 4000, Bursleson, TX 76097. Winners will be notified individually before camp starts and will be announced in the July issue of the *Record*.



# SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULES



## Arkansas-Louisiana

**Camp Yorktown Bay** *Mountain Pine, Ark.*

Camp	Ages	Dates
Cub Camp	7-9	June 15-22
Junior Camp	10-12	June 22-29
Family Camp*	(all ages)	June 29-July 6
Blind Camp**	(all ages)	July 6-13
Tween Camp	12-14	July 13-20
Teen Camp	14-17	July 20-27

\*Call 318.631.6240 for partial week.

\*\*Call Christian Record representative, Noreen Westerbeck, 870.647.2982.



## Oklahoma

**Wewoka Woods** *Wewoka, Okla.*

Camp	Ages	Dates
Native American Camp	7-17	June 1-8
Adventure Camp	7-10	June 8-15
Junior Camp	10-12	June 15-22
Tween Camp	12-14	June 22-29
Teen Camp	14-16	June 29-July 6





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## Southwest Region

Lone Star Camp

*Athens, Tex.*

Camp	Ages	Dates
Lone Star Camp	7-17	June 22-July 6



## Texas

Lake Whitney Ranch

*Whitney, Tex.*

Camp	Ages	Dates
Staff Week		June 8-15
Cub Camp	7-9	June 15-22
Junior Camp	10-12	June 22-29
Tween Camp	12-14	June 29-July 6
Teen Camp	14-17	July 6-13
Young Adult Retreat		July 17-20

Please visit [youngtexasadventist.org](http://youngtexasadventist.org) for more information.



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# CAMP MEETING SCHEDULES

## ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

### South Louisiana Camp Meeting

**When:** April 18-19, 2014

**Where:** South Louisiana Convention Center, 44364 S. Coburn Road, Hammond, LA 70403

**Main Speaker:** Roscoe Howard, NAD Vice President for Mission and Ministry Adventist Health System

**Contact:** Chris Simpson, 318.631.6240, ext. 207

### South Louisiana Spanish Camp Meeting

**When:** April 25-26, 2014

**Where:** South Louisiana Convention Center, 44364 S. Coburn Road, Hammond, LA 70403

**Main Speaker:** Ernie Castillo, NAD Vice President for Multilingual Ministries

**Contact:** Dalia Castellanos, 318.631.6240, ext. 201

### Ozark Family Camp Meeting

**When:** May 27-31, 2014

**Where:** Ozark Adventist Academy, 20997 Dawn Hill E. Road, Gentry, AR 72734

**Weekend Speaker:** Dr. Carlton Byrd, Breath of Life Speaker, Pastor of Oakwood University Church

**Weekday Speaker:** John Lomacang, Pastor of Thompsonville SDA Church, 3ABN

**Contact:** Gentry church secretary, 479.736.8806

### NW Arkansas Spanish Camp Meeting

**When:** June 20-21, 2014

**Where:** Ozark Adventist Academy, 20997 Dawn Hill E. Road, Gentry, AR 72734

**Contact:** Dalia Castellanos, 318.631.6240, ext. 201

### Springtown Fall Round-up

**When:** September 26-27, 2014

**Where:** Springtown SDA Church, 12444 Fairmont Road, Gentry, AR 72734

**Speaker:** Dr. Hyveth Williams, Andrews University Seminary Professor

**Contact:** [www.springtownchurch.org](http://www.springtownchurch.org)



### Bonnerdale Cowboy Camp Meeting

**When:** October 3-5, 2014

**Where:** Bonnerdale SDA Church, 709 Adventist Church Road, Bonnerdale, AR 71933

**Contact:** Sylvia Weatherford, 870.356.3093

## OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

### Oklahoma Conference Camp Meeting

**When:** July 11-19, 2014

**Contact:** 405.721.6110



## SOUTHWEST REGION CONFERENCE

### Spanish Camp Meeting “Hogares Hacia un Edén Restaurado

**When:** April 25-27  
**Where:** Lone Star Camp, Athens, Texas  
**Contact:** 214.943.4491

### Southwest Region Conference Camp Meeting

**When:** June 18-22, 2014  
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### South Texas/Valley

**When:** September 5-6, 2014  
**Where:** McAllen Convention Center

## East Texas / Ark-La-Tex Camp Meeting

**When:** July 23-26, 2014  
**Where:** Jefferson Christian Academy, Jefferson, TX, 3060 FM 728, Jefferson, TX 75657  
**Main Speakers:** Pastor Alden Ho, early mornings, “Draw Us Closer,” Scott Ritsema, “Media on the Brain,” Mark Cleminson, “The Mystery of Iniquity”  
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## Dallas-Fort Worth Area, Cowboy Camp Meeting

**When:** October 3-4, 2014  
**Where:** Rustic Creek Ranch, Burleson, Texas  
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## TEXICO CONFERENCE

### Texico Convocation and Youth Festival

**When:** June 5-7, 2014  
**Where:** Albuquerque Convention Center, Albuquerque, New Mexico

## Camp Meeting: Still Relevant and Essential Today

When I think of camp meeting, I think of spiritual renewal, uplift, inspiration, encouragement, challenge, and commitment. I think of people who are on a spiritual journey coming to be energized, refocused, and fed. Camp meeting is a place where powerful preaching takes place, uplifting and inspiring music is heard, and God's people experience a renewed connection with Him, along with the renewal of friendships. Because of an atmosphere that is permeated by the workings of the Holy Spirit, decisions are made to live lives of faithfulness and holiness in the Lord. It is little wonder that God invited Israel of old to gather three times annually in holy convocations so that their lives could be revived and renewed in Him.

If the people of Israel needed to come together three times each year, what does that say about us today? Can we afford to miss the one time that we are called to meet together for camp meeting? Now, more than any other time since we entered the time of the "judgment hour," we should be utilizing every opportunity to give diligence to make our calling and election sure (2 Peter 1:10).

Camp meeting was an exciting time for me as a young boy. Our family would camp

under a tarp that Dad would stretch out between the pine trees. Mother brought the food that we would need to get us through the seven meals over the weekend. It was all simple food, but preparing it out in the open over a Coleman stove made it really special. But then my brother and I didn't linger over the food; we had friends to see, a hike to go on through the woods, or a program to get back to. Wonderful memories were created as year after year we would revisit those sacred grounds, enjoy special programs, and experience blessings that would carry far into our lives.

That's why camp meeting is still most relevant and essential today. Our need for a special encounter with the Lord is not diminished, but rather heightened as time goes on. Our children need to know how important and special this time is and be afforded the blessings for their own spiritual development in the Lord. Be

sure plans for *your* family include camp meeting this year!

**Stephen Orian**, president

## Baton Rouge Adventurers

**BATON ROUGE, LA.** » The Baton Rouge Adventurer Club has been blessed beyond our expectations. One of our club's activi-

ties was to go on a nature hike one Sabbath afternoon last fall. That morning, the weather wasn't cooperating; it was raining

and very dark. But we serve the Lord of the weather, and He cleared the sky for us and gave us a wonderful sunny afternoon.

Our Adventurer and Pathfinder clubs hiked through the woods to a white sand river beach where we were able to enjoy God's nature, fellowship with one another, sing praise songs to our Creator, and listen to Mike Martinez, pastor, who told us the story of Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River. We know God is and will continue to be with us throughout this year and we want to thank Him and praise Him for it!

**Damaris Dupertuis**



Pathfinders and Adventurers enjoying an afternoon with God.

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# Giving Halloween a Makeover

**CONWAY, ARK. »** Last October, young people from the Conway and Arkadelphia churches teamed up to take advantage of Halloween as an opportunity to knock on doors and give out copies of *The Great Controversy*. Fifteen young people gave out 80 copies of the book in just a couple of hours while educating their neighbors about the incredible contributions of reformers like Martin Luther.

The Conway group met at a member's home for dinner to construct "Martin Luther masks," and to get some instruction and inspiration before heading out in pairs. It was a mixed group of college graduates, students of all ages, and one little guy not old enough for school. Parents were recruited as drivers and the younger



▲ Katelyn and Nikki Litten enjoyed meeting and sharing with their neighbors.

◀ The group of young people with Martin Luther masks. They delivered copies of *The Great Controversy* to their neighbors on Halloween.



ones were paired with an older partner.

"It was important to make sure they were safe and that they understood the message of the *The Great Controversy*," said event organizer Amie Regester. "I also wanted to make sure they were prepared for rejection—as I wanted this to be a positive entry into the world of personal evangelism."

Karla Montelongo, a high school senior and a Pathfinder assistant, heard about the project and decided to encourage the Pathfinders to participate. "I think it benefited our kids to do something different from what the normal kids do on Halloween. Being different is a big deal—and pretty scary when you're different because of your beliefs. This really tested our faith. I had to step up my game, too, and practice being a leader," said Montelongo.

knocking on doors was terrifying, but they wanted to do it anyway. Katelyn said, "I was scared at the beginning, but I liked doing it. One man was so surprised when we said that we were giving books instead of getting candy. He took the book and said 'God bless you' as we left. It was a really fun and an encouraging experience."

The Arkadelphia group of six, led by college student Chris Espinoza-Madrid, got right down to business, distributing 60 books to apartments in the vicinity of Henderson State University. "When I heard that the Conway group was making a stand for Jesus, it immediately sparked my interest. Going out and spreading a little bit of light on a day that tends to bring little or no attention to Christ definitely seemed like an ideal opportunity," said Espinoza-

Madrid. His local church provided the books, and the young people prayed and marched out "with hopes of upholding God's banner of truth highly and humbly." Espinoza-Madrid recounted the words of a young child with whom he delivered the books, "You mean, instead of us receiving candy we're going to give people an opportunity to know about God? Cool! I want to do this every year!"

"Sure, we want to do it next year," said Regester. "I'd love to see five or ten more cities in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference host an event like this. It's the best day of the year to start—people are in a good mood and ready to come to the door. If you're still chicken, you can wear a mask—it's the one day where there are no questions asked about that!"

**Amie Regester**

# ARKLA Publishing Ministry Offers Training and Programs



**SPRINGDALE, ARK. »** Eleven students joined the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference's 2013 summer Magabook program to canvass in Northwest Arkansas from June to August. The students were housed at the Springdale Spanish church. Each day the students had wonderful experiences. They prayed with people, got Bible study interests, and presented our health and message books. The Lord has blessed their work mightily. There have been volumes of literature shared in the community, some of the contacts are now attending the Springdale Spanish church, and they have received a number of Bible study interests. Praise the Lord for His marvelous work!

"When school closes, there will be opportunity for many to go out into the field

as evangelistic canvassers. The faithful colporteur finds his way into many homes,

they will find opportunity to speak the words of life. Thus they will sow the seeds of truth. Let young men show that they have resting on them a burden from the Lord. The only way for them to prove that they can stand firm in God, having on the whole armor, is by doing faithfully the work God has given them to do" (*Colporteur Ministry*, p. 31-32).

The Arkansas-Louisiana Conference's publishing ministry offers the following programs: Magabook ministry; regular literature ministry; The Great Controversy Project; and "The Missionary Kit."

To apply to become a literature evangelist, please contact Heherson Tumolva at [hersonct@yahoo.com](mailto:hersonct@yahoo.com), or 479.340.6914.

**Heherson Tumolva**, publishing director



The Magabook team heading out in the morning.

where he leaves precious reading matter containing the truth for this time...The very best education young men can obtain is by entering the canvassing field and working from house to house. In this work

## Youth Sabbath Hosted in Lafayette

**LAFAYETTE, LA. »** Louisiana's youth hosted a Mega Youth Sabbath, bringing together nine congregations, and more than 200 young people. The event took place at the Lafayette Spanish church. The Arkansas-Louisiana FESJA (Federation Society of Adventist Youth) was in charge of the program, with guest speaker Juan Fresse, pastor, and music by the group New Day.

The Spanish company from Lafayette wanted to attract young people to Christ.

"When I found out that our conference has a FESJA group," said Jeff Villegas, Arkansas-Louisiana youth ministries director, "I invited them to present a youth meeting program; fortunately, they accepted with great pleasure."

The FESJA president suggested that it would be more convenient to hold a full-day event to accommodate those who would drive long distances. FESJA was responsible for the entire program. "There

was so much to do; nine different committees worked on everything from promoting the event to cleaning up the facilities," says Villegas.

The leaders of FESJA were surprised to learn that a young baptismal candidate had accepted the call of Christ in their Generation 7 youth camp two months earlier. That afternoon, through effort and perseverance, many people came to Christ. Afterwards, the evening social games were full of laughter and fun.

The Mega Youth Sabbath was a success, thanks to the help and guidance of God, the support of Jeff Villegas, FESJA, the church, and the willingness of young people to participate. It's time to wake up and work for the young people who will spread the gospel.

**Izzy Marley**

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# Summer Camp 2014



A camper asked a staff member if he would be able to work in the kitchen when he grows up. That is only one of many positions the campers at Wewoka Woods Adventist Center would like to grow into in the next few years! This young man was baptized last year after he “plugged into Jesus,” (WWAC’s 2013 summer camp theme).

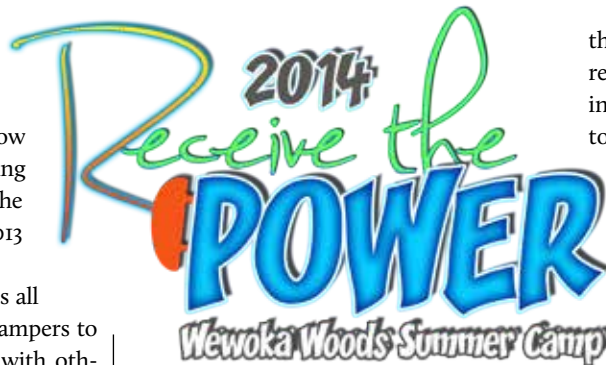
Isn’t that what summer camp is all about? Camp staff teach young campers to find Jesus, to learn to get along with others, to ease another’s pain, to love the one that is unlovely, and to lead all to Christ. So many of the campers at WWAC in the sum-

mer of 2013 gave their hearts to the Lord for the first time or renewed their hearts over and over each day. We invite

sport activities, worship, praying staff members, and the nature center with its dedicated naturalist.

God is waiting to have each of us “Receive the Power” this summer, so that we will be ready to “Experience the Power” the following summer. Your campers will not return to you the way you left them because of the work of the Holy Spirit on their hearts.

God bless you as you pray and make the decision to send your child to camp this summer. Camp is the greatest tool for life experiences, friendships, and forever decisions. See you there!



all to come to camp to experience the Spirit of God through horses, swimming, crafts,

Apple Park, camp and youth director

## Ground Broken for New Edmond Adventist Church

**EDMOND** » Members of the Edmond church gathered Sunday, February 23, to break ground for their new church on the northeast corner of Interstate 35 and Danforth Street. The ceremony culminated years of planning, which began with the purchase of 11 acres in May 2004. Larry Priest, pastor, said, “Through the blessing of God we have outgrown our present church building. Seeing God as the creator of the heavens and earth we believe the heavily-wooded site will be an excellent location on which to grow our congregation, teach our children about God, and serve our ever-expanding Edmond community. Our new facility has been designed to nestle into the existing wooded site to create a calm and peaceful oasis of worship.”

The new metal and masonry church will have a sanctuary that initially seats 250, with space to

expand to 365; a fellowship hall that seats 200; and eight classrooms. The church was designed by Jim Davis of Davis Design Group and will be built by Landmark Con-



▲ Larry Priest, pastor, and church leaders broke ground on February 23 to celebrate the beginning of the new Edmond church.

◀ A rendering of the new worship facility for the Edmond church.

struction. It is expected to be completed in the spring of 2015. More details are available on the church’s Web site: [www.edmondadventist.org](http://www.edmondadventist.org).

Kris Bryant

# 20 Years of Missions

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

**OKLAHOMA CITY** » In 1993, Bill Norman, then pastor of the Southern Hills church, started talking like a crazy man. He was talking about using hard-earned vacation time to go overseas to build a church. None of the people he talked to had any construction experience, and to top it off, he expected them to pay for the project out of their own pockets! Some of us agreed to do it just once (if for no other reason than to get him off our backs).

On January 30, that same Oklahoma mission team marked 20 years of mission trips with the completion of a church in Santiago, Panama. What started as a lo-

this, the Oklahoma Conference Board of Education voted a policy encouraging academy students to participate in two weeks of mission projects each year. I frequently meet adults who participated in mission trips as teens. Inevitably our discussions turn to “remember what happened?” on this trip or that trip. Many of these young people have become leaders in their local churches.

On occasion, we team up with other groups, such as Hinsdale Hospital and the Loma Linda University church. We also invite family and friends from other states to join us on our adventures. A lot of these

been Adventist. We have non-Adventists on our team and have even had pastors from other denominations serve with us. They all worshiped on Sabbath for their first time with us.

As part of our projects, we always include a few days of rest and relaxation. We have visited the Panama Canal; the Monkey Temple of Kathmandu, Nepal; Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe/Zambia; Iguazu Falls in Brazil/Argentina; the Taj Mahal; Machu Picchu; Sikh Golden Temple; Hwange Game Preserve; and many local, lesser known areas. We have stayed in eco resorts on the equator in the rain forest of Ecuador and many beach resorts.

More important than where we have visited is what our teams have accomplished. Over the past 20 years, 54 churches have been built, one church was remodeled,



cal church project has expanded to an Oklahoma Conference team with friends from all over the United States. Just what have those 20 years included?

Our teams and projects have expanded and grown over the years. Team sizes have fluctuated from 25 to nearly 100. From the beginning, teams have included young people. To support



people have become frequent team members. Not all of the members have

The Oklahoma Mission Team has built 54 churches, three chapels, and three schools, remodeled one church, and completed seven school buildings over the past 20 years. They have also held many Vacation Bible Schools, and conducted many medical and dental clinics and evangelistic meetings. (Photos by Derrell D. Dover)



three chapels were built, three complete schools were built, and seven separate school buildings were also completed. Along with all the construction projects, an untold number of Vacation Bible School classes, medical and dental clinics, and evangelistic meetings have been conducted.

As important as all the structures built

as a monument to God are, and all the lives touched through the VBS, clinics, and evangelistic outreach, the most important outcome is the personal experience of each team member in seeing God's blessing and divine intervention each day. What does the future hold? I dare not guess. We are

already planning for next year's project, but if 20 years have shown us anything, it is that God has plans for us, and it is best to follow those plans.

**Derrell D. Dover**

## Revived! Refreshed! Renewed!



According to the North American Division (NAD) the Seventh-day Adventist Church has been conducting camp meetings for more than 100 years. Revived, refreshed, and renewed are a few of the adjectives used to describe the feelings of constituents when they leave the hallowed grounds of Lone Star Camp in Athens, Texas. Camp meeting is a spiritual retreat that many look forward to and plan for annually. I personally look at the campground as an evangelistic center where men, women,

and children, from all walks of life, come together for great spiritual music, dynamic preaching, workshops, fun activities in nature, horseback riding, and more. There is something for everyone.

This year, the Southwest Region Conference will celebrate its 35th year at Lone Star Camp. Each year, Lone Star Camp serves thousands from five states: Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. God has continuously blessed Lone Star Camp. Last year proved to be exciting times with the opening of our new

welcome center. New cabins were added and roads were named for those who paved the way.

This year is proving to be equally exciting as final touches to the program and the final lineup of speakers and activities are being reviewed. It is our desire to continue to share spiritual blessings at Lone Star Camp. What does camp meeting mean to you? See you there!

**Helvis Moody**, youth director

## Lifetime Achievement Award for Family Ministries

**DALLAS, TEXAS** » Wednesday, January 15 was a significant day for the family ministries department! The Southwest Region Conference's Family Ministries Department, which has been in operation for more than 40 years, was blessed with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Family Ministries Department of the NAD. The award was presented at the Family Ministries Advisory during the North American Division Ministries Convention in Monterey, California.

Claudio and Pamela Consuegra, family ministries directors for the North American Division, presented the award. Debra Brill, NAD vice president, and Willie and Elaine Oliver, General Conference family ministries directors, were also present. Family ministries leaders from around the NAD attended at the meeting.

It does not seem possible that we have had the privilege to minister to families for these 40 years. We attended our first family ministries workshop at Andrews University under the leadership of John and Millie Youngberg in 1974. Our interest at that time was just to see what educational resources our church offered to help strengthen families. What we learned was "the harvest was great, but workers were few." We left Andrews wanting to become those who harvested.



W. S. Lee and Wilma Kirk Lee (left), co-directors of family ministries for the Southwest Region Conference, receive the Lifetime Achievement Award from Claudio and Pamela Consuegra (right), NAD family ministries directors.

Family ministries has blessed us abundantly. We have had the privilege of seeing our family grow and flourish as we implemented the principles and skills we learned. As we have put these things into practice, we have had the opportunity to share not only in the United States, but Canada, Madagascar, Mauritius, Burundi, Rwanda, and Dominica.

Although the award says lifetime achievement, we realize until the Lord

comes or calls us to rest—we still have work to do. We will continue to share God's good news through family ministries wherever we go.



**Wilma Kirk Lee**, family ministries

SOUTHWEST REGION CONFERENCE

# Stewardship at Tenth Street

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. »

The stewardship committee of the Tenth Street church wishes to express its thanks and appreciation to Robert Lister for the stewardship seminar he presented during the weekend of November 1-3, 2013. He showed how we, as Seventh-day Adventists, should plan our personal budgets to first give God His 10 percent, then an offering to the church, which shows how much we love God and how

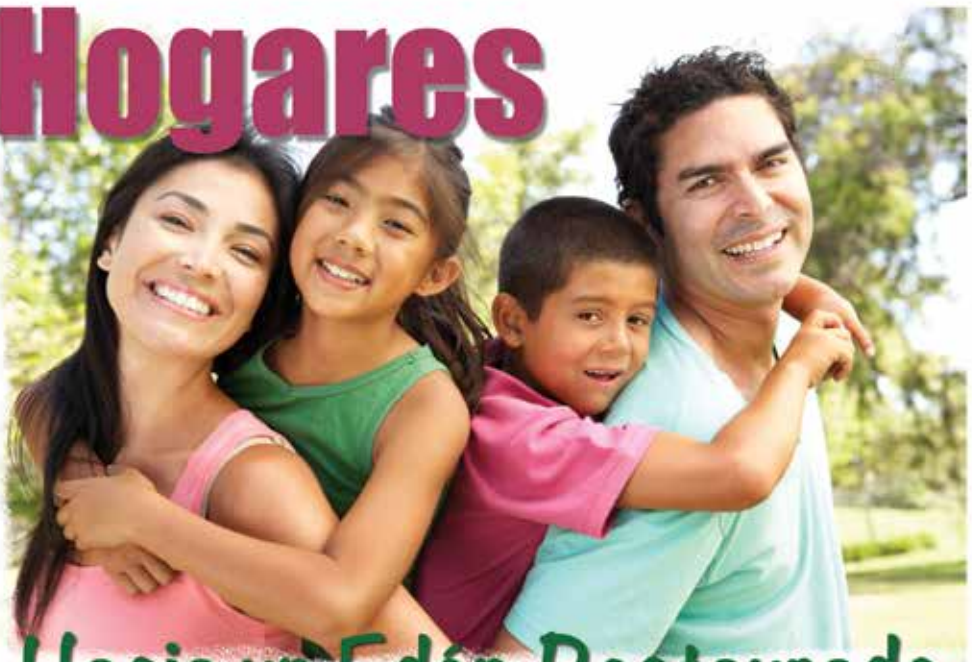


Robert Lister presented a stewardship seminar for the Tenth Street church.

thankful we are for what He has done for us, and to also support the various projects that we are involved in. He showed how we are not owners of what we have, but that everything belongs to God, including ourselves. We are stewards of God's property on this earth. God allows us to have enough to live and to share with the poor and the needy. Lister shared some of his experiences on how real God's promises are when we put Him first. We were truly motivated to be loyal to God in our tithes and offerings, knowing that God will be there to support us.

William A. Trotter, Sr.

## Hogares



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# Baptisms at Corsicana Bethel Church

**PALESTINE, TEXAS** » With the encouragement of their mother, Petrina Grooms, "Take Me to the Water to be Baptized" was the sentiment of four teenage brothers and sisters who were baptized at the New Life church in Palestine just a few months ago. Grooms and the teens' grandmother were happy the children were baptized, especially because the oldest daughter, Tamiya House, who is a high school senior preparing to leave home to attend college. Her sister and two brothers were pleased to be baptized at the same place and time, so they will be able to celebrate their newness of life together. They were brave souls who love Jesus enough to be willing to take a stand through being immersed into the watery grave of baptism after Norman Stiggers, pastor, read and they accepted their vows. Tamiya, Damontrey, Teyana, and Brodrick, Jr. are now members of the New Life church.

Three generations of women, Doris Hudson, her daughter Chasity Hudson,

and granddaughter Saniyah Jernigan, were the first to be baptized as a direct result of the Holy Spirit's leading after the conclusion of the "Living Better God's Way Crusade." The three were determined to follow through on their commitment to the Lord to be baptized, and expressed to several members that they are convinced they made the right decision and solicit the prayers of the saints. In December 2013, the Bethel women had a baby shower for Chasity, who was pregnant, at the home of Charles and Gloria Miller, who coordinated the event. Chasity Hudson was blessed with a healthy baby boy, Michael Dewayne Jernigan, III, on January 16, 2014.

Vivian Daniel Calhoun; her five children, Jamie Watkins, LaTorsha Daniel, LeAndre Watkins, and twins, Dondrell and Vondrell Watkins; along with Sharon Gray, were also baptized shortly after the conclusion of the "Living Better God's Way Crusade." The group consistently attended, listened, read scripture,

and took notes at event. They prayerfully asked the Lord for direction, to strengthen their faith, and help them to obey all of God's commandments. As they were led by the Holy Spirit to become baptized members of the Bethel church that decision was sealed Thursday evening, November 7, 2013. Stiggers invited Sharon Gray, who is a minister, to speak for divine worship service in December. She gave a stirring message and appeal to be who we say we are, Christians—true followers of Christ—and why we should be about our Father's Business.

**Lorraine James-Stiggers**

The Bethel church's "Living Better God's Way Crusade" resulted in five baptisms.





# Catching Fire



Are you on fire? According to the Bible, the problem with the last generation of Christians (Laodicea) is that they are lukewarm when they should be red hot. They desperately need to catch on fire! So I ask again, are you on fire?

What does it mean to catch on fire?

As usual, the Bible has the answer! In Luke 3:16 it reads, “He (Jesus) will baptize you with the *Holy Spirit* and with *fire*” (emphasis supplied). So, to catch on fire is to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

At the youth and young adult department of the Texas Conference, our mission is “making ministers for the Master.” We believe in training our young people to serve the Lord. Incidentally, there is nothing more entertaining, challenging, or inspiring than working for the Master.

At our new school of evangelism (SENT), we communicate this while training young people in practical ways to do evangelism—giving Bible studies, preaching, starting campus ministries, and using technology to reach the harvest (for more information about SENT and the many other youth and young adult events throughout the Texas Conference, go to [www.YoungTexasAdventist.org](http://www.YoungTexasAdventist.org)).

However, without the Holy Spirit, ministry for the Master is, at worst, ineffective and, at best, weak, but there is good news:

“He (Jesus) makes his angels winds and his servants *flames of fire*” (Hebrews 1:7, ESV, emphasis supplied).

How does one catch on fire with the Holy Spirit?

This is great news for the last generation of Christians (Laodicea). We simply need to ask the Holy Spirit to take up residence in our hearts. Jesus says, “Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me” (Revelation 3:20, NIV). Think about it, resident good wants to replace resident evil and empower you to be a “minister for the Master.” Luke 11:13 says, “If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him” (ESV).

Jesus asked daily and “daily he received a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit. In the early hours of the new day the Lord awakened Him from His slumbers and His soul and His lips were anointed with grace that He might impart to others. His words were given Him fresh from the heavenly courts, words that he might speak in season to the weary and oppressed” (*Christ’s Object Lessons*, p. 140).

But there is a catch to catching on fire with the Holy Spirit. We must be willing to cooperate with His promptings! The Bible says, “Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep

in step with the Spirit” (Galatians 5:25, NIV). After receiving the Holy Spirit, Jesus Himself walked in the Spirit and as a result, was able to “do good” and to “heal all who were under the power of the devil” (Acts 10:38).

Ellen White predicts that many in the Laodicean church will catch fire in the last days. This final movement will light up the whole world (Revelation 18:1). Here’s how she describes it:

“In visions of the night, representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God’s people. Many were praising God. The sick were healed, and other miracles were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen, even as was manifested before the great Day of Pentecost. Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families and opening before them the word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be lightened with the heavenly influence. Great blessings were received by the true and humble people of God. I heard voices of thanksgiving and praise, and there seemed to be a reformation such as we witnessed in 1844” (*Testimonies*, v. 9, p. 126).

What are you waiting for? It’s time to catch on fire!

**Gary Blanchard**, youth director

## Hospitality in a Bag

**FORT WORTH** » The volunteers at Texas Health Huguley Hospital Fort Worth South are delivering hospitality, one bag at a time. Volunteers will also deliver around 30 hospitality bags each month during the first half of 2014 to the patients and their loved ones at Emery J. Lilge Hospice House. “We understand having a loved one in hospice can be a sad and difficult time,” says Texas Health Huguley volunteer coordinator Caryl Bean. “Hospitality in a Bag” is designed to provide additional comfort to the patients and their families.” The bags consist of donated items to create a home-

like environment and include puzzle books, a deck of cards, candy, lotion, hand sanitizer, lip balm, tissues, a writing tablet, a pen, and pencils. More than 160 volunteers serve in 39 departments of Texas Health Huguley. To learn more about volunteer opportunities at Texas Health Huguley, call 817.551.2707.

**Kurt Adamie**



A group of volunteers distribute “Hospitality in a Bag” goodies for patients and families in hospice care and in various departments at Texas Health Huguley Hospital Fort Worth South.

# Pathfinders Experience the Joy of Service

**DALLAS** » Members of the Dallas Spanish Eagle's Fort Pathfinder Club enjoyed and cherished the happy moments experienced during its recent community service activity.

In preparation for that day of community service, the club members donated food, prepared and decorated the food baskets, and then personally delivered them in the neighborhood around the church.

“What joyous, beaming faces our



Members of the Dallas Spanish Eagle's Fort Pathfinder Club prepared food baskets and delivered them throughout the neighborhood surrounding the church.

kids had as we returned from delivering the baskets! All the excitement experienced while preparing the baskets and the anxiety of the unknown they felt as we left the building turned into the biggest smiles and the greatest joy once their labor of love was finished. They told each other their testimonies with great satisfaction,” said Pathfinder club director Ana Maldonado.

**Charlie and Ofelia Sanchez**



# Pineywoods Students Blessed by the Gift of Transportation

**NACOGDOCHES** » When the school of your choice is more than 20 miles from your home, knowing that you will have ongoing transportation is critical. And that's how it was for several families facing the possibility of having to remove their children from Pineywoods Adventist Christian School (PACS) due to transportation issues. At least that is how it was until a very generous donor provided the school with a 12-passenger van. The 2005 Dodge arrived on the scene at the end of August 2013. This turned out to be perfect timing and enabled all of the children to remain in the school.

Located in Nacogdoches, PACS is maintaining an average enrollment of

16 students for each of its first three years in existence and is, thanks to supporters who clearly believe in Adventist education, going strong. In addition to the “new” van, the school has been blessed with a bit of a facelift with new tiling in the lunchroom and also new curtains—made by the prin-

cipal's husband—throughout the school. Donors have provided bookends for the library, funds for computers, their time, plus the means to purchase supplies for both our art program and our new hand chimes choir. In addition, PACS is gearing up for its first eighth-grade graduation this May.

You may not be able to donate a van or money for computers, but there is always something you can do to help your local Adventist school.

**Sharon Clark**



When students at Pineywoods Adventist School faced transportation difficulties, a van was donated, which allowed all of the students to continue to attend the school.

# Worthy of a Standing Ovation

## Young Adult LIFE Presentation Garners Standing Ovation at North American Division 2013 Year-end Meetings

**SILVER SPRING, MD.** » In November of last year, as part of the North American Division's year-end meetings, a group of young adults offered a compelling presentation on the issue of young adult retention. Introduced by Debra Brill, NAD vice president for ministries, pastors Marquis Johns and Benjamin Lundquist led the presentation on behalf of a nearly 30-member focus group who had convened earlier in the year, developing the Young Adult LIFE initiative.

Johns and Lundquist presented the focus group's six initiatives/ideas: We Are Ready to Listen; Small Group Communities; iCreate; Why Am I An Adventist?; The Locals; and Mentoring/Campus Ministry. Lundquist mentioned the NAD camp ministry study and how Adventist camp ministry is one of the best ways to retain young adults in the church.

Clint Jenkin, vice president for research

for the Barna Group, offered findings from a recent research project involving Seventh-day Adventist millennials (ages 18-29). Year-end meeting delegates listened intently as Jenkin shared the attitudes of young adults toward church doctrines, lifestyles, and practices. Jenkin also shared stories of several young Adventists, and how intergenerational relationships in the church had affected them in both positive and negative ways. He concluded by reminding the attendees that intergenerational relationships, especially mentoring-type relationships between older members and young adults, are crucial in the spiritual development of Adventist millennials, and ultimately in their decision to stay or walk away from faith community.

Marquis followed the Barna Group's report with a strong appeal to the delegates to not think of young adults who have left the church as statistics, but rather as "our

family." Concluding the presentation, a "Letter to the Church," was read by several local collegians. It was a very honest, moving appeal to church leaders to embrace young adults and include them in all aspects of church life. Those in attendance responded with applause and a standing ovation.

Electronic resources from the NAD year-end meeting young adult presentations are available for download at <https://db.tt/mRvcDuiV>. More resources for, details about, and services of Young Adult LIFE were released at the beginning of 2014 to empower and equip local young adults and leaders to disciple next generations. Young Adult LIFE was presented in more detail at the JCI4/IGNITION Conference, February 19-23, in Miami, Florida ([www.jci4.org](http://www.jci4.org)).

**Manny Cruz**, NAD associate director for youth/young adult ministries



Photos by Daniel Weber, North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists Communications



**Top:** During the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists 2013 Year-end Meetings (NADYEM13), collegians from Washington Adventist University share "Letter to the Church," a candid expression of young adult relational and faith needs.

**Bottom:** At the NADYEM13, young adults Marquis Johns and Benjamin Lundquist share the initiatives of the Young Adult LIFE focus group tasked with addressing the issue of young adult attrition from churches across the NAD.

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## Summer Camp Can Change Your Life



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I am a great supporter of Adventist summer camps, as I have seen the impact it has had on my own daughter, Melissa. She attended summer camp when she was young, and has been privileged to become camp staff. Her camp experiences have played a major role in bringing her closer to God.

**Melissa:** "I've had the opportunity to work at Camp Yorktown Bay for three summers, and it has become like my second home. The first summer, I built friendships that I have held on to and they have impacted my life for the better. My life started to turn upside down at the beginning of my second summer at camp. On my way to camp that year, I was in a terrible car accident that put my life into perspective. I believe it was a wake-up call from God."

**Lee-Roy:** "Melissa was driving and I was sleeping while traveling to summer camp. I woke up as the car was flipping and spinning onto the opposite side of the road into oncoming traffic. When the car finally stopped, we were upside down. Miraculously, we survived without any scratches or injuries. It was a wake-up call for both of us. We know God's angels protected us. I realized that God had something more for my life and ministry."

**Melissa:** "Before that point, my spiritual life had been dormant. I had been going through the motions, and the worst part was that I didn't even know it. After the accident, I struggled with questions such as, "Why am I here?" "Why did you let me live, God?" I was angry until I gave it all to God. I let go of some things that had been in-

hibiting my walk with Him. I was rebaptized during the summer of 2011 in Lake Ouachita."

**Lee-Roy:** "I was privileged to baptize Melissa when she was nine. It was a very emotional occasion. Before the car accident, my wife and I had been praying for Melissa because she seemed to be slowly drifting away from spiritual things. As my wife and I watched her being rebaptized, we could see her excitement. She had encountered Christ as her personal Savior and desired a spiritual relationship with Him.

We could see her growing as her devotional and prayer life came alive, and she became much more receptive to spiritual counsel.

**Melissa:** "My third summer at camp was



Melissa Chacon

a completely humbling experience and a way for me to slow down. That summer I learned to take life one day at a time and breathe, and to rely on others for help. I have always loved working with children, and they taught me to be genuine with God. God doesn't want our fake attitudes and facades, He already knows what is going

on."

**Lee-Roy:** "After Melissa came back from summer camp there was a notable difference in her attitude and outlook on life. She grew up during her time there and became more mature."

**Melissa:** "I have seen so many campers and staff blessed by camp ministry. From the time when I was a camper at Glacier View

Ranch to my years as a staff member at Camp Yorktown Bay, God has made Himself apparent in my life. I will always hold my camp memories and friends close to me, and I thank God every day for letting my path cross with the opportunity of working at camp."

**Lee-Roy:** "As a result of her summer camp experience Melissa decided to change her major to psychology, and later a double major, adding teaching. She changed her degree because she felt a calling to help others. Her course of study is now mission-based. I would like to encourage those with children to consider sending them on an adventure that can change lives and attitudes, and facilitate a personal encounter with the Lord."

**Lee-Roy Chacon and  
Melissa Chacon**

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# Triumph in the Trials



**SOCORRO, N. MEX. »** In June of 2011, several pastors' wives from the Texico Conference went to the Dominican Republic to hold ShareHim evangelistic meetings. The original plan was for all the pastors' wives of the Texico Conference to go in lieu of the annual pastors' wives' retreat. Most of the wives were committed from the beginning, but as deadlines approached, many had various things that prevented them from being able to go. I was one of those unable to go, though I had desperately wanted to.

Early in 2012, the Southwestern Union and Texico Conference announced an initiative that encouraged all pastors' wives in the Southwestern Union to hold ShareHim meetings in one of their pastor husband's district churches over the next two years. I prayed about it again, because I had been terribly disappointed when I couldn't go to the Dominican Republic. I didn't want to commit again, and then not be able to do it. God answered my prayers and led us to believe that we should hold evangelistic meetings in our Socorro, N. Mex., bilingual church.

We initially set the date in the fall of 2012, but it seemed the adversary was already setting out to try to prevent us from having the meetings. In February 2012, I was in a car accident, resulting in a neck injury as well as some minor broken bones, and my recovery was very slow. By late summer, my health was failing, and by the end of September I

had developed a severe case of shingles. We reset the date for the meetings to September 2013.

Then, by the end of 2012, my husband, Erwin, and I were both facing cancer diagnoses, and began planning treatment. Erwin went to Loma Linda, California, for proton radiation, and I stayed locally for my treatment.

By May of 2013, Erwin's cancer treatments were completed and mine were on hold until my health stabilized, so we continued moving forward with the plans for the evangelistic meetings.

As the starting time came nearer, there was a challenge with the advertising handbills. It appeared we might not receive them before the meetings started, so the head elder and his wife went to the local newspaper and put an ad in the paper so the community might see it that way. One day before the meetings were to begin, the fliers miraculously arrived and were delivered to the residents the same day the meetings began.

It seemed that Satan was relentless in his pursuit to stop the meetings. On the day we were to have the first meeting, our held elder received a call that his sister had passed away and he needed to spend the day making arrangements. Also that day, another member's young adult son died of a brain tumor no one knew he had. Needless to say, morale was a bit subdued, but our faith that God was bigger and more powerful kept us

together.

We decided to hold the opening meeting and had 19 in attendance with six visitors. We were a bit disappointed with the turnout, but knew the fliers had just gotten to the mailboxes earlier that day, and many people were affected by the two unexpected deaths in the small community of Socorro.

After one week of meetings, we received a message from someone at Amazing Facts notifying us that a person in Socorro had just completed the entire set of Amazing Facts Bible study guides and was interested in baptism. We were able to contact him and invite him to the meetings. He began attending and did not miss another meeting.

Even though we had many challenges and our faith was tested numerous times, we could see God's hands in so many things and the Holy Spirit working in many peoples' lives. We thank God that the meetings ended with four baptisms, and three others interested in further Bible study! Praise Him for His glorious love, grace, and power!

**Patricia De Graaff**

**Below left:** Erwin De Graaff (far left), pastor, had the privilege of baptizing four new members in the Socorro church family at the conclusion of his wife's meetings.

**Below right:** Patricia De Graaff, pastor's wife, conducted evangelistic meetings in Socorro, N. Mex., despite numerous health and other challenges.



TEXICO CONFERENCE

# Restoring Hope for Broken Marriages

**ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX. »** On the weekend of December 6-8, 2013, the Texico Conference celebrated “Growing in Love” (“Creciendo en Amor”), a Spanish-language marriage retreat with guest speakers Rene and Alvy Quispe.

Rene has a doctorate in psychology with an emphasis in marriage counseling. His wife, Alvy, specializes in family relationships. The two shared their personal testimony of how God worked a miracle in restoring their own lives. With a dynamic, honest, and entertaining style, the Quispes reaffirmed the divine principles of marriage in the lives of couples who attended the retreat. It was a time to remember the vows made on the altar; it was the opportunity to renew the commitment of love that was made to one another in the grace of Christ.

Here are some testimonies of what happened during that weekend:

“To me it was an awakening weekend

for all of us as parents and spouses. We discovered things that we didn’t see but were there—things we tried to ignore but needed to be dealt with. Thank you so much.”  
—Anonymous

“I feel I have a better sense of my responsibilities; how I’ve hurt my wife in the past, how to resolve conflicts in marriage life better, and feel this will be a new start in our marriage and lives. I wish we had attended three to five years earlier or had this weekend as premarital counseling.”—Alex

“This weekend has changed me forever. We came here completely isolated from each other and hurting from a newfound affair. I didn’t think my husband would even join me until the day before. I saw God work in both of us to bring us from a point of tough confession and deep hurt to a path of healing.”—Anonymous

“This was my last-ditch effort. I couldn’t do it all on my own, and we needed some-

thing to help change the way we saw and dealt with issues. My husband needed someone besides me to explain about choices, needs, and change. Thank you so much!”—Martha

“I thought my marriage was over and went to the retreat quite desperate. I saw almost immediate hope and connected strongly with all the messages I heard. It was almost as if the sessions were custom made for my husband and me. I am leaving with a renewed sense of optimism and a blessed sense of peace. Thank God for all the wonderful, generous, and caring counselors!” - Maria

**Jaime Calvo**, prayer ministries coordinator

The Texico Conference brought hope to couples during a Spanish marriage retreat, “Growing in Love” (“Creciendo en Amor”), with guest speakers Rene and Alvy Quispe.



## Educating Spiritual Leaders

*With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Savior might be carried to the whole world!* (Education, p. 271)

Every semester, Southwestern's Office of Spiritual Life and Development hosts Week of Prayer followed by Missions Emphasis week. The Missions Emphasis week highlights the experiences of current student missionaries and features

pletely depend on God in every circumstance. Being a dean has definitely had moments when I feel defeated, especially when I'm too busy to even call a friend for ad-



▲ A new group of students led out in song and shared their musical talents each day.

◀ Austen Powell delivering his message at Student Week of Prayer.

**Far left:** Melissa DePaiva has a unique story to tell. Watch her story at [vimeo.com/87782593](http://vimeo.com/87782593) or by scanning the QR code below with your smartphone.



guest speakers who share their stories during assembly and worship services. The theme for Student Week of Prayer (SWOP) was "Breaking the Cycle." SWOP featured Southwestern students presenting everything from the music to the power-packed messages. It's all about helping students find their strengths in ministry. Here are some of the highlights:

### SWOP Speaker Testimony

Austen Powell, one of the daily speakers and a sophomore religion major, spoke about our need to surrender our pride to God. He read from Isaiah 14, which reveals Lucifer's "I" problem, and then led us to see how God carefully and steadily addressed King Nebuchadnezzar's issue with pride. He warned us that if we empty ourselves of pride but do not fill ourselves with Christ, the sin of pride will re-enter our hearts. Austen challenged his listeners to find the solution to the "I" problem in Matthew 16:24.

### Taskforce Worker Testimony

During Mission Emphasis Week students shared how God is blessing their year of service. "I have been learning to com-

vice. Despite that, I praise God for it because He is teaching me to rely on Him 100 percent. I am learning that sometimes God calls us to face situations with just Him as our partner and that is perfectly fine with me because our relationship grows so much closer daily. I can honestly praise Him for sending me here to show my guys in the dorm what God calls us to do as men. The world might offer other standards, but it can't offer the joy and salvation we find in living God's will for us. He is showing me His love and strength daily as I help raise young men to be the mentors, neighbors, fathers, and husbands that God needs them to be." — Jonathan Dunchie, sophomore music major and taskforce dean and assistant music director at Jefferson Christian Academy.

### Student Missionary Testimony

"We have done two medical missions, one in the city and one in the mountains, where we helped the doctors, nurses, and dentists. We assisted in and performed minor surgeries, gave medicines that the doctor had prescribed, took patients' vital signs, helped the dentists and assisted

in extractions. We just finished an evangelistic crusade in a small town in the mountains. We were involved in doing visitations and giving Bible studies with the laymen there, which resulted in about 20 people getting baptized.

"We're also taking the time to make friends with the local kids by playing basketball with the older ones, tutoring at the local high school, and playing with the younger ones after school at the beach. We've made some really good friendships with them, so more of them are coming to the small evening program we do at the church. I could go on and on, but I have to get back to work!"—Isai Ramirez, junior biology major and student missionary to the Philippines.

### Student Testimony

Melissa DePaiva has a unique story to tell. She shares about her life journey, how she came to Southwestern, and where she's headed next. You can watch her story at [vimeo.com/87782593](http://vimeo.com/87782593) or by scanning this QR code.



# Margaret Taglavore, Southwestern Union children's ministries director, passes away

**BURLESON, TEXAS** » With great sadness, we share that Margaret Taglavore, who has served as Children's Ministries director of the Southwestern Union since 1998, passed away on Thursday, February 27, 2014 in Irving, Texas.

"When you think of children's ministries," says Buford Griffith, executive secretary of the Southwestern Union, "you think of Margaret Taglavore, who had a tremendous passion for seeing children saved in God's kingdom."

Taglavore was born in Carlisle, Arkansas, on November 29, 1941. A loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Margaret's life was dedicated to children's ministries. She spent many years as a ministry volunteer until 1989, when she became child evangelism coordinator of the Texas Conference. She became child evangelism coordinator of the Southwestern Union in 1996 and in 1998 she assumed the position of director of children's ministries at the Southwestern Union.

She is survived by her husband, Al-

phonse; a son, Franklin; a daughter, Karen Champagne; and a son, Phillip; six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; seven siblings, and a host of loving family and friends. She was preceded in death by a sister.

A memorial fund is being established at the Southwestern Union and contributions can be sent to Southwestern Union Children's Ministries at P.O. Box 4000, Burleson, TX 76097.

"Margaret has been a tireless worker in children's ministries for many years. She and her army of trained workers have made children's ministries a vital part of the evangelistic and ministry outreach in the Southwestern Union. She will be greatly missed," said Larry Moore, Southwestern Union president.



**Margaret Taglavore**  
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## Albuquerque Leaders Equipped for Ministry

On Friday, March 7, youth and adults joined together at the Albuquerque Heights church, hosted by its pastor, David Merling, for a celebration of Pathfinder and Adventurer ministries. The Pathfinder color guard posted their colors and the service began with a stirring message from J. A. Pagan, pastor liaison from Southwestern Adventist University. The Pathfinder drill team ended the night with a stunning demonstration of their marching skills.

The following morning Southwestern Union Conference workshop presenters attended area churches and enjoyed won-



A team of trainers representing the Southwestern Union conducted a series of afternoon workshops in various areas of ministry for more than 200 participants at the Albuquerque Central church.

derful fellowship. After worshipping together across the region, leaders assembled at the Albuquerque Central church with host pastor Don Gibson. Over two hun-

dred leaders from the local area came to participate in more than a dozen training sessions offered.

We thank the Southwestern Union Conference, the Texico Conference administration, and all of the area churches for their support. The weekend ministries celebration in the city of Albuquerque is one of a series of area training sessions that are being held throughout the union territory.

**Minner Labrador, Jr.**, Southwestern Union director of stewardship and church ministries



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## Announcements

**Southwestern Adventist University Alumni Homecoming** is scheduled for April 10-13, 2014, in Keene, Texas. Highlights include a golf tournament, spring concert, alumni fellowship potluck, class parties, and more. Honor classes are those ending with 4 or 9. Contact: Bev Mendenhall, alumni director, 817.202.6232, or BevM@swau.edu.

**Resurrection Pageant:** The ninth annual Resurrection Pageant in Keene, Texas will be held on the Southwestern Adventist University campus and at Keene Church on Sabbath, April 19. The Pageant's eight performances each offer a 2.5-hour walk-around dramatic presentation of the final events in the life of Christ featuring the Jerusalem marketplace, live animals, Roman soldiers, and scenes from the Lord's Supper, Gethsemane, Pilate's

Trial, the Via Dolorosa, the Crucifixion, and the Resurrection. This is an excellent event to which you can invite your neighbors and friends! Call 817-202-6450 for free ticket locations (required). Two performances will be in Spanish.

**CHIP Plus (Complete Health Improvement Program) facilitator training** will be held at the Southwestern Union office starting the evening of May 31 and continuing all day June 1. Help your church and community to live healthier by making positive lifestyle changes through this fun and engaging educational program. For more information and to register, go to [www.southwesternadventist.org/health](http://www.southwesternadventist.org/health).

**La Sierra Academy Alumni Weekend** is May 2-3, 2014. Visit [www.lsak12.com](http://www.lsak12.com) for details.

**Broadview Academy Alumni Association:** Alumni Weekend is April 25-26, 2014. All alumni are encouraged to attend. Mark your calendars! Call your classmates and start planning for this weekend now! Honor classes: 1944, 1954, 1964, 1974, 1984, 1989, 1994, and 2004. Friday night Vespers, Sabbath School, and Church. All ideas and information welcome. N. Aurora SDA Church, N. Aurora, Ill. For communication purposes, we need your email addresses as postage is too expensive. Send email addresses to: Ed Gutierrez, [edjulie1@att.net](mailto:edjulie1@att.net); or call: 630.232.9034. More information to come. Don't miss it!


**Kona Adventist School** invites all former students, staff, and members of the Southwestern Union to attend our 50th Anniversary.

July 26-27. Contact Valerie Oskins at 808.960.2406, or Cyndi Kiyabu 808.896.8646. Located at 82-1013 Kinue Rd., Captain Cook, HI.

**Jefferson Academy's 100th Anniversary Celebration:** April 18-20, 2014. Guest speaker: Steve Darmody. Jefferson Academy Alumni, P.O. Box 187, Jefferson, TX 75657. [jeffersonacademyalumni@gmail.com](mailto:jeffersonacademyalumni@gmail.com).


**"Ye Olde" Cedar Lake Academy Reunion** will take place June 6-8, 2014 for alumni and schoolmates of 1964 and earlier of Great Lakes Adventist Academy, Cedar Lake, Michigan. Honor classes: 1934, 1944, 1954, 1964. Details will be forthcoming by postal service. For further information, contact GLAA Alumni office at 989.427.5181 or visit [www.glaa.net](http://www.glaa.net).





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## Obituaries

**HICKS, Daniel**, died February 8, 2014 at the Veteran's Hospital in Houston, Texas. Hicks received the Purple Heart for being wounded in the service of his country in the Vietnam War. He was preceded in death by his wife, Cynthia James-Hicks. Survivors: children: Arlencia, Alicia, Alrene, Artist, and twins, Aljarrel and Aldarrel; brother-and-sister-in-law Norman Stiggers and Lorraine James-Stiggers.

**KENDRICK, Elaine Parsons**, born October 27, 1933 in Angola, Africa, and died February 1, 2014 in Kerrville, Texas. She was a member of the Kerrville church. Elaine was born at the Bongo Mission in Angola, Africa, to medical missionary parents. She was raised and home-schooled there until high school, when she went to boarding school at Helderberg College in South Africa. At the end of high school, she crossed the ocean to attend La Sierra College in Riverside, California and pursued a degree in home economics. There she met and married Clarence Kendrick. Their family grew to include three children. Early in their marriage, they felt called to be missionaries and prayerfully submitted their names for consideration. In 1966, they were asked to serve as teachers at Rusangu Secondary School, a mission that had just opened in Zambia, Africa. Elaine began teaching domestic science and English classes. After nine years in Zambia, the family transferred to Solusi College in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), where Elaine continued to teach domestic science at the high school and college levels. In 1978, when it became unsafe to remain at the college due to the country's war for independence, the family returned to the United States and decided to make the move to the U.S. permanent. The next

few years took them to Adventist academies and elementary schools in Montana and Wisconsin. Elaine primarily worked in food service until their move to Taylorville, Illinois in the mid-1980s where she worked as a home health aide until her retirement in 1998. After retirement, Elaine and Clarence moved to Port Charlotte, Florida until 2004, when they moved to Texas. Elaine spoke Portuguese fluently and remained close to her childhood friends from Africa all her life. Survivors: husband of 54 years, Clarence G. Kendrick, of Kerrville; daughter and son-in-law, Shari and Carl Elkins, of Killeen, Texas; son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Sara Kendrick of Kerrville; daughter and son-in-law, Joi and Paul Nicholl, of Pensacola, Fla.; Philip Rodgers, of Orlando, Fla.; brothers, Roy Parsons II, of Kodak, Tenn., David Parsons of Altamonte Springs, Fla., and Robert Parsons of Yacolt, Wash., and five grandchildren.

**PATIN, Bertha E.**, born June 27, 1927 in New Roads, La., and died February 6, 2014, in Baton Rouge, La. She had been a member of the Berean church since 1958, having been baptized under evangelist W.W. Cleveland following a tent meeting. She was a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, and was the matriarch of four generations of family members of Berean where, until declining health, she served in various capacities. Survivors: daughters, Evelyn M. Edwards and Traci D. Patin, of Baton Rouge; brothers, Henry Edwards, of Baton Rouge; Jessie and Eddie Edwards, of Alexandria, La.; Rayfield and Lloyd Edwards, of New Roads; Robert (Mary), of Hartford, Conn.; sisters, Carolyn (Howard) Stull and Mildred Edwards, of Alexandria; six grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

**PETRY, Henry Baldwin, "H.B.,"** born May 5, 1929 in Hockley, Texas and died February 14, 2014 in Oklahoma City, Okla. He was a member of the Oklahoma City Central church. Petry attended evangelistic meetings in Houston, Texas when he was 18 and was brought into the Adventist church by Glen Turner, who convinced him to attend Southwestern Jr. College in Keene, Texas from 1949 to 1951 pursuing the ministerial course. He graduated from Union College in Lincoln, Neb., in 1953, entering the ministry as a colporteur-pastor in Abilene, Texas. He was ordained to the ministry at Sunnysdale Academy, Centralia, Mo., in 1961. He became a certified chaplain at Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, Calif., in 1969. He pastored in Missouri, Louisiana, Texas, and Oklahoma. He also served as an evangelist for small churches and Oklahoma for a number of years before retiring in Oklahoma City after 40 years in the ministry. He had a big heart helping people in need, but his greatest enjoyment and desire was to see his Savior, family, and friends in the resurrection. He was preceded in death by two brothers, two sisters, and his son Mike Petry.

Survivors: wife, Toni Petry, of Oklahoma City; daughters, Virginia Gifford, of Burleson, Texas, and JoAnn Loignon of Cleburne, Texas; step-daughter, Julie Pulley; sister, Jeanette Gafner; son-in-law Marvin Gifford; four grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, three great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and a host of friends in Christ.

**WILLEY, Ruby Ivon**, born April 12, 1917, and died January 20, 2014. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Oma and Nettie, and her brothers, William and Ernest. She entered her rest believing, according to her understanding of the Bible, that she will be called forth from her temporary sleep to meet her Creator, who will then give her a new, forever young, immortal body. This blessed hope sustained her after the loss of so many dear friends and family members.



## SABBATH SUNSET CALENDAR

	Apr 4	Apr 11	Apr 18	Apr 25	May 2	May 9
Abilene, TX	8:00	8:05	8:10	8:15	8:20	8:25
Albuquerque, NM	7:30	7:35	7:41	7:46	7:52	7:58
Amarillo, TX	8:10	8:16	8:22	8:27	8:33	8:39
Brownsville, TX	7:48	7:51	7:54	7:58	8:01	8:05
Dallas, TX	7:49	7:54	7:59	8:04	8:09	8:14
El Paso, TX	7:27	7:32	7:36	7:41	7:46	7:51
Fort Worth/Keene, TX	7:51	7:56	8:01	8:06	8:11	8:16
Gallup, NM	7:38	7:44	7:50	7:56	8:01	8:07
Galveston/Houston, TX	7:41	7:46	7:50	7:54	7:59	8:03
Gentry, AR	7:42	7:48	7:54	8:00	8:06	8:12
Little Rock, AR	7:32	7:38	7:43	7:49	7:54	8:00
Muskogee, OK	7:45	7:51	7:56	8:02	8:08	8:14
New Orleans, LA	7:20	7:24	7:29	7:33	7:38	7:42
Oklahoma City, OK	7:53	7:59	8:05	8:11	8:16	8:22
Roswell, NM	7:20	7:25	7:30	7:36	7:41	7:46
San Antonio, TX	7:54	7:58	8:02	8:06	8:11	8:15
Shreveport, LA	7:37	7:41	7:46	7:51	7:56	8:02
Tulsa, OK	7:47	7:53	7:59	8:05	8:11	8:17



# On the Record »

BY PAT HUMPHREY » COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR, SOUTHWESTERN UNION



## Come Hear God's Voice

### WHEN JESUS WAS ON EARTH, HE SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF TIME OUT IN NATURE.

In fact, many of the lessons He taught were based on creatures and objects found in the natural world. In Matthew 6, for example, Jesus taught the disciples a lesson on trust. He challenged them to think about the beautiful lilies of the field and the birds of the air, reminding them that lilies do not labor or spin and that birds neither reap nor sow. Yet, our heavenly Father provides food and clothing for them—so how much more will He provide for us? I can imagine that the lessons from Jesus' illustrations were crystal clear to those who heard them.

Just take a quick glance through the four Gospels and you'll discover an array of phenomena from the natural world that Jesus used to convey His lessons. Here are just a few objects that I found in the book of Matthew alone: fish, trees, fruit, rain, rocks, streams, foxes, sheep, wolves, sparrows, seeds, plants, water, weeds, field, harvest, lake, donkey, colt, clouds. . . and the list goes on. Get the picture? Objects from nature can provide rich fodder for insightful spiritual lessons. I believe I've heard it

said that nature is God's second book.

I'm so thankful to be a part of a church that makes yearly provisions for its members to get away from the hustle and bustle of daily life and spend time out in nature to fellowship with Him and His people. Camp meeting provides a perfect opportunity to come aside, get refreshed, have some fun, and to listen for God's voice speaking to us through uplifting messages, inspirational music, and the beauty of God's created works. I hope you'll take time

out this year to attend the camp meeting of your choice—even if you have to travel a distance to get there. Check out the camp meeting spread on pages 14 and 15 of this issue for dates and locations and make plans to be there. You'll be glad you did!

*Pat Humphrey*



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