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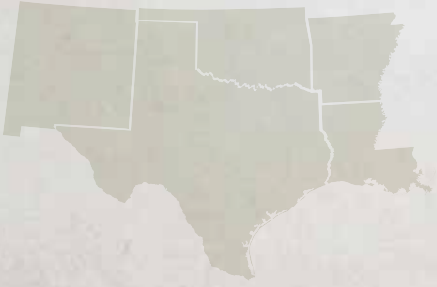
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On the Cover

Last June, Southwestern Adventist University welcomed new president, Dr. Ken Shaw onto campus, and with only a year as head administrator, he has already become part of the Southwestern family. The class of 2015 invited Shaw to give the commencement address for the May 2015 graduation, where he also happily handed the graduates their diplomas. With Shaw on board, Southwestern has experienced several changes around campus and has been introduced to a new five-year strategic campaign to further the development of the school. Shaw has become more than an administrator to the university. He has become a friend. [Photo by Michael Gibson, senior theology major.]



Point of View»

BY KEN SHAW » SOUTHWESTERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT



What's Great About Southwestern?

I have been at Southwestern Adventist University for almost a year now and have come to realize that all of us here in the Southwestern Union can be extremely proud of our university. Though an editorial is not sufficient space for me to share the marvelous things that are being done, this issue of the Record will provide a glimpse of the positive components of our campus.

We have been blessed in so many ways. With an enrollment of 800, we are small enough that our faculty and staff can actually get to know our students. We are small enough that students have many opportunities to use their talents by participating in musical and drama programs and volunteering for service in our churches and communities.

We have such a diverse student body, representing many different countries. With such diversity, I was so pleased to see such unity on our campus. The students study together and they worship together. I read in an historical document

about “Old Betsy,” the train that stopped in Keene. The conductor would call out, “We are arriving in the holy city.” Though I smiled when I read this, I have found that the highest point in Johnson County was selected for the home of Southwestern Adventist University. And it is on this hill that our faculty exemplify Christ in their classrooms and uplift students in their prayers as we desire that they will be citizens of the Holy City in which we all are anxiously awaiting.

I have observed strong academics on our campus. Just recently I learned that our business Enactus club placed among the top 32 colleges and universities in North America in a national competition. In addition, several of our business students competed among 6,186 teams representing 337 colleges and universities from around the country in a business strategy game. Where did one of our teams place in this competition, you might ask? They ranked #1 in the country. Southwestern is a wonderful institution where students in this union and students from around the world can obtain a strong academic education in a rich Christian environment.

Your university is making a significant impact on students' lives. Please pray for us as we create a vibrant educational environment where students can obtain an excellent education, provide a quality workforce for this union and for places around the world, and prepare students who are ready to serve the communities and churches in Jesus' name.

Thank you for your support of Southwestern Adventist University!

Ken Shaw



Top: Shaw gives commencement address at 2015 Southwestern graduation

◀ Students gather around Shaw for a congratulatory picture after his inauguration in November



To Your Health

BY LYNELL LAMOUNTAIN » SOUTHERN UNION HEALTH MINISTRIES DIRECTOR

Share the Glow

Thornton Wilder said, "There is a land of the living and a land of the dead... and the bridge is love." Whenever I see those words I think of Calvary. Christ's unconditional love bridges the chasm between us and God. He lights our lives with joy, hope, and abundant life; His grace sets us aglow with eternal life."

What do we do with this amazing gift? Share it by extending His healing love to others.

One of the elements in the CREATION Health principle of interpersonal relationships is volunteerism. Consider these surprising wellness benefits.

A survey of 3,296 volunteers was organized by Allan Luks and analyzed at the Institute for the Advancement of Health in New York City. Of those who had regular personal contact with the individuals they helped, 95 percent were blessed with a feel-good sensation that became known as the "helper's high."

The experiences of the volunteers are reported in Luks's book, *The Healing Power of Doing Good: The Health and Spiritual Benefits of Helping Others*. One volunteer said, "I got very excited for the individuals I helped. I felt very in control of myself and my body. I am a runner, and I felt I ran better than ever before. I felt very strong physically. Almost like nothing could conquer me. You want so much to help others, and when you do and see their reactions, you feel so good inside that it makes you explode with energy."

Another wrote, "Some months ago I was so stressed out that I could barely get four hours of sleep at night and I had all sorts of aches and pains. I had even tried antidepressant and anti-anxiety drugs, but to no avail. I then found out firsthand that it is love that truly heals. When I do nice things, I definitely feel a physical response. For me it is mostly a relaxation of muscles that I hadn't even realized had been tense... I can now sleep well at night, and most of my aches and pains have disappeared."

These dramatic health improvements begin with an initial rush that dramatically reduces stress and releases endorphins, the body's natural painkillers. The rush is then followed by a longer-lasting period of improved emotional well-being. In fact, helping others was found to produce the same long-term health benefits as relaxation and meditation exercises, caused relief from back pain and headaches, lowered blood pressure and cholesterol, and it curbed overeating and alcohol and drug abuse.

Nationwide, surveys indicate that nearly 90 percent of committed volunteers say they are healthier, or as healthy, as others their age. Another study's participants commented on "the endurance of the glow." Amazingly, of those who commented, most say that the glow kept returning when they remembered helping.

What's the best way to get started?

First, seek volunteer opportunities that provide personal contact with those who are being helped. Face-to-face or even phone contact seems to offer more healing benefit than impersonal projects.

Second, help often—set a starting goal of two hours weekly.

Third, do something you are already trained to do.

And fourth, involve yourself in something that is of personal interest to you.

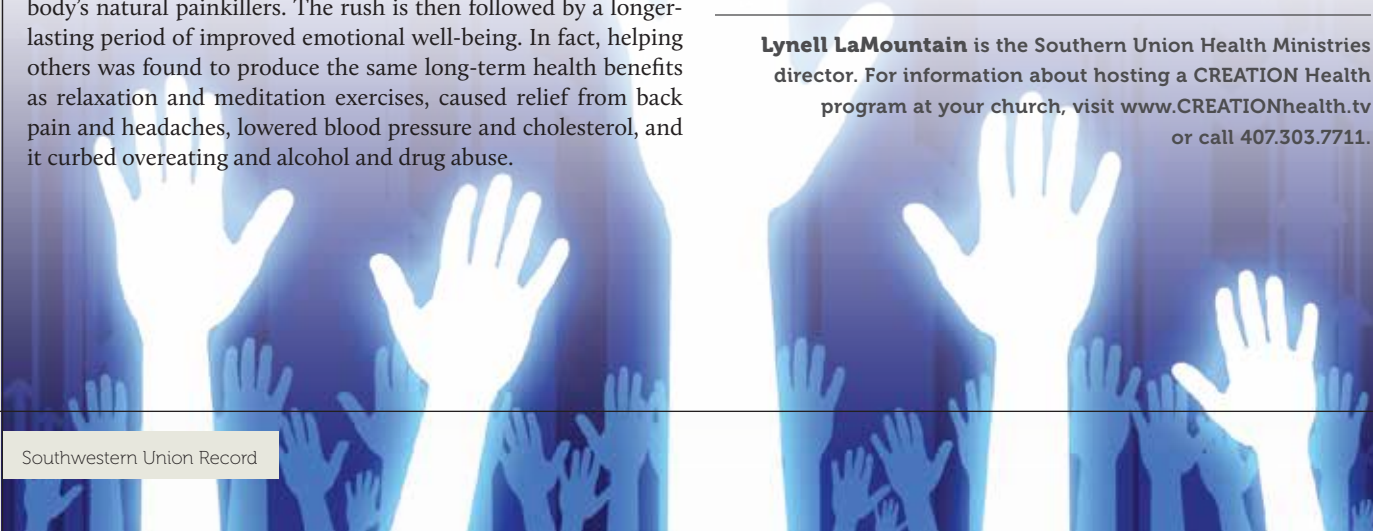
Often people say, "Oh, I tried giving time at that place, but it just wasn't for me." Truth is, it was that particular experience that was not right for them. It's important to persist until you find what you enjoy.

Allan Luks writes, "In asking the overworked person to make additions to an already busy day, I can easily imagine the skeptical laughter of readers who feel sufficiently pushed to the wall by their existing job responsibilities. It is ironic, but true, that one way to relieve the pressure is to do something extra."

Make a difference in your life and the lives of others by extending the healing ministry of Christ through volunteerism. Live life to the fullest by sharing the glow, and enjoy the thrilling experience David Viscott describes when he writes, "To love and be loved is to feel the sun from both sides."

That's CREATION Health!

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Faith Is A Journey

WE ARE ALL ON A JOURNEY. Many things happen during this journey that we cannot control. Accidents happen. People get in our way. Our great plans don't work out the way that we had originally hoped. But at the end of the day, when the dust settles, we are in complete control of the choices we make in this life.

I was raised in the Seventh-day Adventist church. I was involved with Pathfinders, learned my weekly Sabbath School memory verses, and attended Christian schools. At nine years of age, I made the decision to publicly give my life to Jesus and be baptized. I made this decision for myself, but at the time I did not fully understand the meaning of my decision.

Throughout my life I moved a lot because of my stepfather's different jobs. I am an outgoing person, so making new friends every so often was not a hard task for me. But in 5th grade we made the move to Birmingham, Alabama. I attended a very small church school and none of my school friends lived close to me. My neighborhood was huge and full of kids my own age. I attended the church school through 8th grade, but then made the decision that I wanted to go to a public high school to be with all of my neighborhood friends. I went from a school of 33 kids total to a school with over 2,000 students. For many this may have seemed like a culture shock, but I embraced it. I was making friends faster than I ever thought possible and many of these people had a negative influence on my life. A slow, but steady process of growing away from God and towards the world started at this point in my life.

As I drew away from God, a void was left in my life. I started to fill this void with drugs, sex, and alcohol. I started questioning my beliefs. I started to question Christianity. Soon my mind was filled with New Age ideologies. More or less, I took what I liked from the world's different religions and threw out what I didn't like. My spirituality was much like an all-you-can-eat buffet; take what you want, leave what you don't want. My body was full

of drugs and alcohol, while my mind had all kinds of crazy and conflicting beliefs bouncing around in it. This all started to take a toll on me. It led to depression, feelings of emptiness, and eventually crippling panic attacks. I knew that something was missing in my life and it was my decision whether to act upon it or not.

My new faith journey had begun. I decided to take a second look at my religious views. I studied many of the world's religions, what they believed, who started them, what beliefs had changed over time and the only one I could find truth in was Christianity. I decided from here, in a similar fashion, to take a look at many of the popular denominations within Christianity. The only one I could completely line up with Bible truth was Seventh-day Adventism. I was still feeling bitterness towards Adventism though.

My pride could not let me just accept it as God's church. I decided that if I could prove their prophet wrong, then the whole thing would come tumbling down. I went on a new journey to prove Ellen White as a false prophet. After many months of studying, reading, and long phone conversations with my grandfather who was a retired SDA pastor, I had to admit that Ellen White was indeed a messenger used by God. From here the rest is, I guess you could say, history. I gave my life back to God, was re-baptized, and began the next step in my life journey.

God has a plan for all of us. At the end of the day, it is our decision whether we will follow God's plan or go our own way. The best decision I ever made was to give up my way and follow His. I hope you are willing to do the same!

TJ Sands, junior theology major



Sands gives a tour to one of hundreds of elementary school kids he meets during the school year at Southwestern Adventist University's dinosaur museum and lab. (See also, Southwestern Dinosaur Project article, page 14.)



Pass it On...

A Monthly Focus on Evangelism in the Southwest

BY INDIANA MELENDEZ » SOUTHWESTERN UNION COMMUNICATION INTERN

Southwestern Students Share Jesus Through Service

In the wee hours of Sabbath mornings, Southwestern students, staff, and faculty met at the Elisa Carver Park to prepare for service and outreach in the community. Once they all joined together they gathered in a circle for a word of prayer to ask for God's blessing on each family that came through that day.

Students then unloaded the trucks, separating the food into different categories and organized sections.

"I showed up not knowing what to expect," said Martin Reid, a 2015 graduate. "I saw long lines of cars filling the parking lot and pallets and pallets of food. I didn't know where to start so I just walked up to a table. The volunteers in charge, though they didn't know me, were kind and gave me quick, concise instructions. 'Eleven carrots, one cabbage, ten onions.'"

The food was then packaged together by amount, to make sure the same portions were given out to each family. Every car was labeled by number of families represented, so that the volunteers would know how many food packages to place in each car.

Once everything was ready to distribute, the drivers were given instructions to pull forward and stop at each section, where volunteers placed and packaged the food that morning.

"The lines of cars started moving forward and we passed them food," Reid said. "It was so organized that it felt like an assembly line. Though it was getting hotter and we were passing out tons of food, it felt like the story of the five loaves and two fish. I was so happy to help, and seeing smiling faces receive the aid they needed made my day."

Laura Grossel, 2015 graduate, agreed. "It was such a humbling experience to physically hand these people food," Groessel said. "It was a blessing to be able to talk to them and get to see the gratitude on their faces."

Prayers were offered to each driver and family represented, and then each car was waved off with big Southwestern smiles.

Some Sabbath mornings were very cold, but the student volunteers stuck through it to provide a blessing for others.

"One day we were passing out frozen chickens," said Daniel Perez, a 2015 graduate. "As we were loading them and distributing, our hands kept getting numb. But it was awesome seeing the expression on their faces! They were so thankful! Providing for people's needs on a Sabbath...what more of a blessing could you ask

for? At the end of the day, the weather didn't make a difference, nor did our cold hands, but the experience was pretty sweet. It was such a blessing."

Students who par-

► Southwestern student puts gloves on to hand out food to families.

▼ Southwestern students and faculty finish preparations for food drive.



icipated agreed that the little sacrifices they made to show Jesus through service was well worth it in the end.

"Assisting at the food bank was a lot of work," Groessel explains. "It often meant going to church looking less 'put together' than usual, and definitely meant less sleep, but it was an extremely rewarding experience for me and the other volunteers. I loved spending my Sabbath mornings serving alongside my classmates and friends, and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve my community."

Indiana Melendez, communication intern, Southwestern Union

Visión Hispana

UN BREVE NOTICIERO MENSUAL DEL SUROESTE

Programas Espirituales para Hispanos

Programas en Español de Southwestern Adventist University diseñados para ayudar a los estudiantes a forjar su carácter y espiritualidad.

Celebración de independencia de países Latinoamericanos: Estos eventos culturales permiten al estudiante explorar las raíces de las naciones latinoamericanas y el significado que representa para estos países el ser libres, y no colonias europeas y de esta manera ayudarlos a desarrollar mayor patriotismo hacia sus naciones particulares. De igual forma les permite a los estudiantes compartir tradiciones hispanas y conocer nuevas amistades en el campus de Southwestern. Este evento cuenta con la participación de miembros de la comunidad que apoyan con una variedad de comidas, lo cual los estudiantes esperan con gusto.

Celebración del 5 de mayo: Este evento le da la oportunidad a los estudiantes, de honrar su etnicidad mexicana y de igual forma les permite desarrollar sus valores de respeto y admiración a su cultura y orígenes. El compartir y disfrutar de actividades mexicanas en el campus estudiantil también brinda la oportunidad de crear nuevas relaciones amistosas entre diversas culturas.

“Adoración” es un grupo formado por jóve-

nes que todos los jueves se reúnen y exploran diferentes escritos de la Biblia y les permite a los estudiantes tener un momento de alabanza a Dios en el medio de tantas actividades y el estrés académico, y así mismo crecer en su fuerza y fe espiritual. Aquí los jóvenes desarrollan liderazgo

Estudio bíblico y preparación para la obra misionera: Todos los sábados en la tarde por una hora, con la ayuda del profesor Roberto Valencia, estudiantes se reúnen voluntariamente para estudiar la Biblia y aprender cómo mantenerse activos en la obra misionera una vez retornen a sus sitios de origen o dejen el campus de Southwestern, ayudándoles así a conocer más de la Biblia, y el gozo de compartir las buenas de salvación con otros, a la



vez que fortalecen y forman su carácter.

Programa de verano de colportaje: Todos los veranos, los estudiantes de Southwestern que desean disfrutar de la experiencia y el aprendizaje de colportar pueden viajar a muchas ciudades del país y ofrecer distribuir materiales de ayuda espiritual y física, a la vez que tienen la oportunidad de juntar dinero para sus gastos universitarios. Esta experiencia les permite a los estudiantes un crecimiento en carácter y un definitivo fortalecimiento de su fe cristiana.

Natalia Angulo Montenegro



NEW PRESIDENT, NEW FRIEND

Makala Coleman, 2015 Southwestern graduate

There's nothing like being the new freshman on campus. It's an exciting transition in life! No one knows this better than Dr. Ken Shaw, president of Southwestern Adventist University. This year, their first year on campus, Ken Shaw and his wife, Ann, have grown to love Southwestern. Why? The answer boils down to one simple word: students.

"Students make up the story of this school," says Shaw. "In many ways, Ann and I are freshmen. There's just been an outpouring of love and support from students, faculty, and staff. We've been so blessed."

The Shaws have taken deliberate steps to make students feel welcome, and in return they too are loved and welcomed on campus. They are involved in events, address students by name, and openly care for Southwestern. There's no doubt that the Shaws are *definitely* a part of the Southwestern family.

On November 7, Shaw's official inauguration as president of Southwestern took place. University leaders from all over the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists shared insight on leadership and prayed with and for the Shaw family. The momentous occasion for Southwestern was solemn and inspiring, but that did not stop Shaw from taking a "selfie" on stage during his speech. Students laughed, realizing that the new president would be more than a leader, he would be a mentor and friend.

"In life, you shouldn't take yourself too seriously," says Shaw.

The Presidential Inauguration took place several months into the school year, but true campus initiation took place on the first day of school.

It was a typical late-summer evening in Texas, and Southwestern's annual handshake was in full swing. A warm glow covered the hot sidewalk as Dr. and Mrs. Shaw made their way to the campus center. Carnival-style games, great food, live music, and a photo booth created an atmosphere of excitement for the upcoming semester. One of the more popular games at handshake was the dunking booth, and Ken Shaw had agreed to participate.

"I think the dunking tank was my real initiation on campus,"



Cortes posted this picture on social media with the caption, "What university president takes time to hike with a SWAU student? This one. He is so cool. Love it!"

said Shaw. "When asked to be in the booth, it gave me a little pause. I told myself, 'It's going to be a hot day, so this is a positive thing!' When the day came, I saw the line of students with such passion to knock me off the seat! Again, in life, you shouldn't take yourself too seriously."

Food is one of the ways that Dr. and Mrs. Shaw show love and express gratitude to students. At Friday Night Vespers they like to bring homemade loaves of bread to give away. The bread became so popular that Mrs. Shaw got a group together to teach bread making. Also, after the first assembly of the school year, Mrs. Shaw made hundreds of cookies to give away to those in attendance.

"Ann's enjoyed being a part of Women at the Well (a weekly luncheon and small group) providing food, and helping," says Ken Shaw. "She's such a delight. I got lucky when I married her."

"I first met Dr. Shaw at a campus recital," shares Melissa DePai-va, senior nursing major. "He said he recognized me from a promotional video for Southwestern and wanted to know more about how I got here. We set up a time and I went to his office to share my story. It was a surprise to me that the new president would be so interested in getting to know the students at his new university! That same weekend, he and Mrs. Shaw brought me a tiny but delicious homemade loaf of bread after vespers. (Mrs. Shaw, if you read this, I wouldn't complain if you baked another one!) I can truly say the Shaws are THE BEST!"

At the start of the year, the Shaws invited students over to swim and snack on brownies. They also played mini golf with a group of students, and often attend SA events. It's all about getting to know students personally.

One student, Alexander Cortes, recalls an "awesome experience" with Dr. Shaw that took place on an alumni trip to California. He was invited to attend the Loma Linda area Alumni and Friends Reunion as an opportunity for the alumni to meet a current student. While there, the Shaws invited Cortes to go to the Loma Linda church with them.

“It was amazing worshipping right next to my university president,” says Cortes. “It was an incredible moment. All prestige set aside, I saw him as a fellow believer in Jesus, humble and so passionate about worshipping with me.”

After church, Cortes and the Shaws shared a lunch then went back to their hotel rooms. Cortes would help with events later that day, but in the afternoon he had a free schedule. Just a few hours later Cortes received a text from Dr. Shaw that said, “It feels great outdoors. How about a hike?” So after a few minutes the two met downstairs and headed out to the local park. They talked about many things: family, church, education, goals, wishes, and God. Later that evening they ate together again and continued the conversation.

“I will never forget our talks together and how our relationship grew within that weekend,” says Cortes. “To me, Dr. Shaw is more than an administrator, or a university president. He is truly a spiritual mentor and lifelong friend.”

It’s not everyday that Dr. Shaw has time to enjoy a hike, just talking and relaxing, but he does take time to get to know students by participating in and attending campus events. He especially enjoys spending time in worship, such as at Friday Night Worship.

“I really enjoy vespers,” says Shaw. “People sometimes thank me for coming to vespers. I say, ‘Why are you thanking me? Thank YOU!’ It’s a blessing seeing students’ passion for sharing Christ.”

The Shaws really do enjoy all aspects of student life. They are both musicians, and they love to watch and play music with students.

“Concerts, student recitals, vespers – the talent here is so neat to see,” says Shaw. Dr. Shaw plays the euphonium and piano. He enjoys playing piano duets with his wife, Ann, who also plays the marimba and harp.

“They have a marimba at their house,” says Ann Sauder, senior music major. “How awesome is that?”

Dr. Shaw can often be found watching and participating in sporting events too. When Southwestern hosted its own version of the “Olympics” Dr. Shaw was eager to play in ultimate Frisbee, as well as in other events, if a team invited him. Sports are more than fun and games for Shaw, he enjoys watching the Southwestern Knights play with camaraderie and a Christ-like spirit.

“I’ve been to several sporting events,” says Shaw. “Not all, but every time I go, I notice that the team spirit is just amazing. It’s great to see the teams working together with such discipline. They pray before and after games. I think that even with sports you can witness to other people, and showcase Christ.”

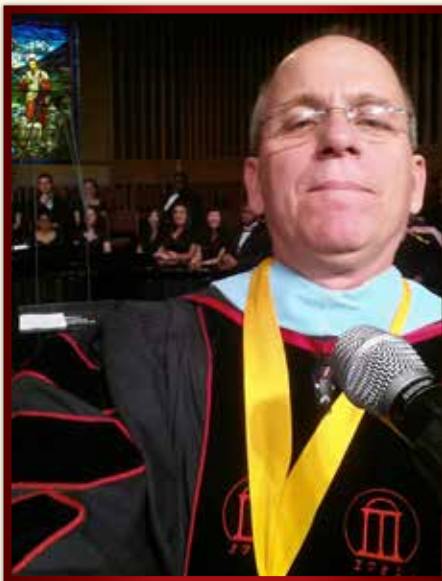
“I had the opportunity to kidnap the president,” laughs SA president Austen Powell. “At the beginning of the year, Southwestern had an SA event called *Campus-wide Clue*. The president agreed to be kidnapped for our event. I took him in my car, and we drove away really fast. It was crazy! As we were driving he just laughed and said, ‘that was the most fun I’ve had in a long time.’ It was just an adrenaline rush. I found out later he had an early morning flight the next day and it was a late night. He didn’t have to participate. Yet, he took the time to be involved. That’s something you don’t see every day.”

Shaw truly believes that the reason Southwestern exists is for the students. He wants to do everything he can to empower students and the faculty that work with students.

“At my core I hold great value for students,” says Shaw. “I believe the faculty and staff here are similar in that way. They have dedicated their lives to Christian education. They want to equip students to be successful for a job, but also spiritually. Ann and I embody that. We love our students.”

That commitment to students is more than just on a personal level, but also on an institutional level. One of the first commitments Dr. Shaw made was to create a five-year strategic plan. The goal of the plan is to closely tie Southwestern’s strategic plan with the new tagline: Knowledge, Faith, Service. At its core, Southwestern is about building knowledge, increasing opportunities for growth in faith, and both providing and teaching service.

“When you become a Christian, you must think about what Christ did for you,” says Shaw. “Christ came down to serve us. So when taking on the role of a Christian, you must serve. I try to represent Christ as best as I can; to represent Him in a positive way through service. Working in education, I am constantly thinking about what I can do for students, and how to equip faculty. It’s right there as a part of our tagline: knowledge, faith, *service*.”



New Southwestern Adventist University president, Ken Shaw, takes a “selfie” during his inauguration.



Dr. and Mrs. Shaw lend a hand at Christmas time with the monthly Keene food bank. They often participate with community service projects. (See also, Pass It On article on page 6.)



Dr. Shaw shares high fives with the students at the traditional “handshake” event at the beginning of the year.



SOUTHWESTERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY: KNOWLEDGE, FAITH, SERVICE

In the summer of 2014, Southwestern Adventist University welcomed a new president. Even before his inauguration, President Ken Shaw issued a charge to the university community to examine the institution's mission, vision, values, and tagline and chart a five-year trajectory for the university.

An 18-member strategic planning committee as well as faculty, staff, various university constituencies, and the university's Board of Trustees provided valuable contributions to the five-year strategic plan.



Isai Ramirez, junior biology major, helps in the clinic on the annual Dominican Republic mission trip.

Mission

Southwestern Adventist University commits to educating a diverse student body in a Christ-centered environment shaped by Seventh-day Adventist Christian beliefs for service and leadership.

Vision

Believing in the transformative power of the gospel and affirming the importance of the life of the mind, Southwestern Adventist University seeks to promote inquiry through faith, to balance tradition with innovation, and to become a force for positive and significant change in global society.

Values

- Christ as our central focus.
- Education that promotes achievement and enriches life.
- Interaction that affirms faith, integrity, and humanity.
- Responsibility for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world.
- Service as a ministry for Christ.
- Integration of Seventh-day Adventist beliefs and practices into daily life.

Tagline

Knowledge, Faith, Service

Guided by the mission, vision, and value statements, Southwestern Adventist University will embark on three major initiatives. Within these three major initiatives are eight strategic goals, 40 supporting recommendations, 117 critical objectives, and 398 action items.

Strategic Goal 1: Build Knowledge

Build knowledge by investing in quality faculty who create and maintain strong academic programs; recruiting students dedicated to learning, intellectual challenge, and leadership; maintaining a strong financial base; and enhancing educational facilities.

Strategic Goal 2: Increase Faith

Increase faith by nurturing personal Christian growth, forming ministry partnerships, and fostering local and global mission participation.

Strategic Goal 3: Provide Service

Provide service to the university and community through employee and student engagement.

In May 2015, the Southwestern Adventist University Board of Trustees approved the essential elements of the 2015-2020 strategic plan.

The new tagline and accompanying mission, vision, value statements, and strategic plan embody the spirit of Southwestern. These are also a road-map of priorities for Southwestern's future, guiding the faculty and staff, engaging the student body, and educating prospective students on who and what Southwestern is. More than a college degree, or experiencing just another Christian university, a student graduating from Southwestern will walk away with a vocation, a true calling, and a network of mentors to encourage their journey as positive, contributing members of society.

Southwestern is Growing

Community service has been a part of the nursing department curriculum for quite some

► Gloria Mapalley, junior nursing major, assisted at the Your Best Pathway to Health free mega health clinic in San Antonio

▼ Architectural renderings for the new nursing and administration building





time. Future nurses learn to serve both “on the job” and in their communities. In addition to community service hours required on each class syllabi, nursing faculty demonstrate the benefits of service through several community health fairs, one of which is now an annual event connected with the Keene Chamber of Commerce business fair. The nursing department has also hosted an annual mission trip to the Dominican Republic for 17 years.

This year, a new opportunity arose when Kerrie Kimbrow, assistant professor and clinical coordinator in Southwestern’s department of nursing, was asked to serve as the assistant director of nursing for the “Your Best Pathway to Health” event in San Antonio. Kimbrow organized a group of over 70 nursing students and faculty members to serve at the event.

“I believe that as nurses it is our privilege to serve others in any way we can,” shares Jasiel Ordonez, junior nursing major. “This trip was both exciting and humbling at the same time. I know that the San Antonio community was immensely blessed physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. We provided medical care to thousands of people in a little less than three days! It was an exhausting challenge, but God is in control. We were blessed to work with so many experienced medical volunteers.”

The nursing program is the fastest-growing department on campus, growing by 38 percent since 2000. The program has long since outgrown its current building, spilling out into classrooms across campus and creating the need for the new Simulation Center, a former doctor’s office leased for \$1 annually to Southwestern by Texas Health Huguley Hospital. But even the Simulation Lab is a temporary fix as more space is already needed.

Southwestern Advance Campaign

The Need:

The current nursing building—built five decades ago—cannot accommodate our students, which means that classes, simulation and skills practice are located in four different buildings on campus. Additionally, the nursing department sees the need for a facility that could be opened to the community in times of natural disaster or distress, providing a triage center to the community.

The Solution:

A new nursing suite of approximately 24,000 square feet will provide the space, technology,

and resources necessary to achieve excellence in health care education. In addition, a new administrative suite will combine our administrative, business, marketing, alumni, and development offices in one building to provide for greater communication and effectiveness in the years ahead.

Support for Growth

A renewed vision mapped out for Southwestern’s future meant a lot of rolling up of sleeves, sharing some big dreams, and much strategic thinking. It was a group effort: feedback came from the strategic planning committee, the board of trustees, student focus groups, and from the Southwestern staff and faculty. It made for an especially grateful Southwestern family when all of that hard work was met with some significant commitments from alumni

and friends of the university.

A \$500,000 gift from an anonymous donor will provide the Biology Department

with an additional full-time faculty member for the next four years. The remaining part of the gift will support equipment needs in the areas of mathematics and science.

“This gift will enhance our academics in a substantial way. It was a joy to share this exciting news with our faculty and staff,” says Shaw. “The biology faculty are thrilled about this new opportunity for their department and for their students. We are so thankful for friends and alumni that support our great university!”

A \$2 million gift from the Adventist Health System has provided a tremendous boost to Southwestern Adventist University by providing an endowed chair for the Business Department. A \$2 million matching gift from the Southwestern Union and a \$1 million challenge grant from the Mabee Foundation have provided needed momentum in the capital campaign to raise \$10 million dollars for our new Nursing and Administration



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President Ken Shaw signs the document accepting the AHS donation during the Southwestern Adventist University Board of Trustees meeting. Pictured left to right: Jeff Bromme, Adventist Health System Senior Vice President, Chief Legal Officer, and member of Southwestern's Board of Trustees, Larry Moore, Board of Trustees chairman, and Max Trevino, Board of Trustees member emeritus



Building. \$2 million is the largest gift Southwestern has received, bringing the total to \$3.1 million in money raised and \$3.2 million pledged.

"I deeply appreciate the commitment shown by these gifts," says Shaw. "They will influence the lives of our students for years to come, and for that, we are profoundly grateful."

Southwestern is also in the process of hiring new positions in the departments of kinesiology and psychology, according to vice president for academic administration, Amy Rosenthal.

Homecoming Golf Classic Raises Funds for Scholarships

Southwestern's annual Homecoming Golf Classic continues to break records, raising almost \$15,000 in 2013, over \$16,500 in 2014, and over \$20,000 in 2015. That's more than 4 times what was raised in 2011! The tournament raises scholarship funds



The Retreat in Cleburne offers an unbelievably picturesque backdrop for golfing and raising scholarship funds.

"It has been a struggle to finance my tuition, but God has constantly provided support throughout my journey at Southwestern. You have been a part of God's plan as a blessing and I am so thankful for your support! Because of sponsors like you, students are able to overcome financial struggles and feel that they are making a difference in a world where it is greatly needed. I plan to use my degree to help students find direction and support when needed, the kind of support I desired to have as a young student." - Dorriane Randolph, sophomore psychology major and future school guidance counselor

"Thank you for the scholarship. Your generous and unselfish support for students is a true representation of Christ's character. You're helping students reach the goals God set for them. My parents wanted more education for me than what they were able to receive. I'm here on faith and hard work, knowing God will provide. This scholarship is a clear indication of that!" - Axel Hanson, freshman theology major and future evangelist

for the students who are the first in their family to attend college. Here are a few responses from the recipients:

"This scholarship really, truly means a lot to me because I need as much help as I can get. Both of my parents are working multiple jobs in order to pay my tuition, and I am trying my best to help them out in any way I possibly can." - Kellie Lynn Murphy, freshman biology major and future veterinarian



Kellie Lynn Murphy, freshman biology major

Dorriane Randolph, sophomore psychology major

Axel Hanson, freshman theology major



SOUTHWESTERN DINOSAUR PROJECT FEATURED IN DOCUMENTARY

By Makala Coleman, 2015 Southwestern graduate

The *Nanotyrannus* is a controversial breed of dinosaur. Only five, possibly six, have been discovered; Southwestern Adventist University's dinosaur project discovered *Nanotyrannus* #3 in 2001. Yes, you read that right – only the third ever discovered! When a well-known history channel (to be announced!) decided to make a documentary about the *Nanotyrannus*, Southwestern enthusiastically accepted an offer to be involved.

The controversy surrounding the *Nanotyrannus* stems from some scientists wanting to classify it as an adolescent *Tyrannosaurus rex*. The documentary seeks to settle the question. A film crew was sent to Southwestern from England, spending two days on campus with Peter Larson from the Black Hills Institute of Geological Research in Hill City, South Dakota.

"The visiting videographers were just fabulous," said Art Chadwick, Southwestern research biology professor and co-director of Southwestern's dinosaur project. "Peter Larson had never been here before, so every time there was a break in filming we would turn our attention to the collection."

Larson brought a cast of the *Nanotyrannus* dinosaur named Jane that had been classified as a t-rex. Comparing it to Southwestern's *Nanotyrannus* skull, they found that the two were almost identical.

"For the documentary, Larson went over all the reasons it couldn't be a t-rex," says TJ Sands, junior theology major and assistant to Chadwick. "There are more than 50 differences between the *Nanotyrannus* and t-

rex skulls. It's silly to think that this is a t-rex. It's illogical."

During the filming process, the scientists studied a cut section of one of the Nano bones that was then ground so thin that they could pass light through it. They found what could be solid evidence that the bones are, in fact, a *Nanotyrannus*: they found what might be medullary bone. Similar to birds, adult female dinosaurs produced medullary bone to draw calcium and create eggs during ovulation.

"If the dinosaur was in ovulation, then there is no way it could be an adolescent," said Sands. "The argument would be moot."

The *Nanotyrannus* documentary is set to premier in June. When the editing process is complete, more specific information will be made available.

The opportunity to be in this documentary is another exciting chapter in the history of Southwestern's dinosaur project, a project that represents significant hard work and dedication. For 18 years, Chadwick and his colleagues have been working in collaboration with the Earth History Research Center and the Hanson Research Station, conducting an on-going dinosaur excavation and taphonomic research project in the Lance Formation of eastern Wyoming.

People come from around the world each summer to work at the excavation site, to do research or gain class credit. Faculty and students from Loma Linda University and Southern Adventist University have contributed to the excavation process and helped with research at both the dig and at Southwestern's dinosaur museum and lab.

One unique aspect of the dinosaur project at Southwestern is its database. Southwestern has the only dinosaur bone collection in the world with complete 3D images of every specimen. Students are

Dr. Chadwick stands next to one of their new discoveries, a triceratops skull nicknamed Caleb, that was brought home summer 2014. There are over 17,000 bones in Southwestern's collection.





▲ Dr. and Mrs. Chadwick and TJ Sands meet with the film crew. (See page 5 for TJ's story.)

▶ The film crew sets up for 2 days of filming.



involved with the whole process, everything from finding the bone, to cleaning, and taking the 3D pictures.

Each bone has a number tag that links it to the database with information on everything known about the bone; its characteristics, if the bones was broken while the dinosaur was still living, scratches and teeth marks from fights, and more.

The link also includes the name of the persons who found, cleaned, and identified the bone. Those three names are attached to the bone. If a person attended the dinosaur dig, they could search their name and anything they worked on would pop up in the search. A person can also browse by the type of bone or type of dinosaur. You could even search for a specific tooth!

"It's quite an extensive website," says Sands, "and the fact that we include pictures of every bone makes it even better."

Another chapter for Southwestern's dinosaur project is currently unfolding. The former student center, located in Scales Hall, is in the process of being renovated into a brand new dinosaur bone museum. "Everyone is interested in dinosaurs," says Chadwick. "We have hundreds of kids every year that come to see the bones at Southwestern's museum."

Sands' job is to help prepare the dinosaur bones for being

moved into the new museum that will open up next year on campus. In the past he has been involved in nearly every aspect of the dinosaur project.

As a theology major, it is an irreplaceable opportunity for him.

"In my field, questions regarding dinosaurs, creation, and evolution are inevitable," says Sands. "I've learned more about dinosaurs than I ever thought I would, just being there and soaking up all the wisdom and knowledge. It started as a job, but became much more than that."

Sands is far from the only student involved with the dinosaur project. Many students have attended the summer digs in Wyoming over the years, and worked for Chadwick in the lab. A Southwestern alumn, Justin Woods, has worked with Chadwick for 15 years, attending the dig in Wyoming every summer, even as his career blossomed in other directions. He started out as a student with technical skills in website design and videography. The partnership continued as Woods helped design the website, the technology involved with filming each individual fossil, and the technology necessary to do both taphonomic and geological research at the dig site. Videos describing the process

and experience can be found at youtube.com/swaudinodig.

The technology has come a long way since Woods first got involved. Now, there are new high-tech bone-cleaning tables, enabling more and more students to be involved. The use of high precision GPS equipment helps measure and record the location of each bone, and software makes it possible to analyze and produce an integrated picture of each quarry. That means the website not only has each bone cataloged and available for 3D viewing, but it also provides a map of each quarry and the location of each bone to the researcher and the curious alike.

A Life-changing Experience

"The 15 years I have been involved with the project started during my college experience and launched me into my career. The numerous opportunities given me by Dr. Chadwick include creating an online catalog of our dinosaur fossils with capabilities unmatched by any other in the world, presenting our techniques at multiple scientific conferences, traveling to an archaeological dig in the middle east to instruct a sister institution on the use of our technology, speaking at denominational conferences around the world, and the privilege of working every June with a very special group of people. He gave me the chance to make a difference, but the difference that this project has made in my life has been incalculable."

Justin Woods '03, computer science major, manager of web services at Hope Channel

"It's a rich experience," says Chadwick. "Every participant that's attended has wanted to come back again. You can be out in nature, and awakened by meadowlarks. It's just a beautiful spot. Beyond learning some important stuff, it's also a spiritual experience: you work with dinosaur bones, and with some incredible people. We worship together. I recommend it for anyone!"

Both the museum and the dig site are open to the public. Visit swau.edu/dinosaur for more information or to schedule a visit.



SOUTHWESTERN'S NEW FIRE SCIENCE PROGRAM

The new Fire Science program took off faster than a firestorm. The first semester class was at capacity, with additional applicants starting general classes and applying for the next semester. Fall 2015 is gearing up to be the same.

In addition to class time, the faculty have made sure there are ample opportunities for the students to understand the responsibilities and service opportunities a career in fire science offers.

"We keep them, and consequently ourselves, very active. It's a part of their internship to volunteer, so each student is actively involved in one of three local fire stations," explains program director and 15-year fire service veteran Chad Hutchinson. "This fall we did a September 11 memorial stair climb, climbing the equivalent of the tower stairs with some of us in full gear. It was intense but it really brought home the sense of responsibility this field requires."

The service aspect is a perfect fit for freshman Daniel Azevedo. Growing up with a pastor dad and a nurse mom in South America, Daniel knew he wanted to make a career out of service but he was sure an office setting wasn't for him. Voted class captain second semester, Daniel has learned more than he expected in his first year.

"I've learned a lot about being a leader," Daniel shares. "We've had some interesting moments. A few in our class were afraid of heights and it took the team to build some trust with each other to help them get through that. We ride out with different fire departments, so to stay connected, I lead out in worship every Friday morning. It helps us stay connected to better support each other."

Another student, Alex, heard about the program on 88.3 The Journey, Southwestern's radio station. Alex planned to attend another local college but when he heard about the program being offered at a Christian university, he was sure that would be the best fit for him and for his young family.

The Fire Science

program has quite the community of supporters. "I'm really excited that Southwestern is doing this," Keene fire chief Matt Gillin said. "I think that's the way this business is going. I think it's great that Keene will be turning out new firefighters."

Some of those supporters came out to the burn tower in Cleburne this Fall as Dr. Shaw, Southwestern president, rappelled off the 4-story burn tower with several of the students. "I feel honored to be a part of the first class. It's even more fun to have this opportunity to rappel with the president," says Tony Rodriguez, first semester captain of the first Fire Science class. "This isn't an every day routine. My classmates and I are excited about this program and proud to have the chance to promote it with Dr. Shaw."

Rodriguez isn't the only one busting the buttons off his uniform. Training Division instructor Brent Batla, chief of Joshua Fire Department Wayne Baker, medical director for Johnson County, Dr. Michelle Beeson, and PHI flight medic Ian Curnow were all a part of making the program happen and are all alumni of Southwestern.



▲ What's better than rappelling out of a 4-story burn tower? Convincing the university president to do it with you!



Top: First Fire Science class poses with program director Chad Hutchinson.

▲ Alumni and program leaders in attendance for the inaugural rappelling off the burn tower this fall. Back row, left to right: Chad Hutchinson, Ken Shaw, Ian Curnow, Vesa Naukkarinen, and Mick Moffitt. Front row, from left: Wayne Baker, third from right, and Dr. Michelle Beeson, far right.



CHANGES AROUND CAMPUS

There are other exciting changes on campus! A new pathway winds around the duck pond in the Callicott Student Park. And right next to the new path, winding its way through the fields and forest, is a brand new disc golf course. The new course, the grand opening tournament occurring during Homecoming weekend, is the result of the hard work of a group of Southwestern alumni and friends. Jarrett Morgan '06, Jeremy Short '05, and Taylor Cole, along with some additional alumni, friends, and Southwestern staff, worked hard to pull the course design and funding together.

When she's not baking bread, teaching some life-skills to residence hall students, or hosting students and staff at her home, Ann Shaw has spent some significant time improving some of the common areas of the campus. The lobby of Findley Administration is almost unrecognizable, as the walls are now covered with new paint and canvases filled with laughing student faces. Offices in the administration building are updated with cheerful colors and décor. The residence halls have new paintings hung on the walls, many of which are painted by Mrs. Shaw! The Mabee Center also has new artwork, including some beautiful hand-drawn promotion posters created by Southwestern's talented graphic designer, David Pollock.

New art now covers the wall of Dilts Chapel in Harmon Hall. Some of the artwork is Mrs. Shaw's while others are created by students. As you walk into the Chapel, home to co-ed evening worships, special events, small group worships, and even a wedding or two, you'll notice the beautiful painting that anchors the stage. A scene of Jesus and the woman at the well is painted in vivid colors. The style of the painting came about when the student artist, ESL student Paloma Rodriguez, came up with the beautiful and unique design for this year's Mugshot book. When Mrs. Shaw saw the digital artwork, she asked Paloma if she would be willing to put her unique style on canvas. Paloma also created a piece featuring Miller Hall in the same style, which now hangs in the lobby of Miller Hall.

Some of these changes are a perfect illustration for how alumni and friends of the University can get involved. Morgan

was looking for a way to get involved with his alma mater. Now that he has brought his dream for a disc golf course to fruition, he plans to help Southwestern run disc golf clubs and maybe even a disc golf class.

"Disc golf was first introduced to me by a fellow alumnus, Eric Crews, 10 years ago," explains Morgan. "As a college student the idea of playing golf for free was awesome! I quickly fell in love with one of the fastest growing sports in the U.S. and kept sharing the game. So now I want to pay it forward to current and future students who can enjoy the beauty and fun of a disc golf course on the hills of Callicott Student Park. I look forward to seeing students engaging in intramurals, tournaments, and classes at our new course. It was a perfect way to give back to my university and benefit future students."



◀ Mrs. Shaw teaching students how to bake bread and other goodies.



Second from top: The newly renovated Dilts Chapel.

Third from top: Dr. Michael England, Southwestern education professor, and Mrs. England try out the new course.

Bottom left: Sean Amos, Southwestern's director of Campus Services, student (and disc golf player) Chris Rosado, and community friend and Level13Apparel owner, Michael Mathews, put in the teepads. It was truly a group effort!

Bottom right: Students enjoying the new trail around the Duck Pond.

▼ Paloma Rodriguez poses with one of her vivid paintings.



Passionate, Dedicated, and Caring



ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

When Dr. William Richardson retired in 2006 after a distinguished career as a university religion professor, I read a tribute that had been written about him and the three words that were used to describe him were passionate, dedicated, and caring. I first met Dr. Richardson some 36 years earlier, when as a junior college student I walked into his Greek class at 7:00 a.m. That would be the routine every morning—Monday through Friday—for the next two years for Greek I and then Greek II. I also sat in several other classes of his over that two-year period of time when I was a student at Southwestern Union College (now Southwestern Adventist University) and can attest that Elder Richardson, as we called him then, was truly passionate about everything he taught. He was also dedicated to his students, providing every

support possible to ensure they were successful in their academic studies.

At the close of my junior year, Elder Richardson invited me to be his reader for the next school year, an offer, which I accepted. I got to know him very well over the course of that senior year as I sat in his office and graded Greek papers. While passionate about everything he did, he was at the same time a very caring man with a very compassionate heart. I still recall the last time I stood in the doorway of his office a few hours following my graduation. Elder Richardson had already left campus, but I needed to leave my key to his office door on his desk. Before shutting the door behind me, I gazed all around that room and recounted numerous conversations that we had about Greek, theology, ministry, the church, and life in general.

I had been greatly blessed to have Elder

Richardson, not only as a religion professor, but also as a mentor, a coach, and a friend. Two years after my graduation from Southwestern, Micki, my girlfriend at the time and now my wife, and I contacted Elder Richardson and asked him if he would perform our wedding, which he did. Micki had worked for Mrs. Richardson in the college library and had babysat their son, Steven, so she was also very well acquainted with Elder Richardson and held him in high esteem.

Micki and I are both grateful for passionate, dedicated, and caring college professors who made an impact and a difference in our lives at Southwestern Adventist University.

Stephen Orfan, president

One Church, Two Communities

BATON ROUGE, LA. » What transpires when you have one church located in two communities and, especially, when the location of one of the communities is behind the gates of a state penitentiary? The answer: Christian love and appreciation.

The Baton Rouge Seventh-day Adventist Church is the mother church of the Seventh-day Annexation on the grounds of Louisiana State Penitentiary located in Angola, La. This annexation falls under the pastoral leadership of Mike Martinez, pastor of the Baton Rouge church. However, because of its unique positioning, inmate leaders have been evaluated, elected, and installed to work with the Baton Rouge church's prison ministries team to insure the vitality of the ministry. These inmate leaders are Demetrius Bradley, John Mullins, and Ezekiel McGinnis.



Early in 2014, Mullins and McGinnis approached the prison ministry team about planning an "Elder Appreciation Service" for Bradley, who had been appointed as annexation leader in August 2012. In the beginning, church membership totaled five inmates, however, with their leadership, prayers, and love of God's Word, the LSP Annexation began to experience a growth in numbers, spiritual maturity, and doctrine. Today, the annexation numbers have blossomed to more

From left: Veronica Henry, Elder Larry Henry, Diane Knight, Mike Martinez (pastor), Joe Greud, and Louisiana State Penitentiary elder Demetrius Bradley.

than 30 souls following the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Bradley made it his desire to witness to those incarcerated men who “hung out on the edge” and those who held no desire other than to violate the laws of God and the institution. He witnessed and showed love to those who were considered “hopeless.” Several inmates stated that joining the LSP Annexation was the first time they had ever joined a church in prison and that Bradley did nothing but show them love and compassion. Whether a church member needed financial assistance in purchasing a necessary item, was sick, or absent from Sabbath worship service, he could be relied upon for support—monetarily or through visiting the inmate to let him know he was cared about and missed. For these reasons, Mullins and McGinnis sought to honor Bradley.

“Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the Word and doctrine” (1 Timothy 5:17).

It was a very daunting task for the an-

nexation deacons to prepare an “Appreciation Service” for Bradley without his knowledge. The church members pooled their resources to purchase and prepare everything necessary to make the day special. When asked by the Baton Rouge church’s prison ministries team what they could do to assist, the reply of these LSP “Men of Valor” was to simply “be on time.”

On August 9, 2014, the prison ministries team, Mike Martinez, Larry Henry, Veronica Henry, Diane Knight, Chris Bartholomew, and Joe Greud, arrived at the gates of the Louisiana State Penitentiary, anxiously awaiting the start of another Sabbath worship service, as well as the start of the surprise “Elder Appreciation Service.” Accompanying them were two guests, Bobie Martinez and Juan Borges, executive secretary of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference.

Not realizing that this Sabbath was also an “Elder Appreciation Service” for him, Bradley was stunned, speechless, and filled with tears of joy. To add to the festivities of the day, the deacons also surprised mem-

bers of the prison ministries team with plaques to honor their love, dedication, and support. Not only was this action a total surprise, but the thoughts, efforts, and kind words meant so much to each team member.

Martinez delivered an inspiring sermon and there were several personal testimonies from church members. There was also both vocal and instrumental praise music by inmate musicians. At the end of the worship service, another individual came forward and accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. The service concluded with lunch and fellowship.

The Baton Rouge Seventh-day Adventist Church acknowledges Warden Burl Cain for allowing it to partner with the Louisiana State Penitentiary and annex a church on its premises for the purpose of assisting with the spiritual growth and rehabilitation of its inmate community.

Demetrius Bradley and John Mullins

Annexation church members and prison ministry team.



Fort Smith Conducts Baby Dedication

FORT SMITH, ARK. » The Fort Smith church had the privilege of having a baby dedication on February 21, 2015. The baby's parents, Sunset and Landon, and his grandparents, joined 11-day-old Lucas, as Burnham Rand, pastor, conducted the dedication. It is awesome to witness parents and grandparents who commit to train their children to follow Christ. The Fort Smith church is blessed to have little ones and their families in the congregation. We look forward to nurturing these children and helping them learn to love and serve Jesus. Our Cradle Roll/Kindergarten class is an awesome hands-on class that changes themes each quarter. The class is taught by a team of enthusiastic and dedicated teachers who have much love to share with little people and their parents.

Lea Treshnell



Fort Smith welcomes baby Lucas with parents, Sunset and Landon.

Metairie Hispanic Church Inducts Adventurer Club

METAIRIE, LA. » After more than two decades of being absent, the Metairie Spanish church proudly celebrated its first Adventurer Club Induction ceremony.

A very hard-working and Jesus-loving team has organized the Little Lambs, Eager Beavers, and Adventurer Metairie Cubs. For nine months the leadership staff worked to establish a well-organized club for the church's children and community. At the Induction ceremony, all the staff members were initiated along with 18 children in a very memorable and beautiful ceremony.

To God be the glory as they diligently

work toward helping the parents guide their children toward a Christ-centered life!

"Teach a youth about the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6, HCSB).

Zaira Lopez



Southwestern – Our School



Southwestern Adventist University is our school. Of course, I attended Southwestern Adventist College, and many of my fellow alumni attended Keene Industrial Institute, Southwestern Junior College, and Southwestern Union College. But whatever the name, we knew then and know today that Southwestern stands for Christian education and Christian fellowship.

From the time I can remember, I knew that I would attend a Seventh-day Adventist college. I didn't know that it would be Southwestern, since I lived in another part of the country. But when our family moved to Oklahoma in 1975, Southwestern became my school. As an academy student, I enjoyed music festivals and college days at Southwestern. The eight-hour bus trip from Ozark Academy to Southwestern was always filled with anticipation and excited conversations about what might happen

during our visit. My 16-year-old self observed grownup college students with awe and rejoiced when they accepted me onto their campus.

And then came the wonderful day when I enrolled as a college freshman. My life was complete – what more could I ever ask for? My classes included Accounting Principles I with Arthur White, Christian Beliefs with Harold Burr, and Freshman Composition with Andrew Woolley. Not only did I learn rules for adjusting entries and composition writing, I also learned the joys and rewards of living a Christian life as I interacted daily with my wonderful Christian teachers, deans, and work supervisors. Their influence on my life can never be fully measured on this earth.

My years at Southwestern also built and strengthened my friendships with my classmates. College really is the time in life when we make our friends for life and I cherish the friends with whom I shared my

college experiences. I am so very blessed to have spent those precious years surrounded by Christian young people whose values and standards meshed with mine.

Then, in 2008, I received the most unexpected invitation. I returned to our school as a professor exactly 30 years after I began my college career. What a joy to be back on campus! What a privilege to give back a little of what had been given me at that special school!

Seventh-day Adventist education molded my life in ways that I continue to uncover daily. Living day in and day out with professors, staff members and fellow students who were committed Christians made a profound impact on my life. I can only hope and pray that my daily life will encourage others to attend Seventh-day Adventist schools and live their lives in service to our Lord and Savior.

Karen Senecal

Vinita Church's Winter-Needs Project Helps Community

VINITA » There have been a few cold months for the beginning of 2015. The community service department of the Vinita Seventh-day Adventist Church partnered with the FNB (First National Bank) of Vinita on the Winter-Needs Project. Early in the season, our Adventist Community Services leader, Judy Harbour, and assistant, Patricia Johnson, promoted the project, accepting donations from church members. Donations included many hand-made quilts by Doris Hallett, coats, hats, gloves, footie socks, and scarves—all winter items that the bank's needed items list solicited from the community at large. Harbour and

Johnson dropped the items off at the bank on February 24. The needs were many as we learned afterward; 12 families came in

needing winter items and apparel. It's not surprising that God's timing, on even the littlest things, is perfect.



The Vinita church would also like to acknowledge Harbour's generosity in donating new offering plates for the church on behalf of her late husband, Donald Harbour, who had recently joined our church. Thank you for your continued service to our church and community.

Pictured with Winter-Needs Project donations are Judy Harbour, Vinita church's Adventist Community Services leader, and Patricia Johnson, assistant.

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Building Project Nears Completion

EDMOND » Work is nearing completion on a major milestone in the history of the Seventh-day Adventist church in Edmond: a new worship center that will permit the growing church membership to move out of the current cramped quarters and

the size of the existing church with initially 250 chairs in the worship center and space to expand to 365 chairs. The fellowship hall will seat 200 at 20 tables. Eight large classrooms roughly double the existing Sabbath School space.

“We had no idea how God was going to work things out for the building of our new house of worship. We just had to take a leap of faith and in doing so we set ourselves to seek God and His will. Nevertheless, seeking God involves giving of ourselves in some level of personal sacrifice. Today we can testify that God has been guiding us all through this adventure,” said building committee chair Eliezer Castañón.

Weather permitting, construction is expected to be complete in June and planning is currently underway for celebration/inaugural ceremonies on August 22, featuring a concert of sacred music by world-renowned violinist Jaime Jorge.



◀ Edmond Seventh-day Adventist Church
▼ Renovations continue in the sanctuary of the Edmond church

expand and add to all the church's many ministries.

Planning for a new church began decades ago with the search for a new location. That search ended in 2004 with the purchase of a beautiful, heavily-wooded 9-acre plot of land beside Interstate 35 in northeast Edmond. The church celebrated in 2008 when the mortgage on the land was paid off. A building fund drive was launched in 2011, and ground was broken in February 2014.

The new building is roughly three times



Lowell Meister Receives Medal of Distinction

NOWATA » Lowell Meister, assistant director of visual affairs in the Health Ministries Department of the General Conference, received a medal of distinction on April 14, 2015, from Ted Wilson, General Conference president. Peter Land-

less, Health Ministries director, made the presentation. Meister has represented the Association of SDA Optometrists for 10 years, visiting eye clinics in Africa, Guam, and Saipan. He also practiced optometry for 54 years in Nowata, Oklahoma. Meister

says that the award is greatly appreciated and accepted on behalf of the thousands of volunteers that support and represent their home churches.

Adventist Education Preps for Eternal Homecoming

Students from across the United States and the globe are attracted to Southwestern Adventist University because of what it stands for and what it offers. Education holds a strategic position in every society because all youth must pass through some type of educational experience in preparation to fill society's responsible positions. The future of any society will be shaped by its current youth, and the direction they will take society will, to a large extent, be determined by their education. One of the primary functions at Southwestern is to provide a protected atmosphere for the nurturing of its youth. Many have graduated from this institution

and have come to cherish its worthiness.

Therefore, it is not surprising that every school year Southwestern Adventist University has an alumni homecoming weekend. Special programs are planned, a delicious, mouth-watering, and lip-smacking banquet is prepared, and the entire campus is spiffed up to welcome back those who studied there over the years. It is a time for joyful fellowship, as old classmates, including some who have not met one another for what seems like eons, reconnect and converse about what has happened in the intervening years. It is a time for remembrance, as graduates reminisce and share their cherished memories

of what happened in the past. It is a time for homecoming, as those who spent several formative years of their lives on the Southwestern campus return to their alma mater.

But as enjoyable as these alumni homecomings are, and as much as the campus anticipates them, they pale insignificantly compared to another homecoming. That is the homecoming of Jesus! Are we providing all opportunities possible to ensure that our children are ready for the ultimate homecoming?

S. Ramsarran

One Hundred Years and Counting

AUSTIN, TEX. » Annie Mae Williams City was born September 4, 1914, as the sixth child born to John and Mable Johnson of Smithville, Texas. Her father moved the family to a farm in Bell County after the death of her mother, and her childhood was spent learning much about God. In the 1970's she joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church, which taught her the importance of living by the word of God.

City lives alone and does all of her own cooking and housework. She does a lot of the work in her large beautiful yard. At the age of 93, in order to keep busy and her mind active, City enrolled in a computer class and graduated with several dignity from the City of Austin, Texas in attendance.

City studies her Bible

daily. She attends Sabbath School and church service every Sabbath. She loves to cook and sew and enjoys cooking for neigh-

bors and community members around her.

Now at the age of 100, City is often asked about her secret to a long life.

"I'm not sure," she says. "But every day I try to please God in everything I do."

After becoming Adventist, City became vegetarian and feels that it has contributed to her good health. She eats no meat, besides clean fish, and plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables. She also drinks plenty of water on a daily basis.

"I am so grateful to God for blessing me with this wonderful long life," City says. "I never get tired of thanking Him."

Clara M. Patterson



At age 93 in 2007, Annie Williams City stands in her regalia, after graduating from computer training.

“Spice Up” Your Ministry

BATON ROUGE, LA. » The average Louisianan connoisseur of the culinary arts is known for his love of food. Recently, however, this passion took on a different connotation, courtesy of the Southwestern Union Conference. We can only surmise that the organizers capitalized on our physical appetites to stimulate our spiritual appetites thus further motivating us in service to our Lord and ultimately to our communities. What resulted was the “Spice Up Your Ministry” training conference for South Louisiana churches hosted by the Baton Rouge, Berean, and Spanish churches. Each church featured a union official for Sabbath School and worship services, and following lunch, there were simultaneous but varied afternoon seminars in the three different venues.

Berean felt blessed to have Southwestern Union executive secretary Buford Griffith present the worship service message. He began by acknowledging Southwest Region Conference president Sam Green’s introduction of him. Griffith’s message “Living Among What Used to Be” had as its theme text Revelation 2:1-7. His reminder of how time brings about change evoked humor as he reflected on his and his wife’s “trip down memory lane” when they perused through past photos of classmates and themselves while students at Oakwood.

“It’s okay to reminiscence about the past, but we can’t relive it,” he remarked to more chuckles from the congregation. Citing examples from the fashion world, he recounted how things we think are new are just recycled repeats of the past. “God commended the Church at Ephesus for its faithfulness and not growing weary, but something happened,” Griffith said. “The

Spirit of Prophecy, Griffith’s admonition included, “We have to have more than just a Sabbath experience. Worship must not become something just for the moment. Our Lord despises status quo Christianity and has delayed His coming because we’re not ready for the same reason He didn’t come in 1844—the Great Disappointment.”

In closing he reiterated, “The Seventh-day Adventist church was organized for service; for the salvation of souls. If we’re not involved in ministry, we will not experience the joy of ministry, but will ultimately lose our souls.” We thank Griffith for this admonition, and the Union for its vision for enhancing and “spicing up” our ministries.

Evelyn M. Edwards



▲ Samuel Green, Southwest Region Conference president and Buford Griffith, executive secretary and Family Ministries director, attend the “Spice Up Your Ministry” training conference.

► Mary Green (left) and Carmen Griffith, Southwestern Union Women’s Ministries director.



church lost its zeal, forgetting its first love—its love for righteousness.”

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A Mission Trip for Three-year-olds

BATON ROUGE, LA. » I was leaving school one Friday afternoon, remembering all the stops I needed to make prior to going home in preparation for the Sabbath. Due to road construction, I found myself passing by church elder Bernice Johnson's street. We had received the message to send up special prayers for Johnson because she had been hospitalized. I wondered, "Was she still hospitalized? Or was she at home recuperating and up to seeing visitors?" Well, there was only one way to find out. Before I knew it, my car made a right turn down her street.

After pulling up in the driveway it seemed that Max, her dog, gave me a loud, energetic, rousing applause! After entering

a few stops to make, but somehow I knew I had been just where God intended me to be.

Not long after our visit, I opened my eyes one morning and the Holy Spirit spoke to me, "Take your Pre-K3 class to visit Elder Johnson." My immediate response was, "Ok." You see, I had been praying for God to give me a way to get my children more involved in the community so they can become mission-minded for Jesus. We were a small group and Johnson had a large family room where she could receive us. When I asked Johnson about it, she said she would be delighted to receive us. When I told the children, they

in the sky. They had no complaints! They were so happy and excited! We had prepared some special colorful gift paper flowers and a card to share with Johnson, and they were elated about their mission trip.

So off we went. Max once again seemed to greet the children with a rousing applause! My boys paused a moment thinking they might give him a special visit, too,



▲ Bernice Johnson
◀ Martin Luther King Jr. Christian Academy
Pre-K3 class

her home, Johnson told me she had just been released from the hospital Thursday evening. And yes, she was delighted to see me. I had told myself it would be a short visit of 15 minutes, but her physical therapist stopped by shortly after me, and my 15-minute visit turned into an hour. But oh, how I enjoyed every minute spent with her and her dear family! Upon leaving, I announced I would probably be back the next day with my husband. Upon leaving her home, I felt so peaceful. Yes, I still had

shouted with joy!

I immediately started making arrangements to take them. Sibyl Jordan, school principal of Martin Luther King, Jr. Christian Academy, thought it was a great idea. I asked our vice principal, Ivy Jones, if she would drive us in the school van, and she was more than happy to take us.

Finally, February 25, 2015 arrived. It was cold, windy, and raining, but when I saw the children, you would have thought the weather was perfect with a big rainbow

but I encouraged them to come on in the house. They stood in front of Johnson in a semi-circle and sang "Jesus Loves Me," "If You're Happy and You Know It," and "I Have the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy, Down in my Heart." Then they recited part of the Ten Commandments. They proudly presented their gifts to Johnson and gave her some hugs. Ivy Jones closed the visit with prayer.

This was really special for us because Johnson is a firm believer and supporter of Seventh-day Adventist education. She has been for years, always giving, raising money, continually praying for the school, teachers, students, and serving on the school board. Jones mentioned in her prayers that even one of my students is currently a recipient of a scholarship partially funded by Johnson. I thank God for all supporters of Seventh-day Adventist Christian education.

Yvonne Pondexter

Why Choose Southwestern?

“Calling all college-bound students!” Why should you choose Southwestern Adventist University?

Today’s Christian high school graduates are faced with an impressive array of details and choices for where to educate and equip themselves for eternity. Naturally, at the top of the check-off lists are things such as academics, cost, convenience, and friendships. But perhaps the thing that should top off every Christian high school graduate is *compatibility* with one’s core beliefs, values, and lifestyle. If I am a follower of Christ, should I not be seeking to find higher education at a place that is not only an academic, but also a spiritual refuge?

I like to think of Southwestern Adventist University in those terms. I believe the spiritual atmosphere there is convincing and genuine. I believe that the administration, the professors, and support staff are serious about their ministry. I believe that the cause is clear! Studies have supported the concept that relationships are vital to any educational experience. Whether you’re in Kindergarten or a senior in college, it is evident that a positive relationship with your educator is important.

True teachers do not only impart wisdom, they transfer values. Furthermore, students who are away from home for the first time in their young lives will find relational aspects of their education even more valuable! Many have made a lot of the smaller size of Southwestern. It has been referred to by some as a disadvantage. But perhaps there is a sizeable advantage in not being so large. If we look at it in terms of relationships, perhaps we shall find that a smaller student body and smaller teacher-student ratios provide for more attention and interaction between students, teachers and students, and administration and students. After all, the chief and principle purpose of Adventist higher education should be to connect students with heaven. Its secondary purpose should be to fortify young Christians and enable them to be positive and productive citizens in a world that languishes for lack of positive and uplifting role models.

Recent studies have shown that higher education in general produces citizens who have higher amounts of personal savings, possess greater professional mobility, have the ability to make better decisions as consumers, tend to volunteer for community service at a much greater rate, and are

more likely to donate blood. Compelling data! But our own internal Value-Genesis studies reveal that those who run the table in our own educational institutions are more likely to occupy positions of leadership within the corporate church institution, more likely to step up and accept leadership roles in their local churches, more likely to seek a spouse within the framework of Adventist circles, and are more likely to embrace the mission of the Church, which is to take the message of the gospel, to all the world, in this generation!

Ultimately, there is little-to-no value in attending a school that calls itself Christian if it does not approach all truth as being from God. We stand alone on the Word of God, and I am under the stark conviction that Southwestern Adventist University has that posture. A biblical foundation will see God as the source of truth in mathematics, science, history, and all other disciplines.

Christians believe that God not only made all things, but also knows them intimately. “Calling all college-bound students!” Take a long, hard, serious look at Southwestern. You won’t regret it.

Carlos J. Craig, president

Gulfhaven’s Healthy Cooking Class

HOUSTON » On February 22, Ron Boczkowski, along with health leader Jean Hagen, conducted a successful community outreach healthy cooking class, teaching the attendees how to prepare wonderful vegetarian and vegan dishes. The event was promoted extensively through radio, newspaper, phone calls, and emails. Two beautiful, full-color banners were attached to permanent wood sign frames on each side of the church and could clearly be seen as the people passed by each direction on the street in front of the church.

The cooking demonstrations were done in the kitchen area of the church’s fellowship hall where tables had been set up. Boczkowski led out with seven volunteers who prepared and demonstrated their special dishes

in front of around 40 attendees.

The volunteer presenters shared healthful tips as they demonstrated their favorite vegetarian and vegan dishes. One of the bilingual chefs presented her specialties in both English and Spanish. This cooking class was an inspiration to the youth and

young people of the church, with several volunteering to help clean up afterward.

The wholesome veggie meals consisted of scrambled tofu, lasagna, oatmeal/walnut patties, tofu casserole, veggie turkey, and much more.

At the end of the class everyone was invited to sample all the wonderful, mouthwatering dishes. The comments heard from the attendees were, “Delicious” and “When are we going to have another class?”

The recipes of the dishes prepared in class were given to each participant. The recipe book, *10 Talents*, was also made available for the attendees to examine or order their own copy.

Jean Hagen



Staying Busy at Greenville Church

GREENVILLE » The Greenville Seventh-day Adventist Church is on the move! In the past few months we have refurbished our sanctuary, invested in the purchase of a 10-passenger bus to help transport members, hosted a Community Block Party with a bounce house, games, snacks, and other fun activities, and we were also blessed with a concert by the world renowned King's Heralds quartet. Shortly after, Greenville hosted a "singspiration" that included various songs, instrumental pieces, and poems.

For the first time in many years, our church participated in the Greenville Christmas Parade. After a lot of preparation and prayer, we passed out more than 1,000 goodie bags that included *Steps to Christ* books, *Insight* magazines, *Guide* magazines, *Little Friend* magazines, candy, and wristbands with our church's logo.

Our plans are to expand the amount of goodie bags we give away next year to accommodate the 4,000-5,000 people who attend the parade. We had more than three-fourths of our church members helping give away the goodie bags and participating in the parade.

We were blessed to ordain David Steven-son as an elder. Ryan Teichmen and Dante Alvarado also were ordained as deacons. These men are a welcomed addition to the leadership of our church.

Our church continued to be blessed with not only a baby dedica-tion, but also two baptisms all on the same Sabbath. Terri Montgomery and

Angel Alvarado joined our church through baptism, and Lucas Belarminio was dedi-cated to God by his family. We are always excited to see our church family grow.

God is continuing to bless the direc-tion of Greenville Seventh-day Adventist Church. We are blessed to have genuine members who have a burning desire to serve God and share the Three Angel's Messages in the Greenville area.

Paige Nikles

The Greenville Seventh-day Adventist Church stays busy with many events and outreach efforts, including the Community Block Party, the Greenville Christmas parade, elder ordinations, and baby dedications.



McKinney Church Welcomes New Pastor

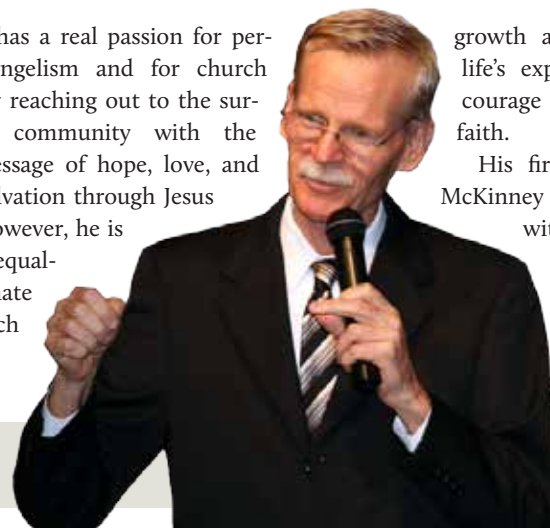
MCKINNEY » Peter A. Weber is the new pastor of the McKinney church. He started his ministry in Peru as a missionary and church pastor, publishing director for several missions and the local conference, and finally with Adventist Disaster and Relief Agency. His ministry continued in Los Angeles, Calif., Albuquerque, N. Mex., Grand Prairie, Tex., and for the last 10 years at the Edinburg church in South Texas. He has pastored many multicultural churches and his experience in evangelism will contribute to spreading the gospel throughout McKinney and the surrounding cities.

Weber has a real passion for personal evangelism and for church growth by reaching out to the surrounding community with the Bible's message of hope, love, and eternal salvation through Jesus Christ. However, he is also as equally passionate about each member's personal

growth and enjoys telling his life's experiences to help encourage others to live a life of faith.

His first official Sabbath in McKinney was January 17, 2015, with a communion service. Afterward, members had an opportunity to share some time with Weber by celebrating and welcoming him to the McKinney family.

Peter A. Weber is the new McKinney church pastor.



Special Moments at Denton First Church

DENTON » There are special moments in the life of the local church that are worth remembering for years to come. One such Sabbath occurred on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2015.

Men's ministries leaders Steve Morgan and Wilson Mafi coordinated the activities for this special Sabbath. After attending the training for this ministry, as well as weeks of planning and meetings, the men's ministries department was officially launched. Along with the launch of this important ministry, the men chose to express their love and appreciation to the ladies of the church on this special Sabbath. From the greeters at the door to the fellowship lunch after the worship service, all aspects of the day delivered praise to God in an excellent and awesome way. All of the ladies received a red rose delivered to them by the men of the church during the worship service.

Gerald H. Jones conducted the Sabbath School as he continued our focus on Seventh-day Adventist history, briefly reviewing some aspects of the 2,300-day prophecy covered in previous weeks and culminating the pre-session with a video presentation about Adventist missions from the

Adventist Trilogy by filmmaker Martin Doblmeier. Derek Lazarus, pastor, delivered the message "Saved for a Purpose" encouraging the congregation to follow the example of Jesus Christ and to grow in our commitment and dedication to His service because we understand God's purpose for our lives.

Two of the highlights of the worship hour were Lazarus and Jones leading all of the men in making a commitment to God, their family, church, and community. At the conclusion of the commitment prayer, more than 40 men stood at the altar, signed their commitments and then lifted their voices in singing, "No man is an island, no man stands alone."

After a fellowship dinner, The Group, an all-male a cappella group from the Dallas-Fort Worth area delivered a lively and inspiring concert mixed with testimony



Denton First Seventh-day Adventist Church celebrates the launch of a new Men's Ministries department with a special conference.



and singing. The Group predominately ministers to those in senior care facilities and the prison system.

This Sabbath was one special moment in the life of the local church. It is a Sabbath we will remember for many years to come because of the outpouring of love expressed to our entire church congregation.

Lifestyle Changes... Change Lives

KATY » On March 15, the Katy church's health ministries department recently sponsored a health fair for church and community members. Participants at the fair received free health checks for blood pressure, blood glucose, height, weight,

and BMI. Literature was provided about healthy diet options, reading labels, healthy food recipes, and dental care. As a culmination of the fair, Gaddiel Rios, M.D., provided a health talk to participants. In addition to promoting and encouraging healthful living, the fair was also provided attendees with spiritual nourishments. Additionally, attendees received copies of *The Great Controversy* and *Steps to Christ*.

The church and its members have embarked on a journey to promote physical health. The health ministries department's health message mission is "Lifestyle Changes...Change Lives" for the 2014-2015 church year. Initiatives to promote and encourage the health message have been put into place.

Seminars on healthy eating and cooking demonstrations have been held throughout the year. The FFIT (Fat Folks in Tights) Club was started to encourage members to reduce body weight percentage through healthy diet choices and regular exercise with several members of the church participating in the club initiatives.

Martha Ouma



From left: Gaddiel Rios, M.D., Karon Thomson, Martha Ouma, Evelyn Nkwantabiah, Diana Klypass, and Vedia Narine.



TEXAS CONFERENCE

Southwestern Adventist University: Become Part of the Family



TEXICO CONFERENCE

If there are two fundamental characteristics that make Southwestern Adventist University unique, they are the friendliness of the students, teachers, and staff and the ability to create a family environment.

The university provides a great atmosphere to forge new friendships through an array of social and spiritual events. When it comes to making lasting friends, there is simply no substitute for coming together with others that share our same religious beliefs and principles. Southwestern Adventist University provides a unique setting for friendships to happen more organically, without feeling forced or coerced.

When I first arrived as a student at Southwestern, I would greet people by saying, “How are you doing?” or “How’s it going?” After I was there for a couple of

months my greeting changed to “How ya’ll doing?” (I guess it was the Southern hospitality that changed my vocabulary).

It is tempting when you go to a new school to cling to people who are similar to you and with whom you feel most comfortable. As you expand your horizons and meet different people and different cultures, not only do your friendships grow, but your education expands as well.

Southwestern makes everyone feel that they are part of the family. They make you feel like you belong—that you are special and a unique individual. During my time at the university, I felt that I had overwhelming support from my professors. The sense of belonging was demonstrated in the faculty and staff as they supported me when I was far from home. It was also always very comforting to have professors invite me to their homes on Sabbath to share a home

cooked meal.

The professors cared for each student no matter how different and difficult they were. When there was an issue or a problem, they were always willing to take their time, listen, and guide students in the Christian path.

As I continue visiting the campus, not much has changed. The same friendlessness and spirit of belonging to a family is alive and well in Keene, Texas.

If you are looking for a university to attend, I would personally encourage you to take a look at Southwestern Adventist University. It’s a place of academic excellence where you can also develop your walk with Christ.

Lee-Roy Chacon

“Did You Know?” **Texico Prison Ministry: Making a Difference**

ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX. » Did you know that the United States has the largest prison population in the world, and the second highest per capita as far as the incarceration rate (second only to Seychelles, a small island East of Africa)? In the United States, incarceration is one of the main forms of punishment, rehabilitation, or both for the commission of felony and other offenses.

Did you know that our nation has more jails than degree granting colleges? We can go on and on with mind boggling statistics on this issue, but another sobering reality is that we cannot ignore incarceration and expect it to go away or eventually solve itself. We can certainly make a difference, even if it’s only in a small way.

That’s why the Texico Prison Ministry is so critical. This ministry is becoming especially active in several congregations in our conference (with many more to come). There is a plethora of ways to make a difference in this



Chaplain from the Los Lunas, N. Mex., correctional facility receives a donation of Seventh-day Adventist literature.

area and one of them is to supply the chaplains with Bibles and life changing literature, such as *Steps to Christ* and *The Great Controversy*.

Recently, we were able to donate new Bibles and several boxes of books for inmates at the Los Lunas, New Mexico Prison facility. The chaplain of that unit has specifically requested Seventh-day Adventist reading materials, and equally important, he would like volunteers from our denomination to come to the facility. Each of these requests are in the process of fulfillment. Several members from the Los Lunas congregation will attend the state mandated training in order to be able to go into a New Mexico correctional facility as a volunteer.

Please continue to pray for prison ministries within our conference as we try to do our part to positively impact those who are incarcerated.

Leroy Green, prison ministries director

Texico Partners with Montemorelos

ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX. » The Texico Conference has partnered with the University of Montemoreles in Mexico to provide a two-year training for lay people who have been chosen by their church boards. The Spanish Lay Pastoral Training Program was initiated and has been successfully maintained by pastors Gladstone Simmons and Jose Padilla in the El Paso and Las Cruces area. It has proved successful and the local churches continue to be blessed by this ministry.

This two-year program covers 150 hours



▲ A group of students and staff from Montemorelos University.

Far left: Montemorelos student, Azard Obed, preaching at the Albuquerque La Roca Spanish Church.

◀ Jairo Ruiz Ramirez, student, holds meetings at the Santa Fe Airport Spanish Church.



of instruction distributed in the following manner: 96 hours of theoretical training and 54 hours of practical evangelism, giving two Bible studies resulting in baptisms and conducting a week long public evangelistic meeting.

Topics in the course include, but are not limited to:

- Homiletics and Hermeneutics
- Development of Adventist Doctrine
- Revelation and Inspiration
- Survey of Old and New Testament
- Spirit of Prophecy
- Church Leadership and Administration
- Lay Pastoral Spirituality

Since the Texico Spanish Lay Pastoral Assistant students are learning to conduct evangelistic meetings, Omar Velasquez, a professor from the University of Mon-

temorelos, suggested that some theology students from Mexico come and conduct a one-week evangelistic meeting during their spring break in the Texico Conference, which would serve as additional training to the Lay Pastoral Assistant students. Hence, the Montemorelos students conducted 13 evangelistic meetings in Albuquerque, El Paso, Clint, Las Cruces, and Santa Fe resulting in 33 baptisms.

The church members were inspired as the young people preached. They enjoyed it so much that they want to do it again next year.

Ellen White gives us the following counsel regarding lay people being involved in

ministry:

“It is a fatal mistake to suppose that the work of soul saving depends alone upon the ministry. The humble, consecrated believer upon whom the Master of the vineyard places a burden for souls, is to be given encouragement by the men upon whom the Lord has laid larger responsibilities...God will send forth into His vineyard many who have not been dedicated to the ministry by the laying on of hands” (*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 110).

“The greatest help that can be given our people is to teach them to work for God, and to depend on Him, not on the ministers” (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 7, p. 19).

By the end of the year, we anticipate that over 60 lay led meetings will be conducted in both English and Spanish throughout the conference.

Please pray for the individuals conducting these meetings and that many souls will be won for God’s kingdom.

Lee-Roy Chacon, president

Sandia View Elementary Students Experience “Hands On” Learning at Catalina Island

CORRALES, N. MEX. » Every spring the 7th and 8th grade students at Sandia View Elementary go on an Outdoor Education Trip. This year they had the privilege of spending several days at the Catalina Island Marine Institute, off the coast of Long Beach, Calif.

While on the island they were able to experience marine life through the use of labs, touch tanks, and digital microscopes. They were able to see and identify living, moving planktons along with sharks and other marine life. As one student put it, “I learned a lot more about God by learning about His creation.”

The students were excited to learn ba-

sic snorkeling techniques, which enabled them to experience ocean life up close and personal.

“During the night snorkel, I thought it was interesting that God took the time to create something so small (in this case, the bio-luminescent plankton) and do something absolutely amazing with it, and how He made the ocean perfect for marine animals,” commented one of the students.

The students enjoyed all aspects of their time at the camp from the instructors and classes to the dorms, food, a resident bison, and of course, their free time where they were able to meet new friends. As one student said, “It was amazing! All in all, my

trip was a once in a lifetime event, and if I had the chance to go again, I would in a heartbeat.”

Jim Wilson

Below left: 7th and 8th grade students enjoy their time petting the sharks and rays. Several of them wanted to take one home.

▼ The students were able to experience ocean life up close and personal while snorkeling.

Bottom right: Students in front of the Queen Mary before they boarded for an interesting ride over a rough ocean.



Young Adults Gather in DFW Metroplex for Festival of Worship

Hundreds of young adults from across the Southwestern Union convened in Arlington, Texas, for the fourth annual Young Adult Festival of Worship. Union Young Adult Director, Helvis Moody, and Southwest Region Youth Director, Tyrone Douglas, inspired the gathered Millennials with messages giving emphasis to Christ Jesus being greater than all. In addition to the over 1,100 people attending, hundreds from around the world tuned in online for the worship service broadcasts, specifically molded to spiritually encourage the next generations.

“Our Arizona young adult community jumped online joining the young adult festival,” shared Benjamin Lundquist, Arizona Conference Young Adult Ministries and NAD Young Adult Life director. “We were incredibly blessed as a generation was celebrated, Jesus was uplifted, and leaders were challenged. It’s time these festivals begin happening all across the country.”

Inspired by HE>i, a Hawaiian apparel company’s “lifestyle brand,” the Sabbath’s theme centered around Christ being greater than sin, Satan, and self. Poignant messages by Moody and Douglas were further endorsed as moving music performances inspired young worshippers as they engaged in authentic praise.

As part of the day’s worship, festival registrants spent time in the afternoon at Mission Arlington, a Christian-based agency that serves the neighborhoods of the DFW Metroplex with compassion, community-building, and caring assistance. Engaging community chil-

dren with songs and smiles and popsicles, young adults were immersed in the joy that comes from sharing joy.

“I’ve got to say, there was something special about seeing young adults gather to serve the community,” expressed Debora Obeng, a 21-year-old software engineering major at the University of Texas at Arlington. “The interactions with the communities we visited were the most inspiring aspect of festival.”

In an interesting turn of events, during the final worship session, tornado sirens went off signaling severe weather approaching. Evacuating downstairs to a standing-room-only venue, festival young adults continued to worship undaunted. The worship leaders adapted seamlessly to an impromptu acoustic set. While the storm raged outside, Moody challenged and called all to live 24/7 lives of worship to which the young adults eagerly responded.

“It was refreshing and encouraging to see so many young adults with a passion for worship and a willingness to serve their community for Christ,” Douglas said.

As Sabbath came to a close, the evening offered ample time for fellowship as En-

counters Café provided young adults with a chance to enjoy table games, refreshments, and loads of laughter. Finally, the group headed out to enjoy broomball at ICE at the Parks, a nearby ice skating center. Needless to say, the laughs continued as dozens of young adults took epic falls in their efforts to score goals.

From Arizona, Lundquist quipped, “Our only disappointment with the festival was the inability to play broomball online.”

The Young Adult Festival of Worship aims for next generations to honor Christ Jesus as Lord by expressing grace, embracing fellowship, and pursuing intimacy with Him. This invitational Sabbath gathering intends to inspire the young adults of the Southwestern Union and beyond to live 24/7 lives of worship for the fame of Jesus Christ.

“I had the privilege of witnessing young adults from across the Southwestern Union come together to worship God,” shared Moody. “It’s my sincere hope that the Young Adult Festival of Worship inspired them to go back to their churches and live boldly for Him.”

To enjoy captured worship sessions and follow up resources from the Young Adult Festival of Worship, go to festival.ygchurch.com.

Allan Martin

◀ Helvis Moody, Southwestern Union Young Adult Ministries director offers a passionate commitment prayer over the 2015 Young Adult Festival of Worship.

Far left: Festival young adults spend time with children at Mission Arlington, sharing joy, songs, smiles, and popsicles.

◀ Festival young adults willing to brave the ice for broomball rally one more time near midnight for the 2015 Young Adult Festival of Worship.



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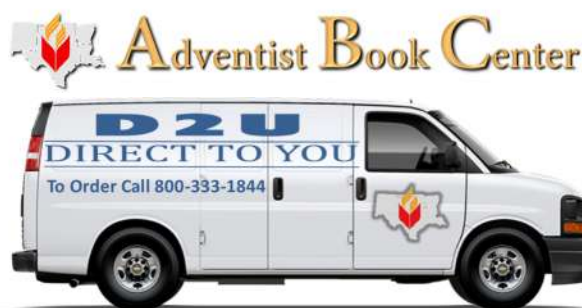
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Marshall	159 Standpipe Rd E, Marshall, TX 75670	2:55 PM	3:25 PM
Jefferson Academy	3000 FM 728, Jefferson, TX 75657	3:55 PM	4:25 PM
Shreveport - Conf Office	7025 Greenwood Rd, Shreveport, LA 71119	5:25 PM	5:55 PM
Tuesday, June 16			
		Arrive	Depart
Minden	108 Harveys Way, Minden, LA 71055	9:00 AM	9:30 AM
Monroe Macedonia	2300 Lee Ave, Monroe LA 71202	10:45 AM	11:15 AM
Central Louisiana Church	298 Mary Hill Rd, Pineville, LA 71360	1:30 PM	2:00 PM
Baton Rouge	4455 Jones Creek Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70817	4:30 PM	5:00 PM
Hammond Emmanuel	1401 Harrell Ave, Hammond LA 70403	6:00 PM	6:30 PM
Wednesday, June 17			
		Arrive	Depart
Covington Ephesus	923 N Florida St, Covington LA 70433	8:45 AM	9:15 AM
Mandeville	22337 Little Creek Rd, Mandeville, LA 70471	9:45 AM	10:15 AM
Slidell	2448 Gause Blvd W, Slidell, LA 70460	10:45 AM	11:15 AM
New Orleans -First	4201 W Esplanade Ave, Metairie, LA 70006	12:15 PM	12:45 PM
Lockport Spanish	504 Seventh St, Lockport, LA 70374	2:15 PM	2:45 PM
Houma	3342 W Main St, Gray, LA 70359	3:30 PM	4:00 PM
New Iberia	3608 Highway 14, New Iberia, LA 70560	5:20 PM	5:50 PM
Lafayette	119 Rena Dr, Lafayette, LA 70503	6:35 PM	7:05 PM
Thursday, June 18			
		Arrive	Depart
Lake Charles	1537 Country Club Rd, Lake Charles, LA 70605	9:30 AM	10:00 AM
Beaumont	3175 S Major Dr, Beaumont, TX 77720	11:15 AM	11:45 AM
Lufkin	1209 S John Redditt Dr, Lufkin, TX 75904	2:30 PM	3:00 PM
Rusk	660 Euclid Ave, Rusk, TX 75785	4:00 PM	4:30 PM
Corsicana	3210 N Business 45, Corsicana, TX 75110	6:15 PM	6:45 PM

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Monday, June 29			
		Arrive	Depart
Brownwood	2211 Avenue D, Brownwood, TX 76801	10:30 AM	11:00 AM
San Angelo	110 E 18th St, San Angelo, TX 76903	12:45 PM	1:15 PM
Big Springs	4319 Parkway Rd, Big Spring, TX 79720	3:15 PM	3:45 PM
Midland	3114 Travis Ave, Midland, TX 79701	4:50 PM	5:20 PM
Odessa	201 E 91st St, Odessa, TX 79765	6:00 PM	6:30 PM
Tuesday, June 30			
		Arrive	Depart
Van Horn	700 W Desert, Van Horn, TX 79855	10:40 AM	11:10 AM
El Paso Central	1801 McRae Blvd, El Paso, TX 79925	4:10 PM	4:40 PM
Las Cruces	240 3 Crosses Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88005	4:40 PM	5:10 PM
Alamogordo	1000 S Canyon Rd, Alamogordo, NM 88310	6:20 PM	6:50 PM
Wednesday, July 1			
		Arrive	Depart
Ruidoso Downs	212 Parkway, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346	8:00 AM	8:30 AM
Roswell	2915 S Union Ave, Roswell, NM 88203	10:00 AM	10:30 AM
Carlsbad	101 N 12th St, Carlsbad, NM 88220	12:00 PM	12:30 PM
Hobbs	6620 N Grimes St, Hobbs, NM 88242	2:30 PM	3:00 PM
Lubbock	5302 Elgin Ave, Lubbock, TX 79413	5:00 PM	5:30 PM
Thursday, July 2			
		Arrive	Depart
Abilene	2542 E Overland Tr, Abilene, TX 79601	10:45 AM	11:15 AM
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Derek, Gilbert, Patsy Lena Gabaldon, Sandra Majalca, Paul Rivera.

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Milestones

ANNIVERSARIES

Leonard D. and Mavis E. Durichek Shockey of Ardmore, Okla., celebrated their **60th wedding anniversary**

on September 5, 2015. The couple was married at the Denver Central Seventh-day Adventist Church in Denver, Colo., on September 5, 1954.

They met at church in Denver in 1951, and both of them attended Union College in Lincoln, Neb. Mavis graduated with a bachelor's in nursing. Leonard graduated with a bachelor's in chemistry and then graduated in 1961 from what is

sity School of Medicine. He practiced family medicine and surgery for 40 years in Colorado and Texas. The Shockey family moved to east Texas in 1980 and held Revelation seminars, "Stop Smoking" clinics, and healthy living classes. They then built a church with the help of old and new members, and it is still thriving today. The couple is retired and has lived in Ardmore for nine years, where they are members of the Ardmore church. They have two children, Brian Shockey and Lorelie Agee, and seven grandchildren.



Leonard and Mavis Shockey

Obituaries

BRAIN, Carol Ann Sauder,

born in 1938 in Mansfield, Ohio, and died recently in Texas. She was a member of the Alvarado church. Survivors: sons, Mark, Steven, and David; and daughter, Beth.

DUKE, Patricia M., born June 2, 1958 and died December 10, 2014 in Midland, Tex. She was a member of Midland church. Survivors: mother, Ada Rae Duke-Bruker.

GALLARDO, Juana, born January 1, 1930 in Olancho, Honduras, and died March 24, 2015 in Houston, Tex. She was a member of the Mount Pleasant Spanish company. Survivors: daughters, Rosa, Clara, and Maricela.

GREENHILL, Phillip, born April 15, 1959, and died April 10, 2015. He was a member of the Jefferson Academy church in Jefferson, Tex. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Bettye, and brother, Kevin. Survivors: wife, Sheila, and son, Kellen.

HOLLON, W.M. Hub, born December 18, 1924 in Dallas, Tex., and died December 31, 2014 in Springfield, Tenn. He was a member of the Dallas First church since 1956. He is best remembered for his extensive food basket program that he began in the 1960s and ended in the early 2000s because of health problems.

JOHNSON, Carl G., Jr., born June 27, 1930 in Eu-

gene, Ore., and died April 17, 2015 in Meeker, Okla. He was a member of the Shawnee church. A veteran who loved music, he was an incredible pedal steel guitar player who loved to play gospel music. Survivors: wife, Tammy Johnson

MARCONTELL, Mark Allen, born September 23, 1958 in Beaumont, Tex., and died December 30, 2014 in Cleburne, Tex. He was a member of the Keene church. Survivors: aunt and uncle, Lillian and Paul Proctor, and cousins.

PRIEST, Eleanor Louise, born March 5, 1926 in Minot, Maine and died in 2015 in Marshall, Tex. Eleanor was a teacher and a missionary and served with her husband, Warren Clarence Hewes, in Zimbabwe and Kenya, where she worked in different secretarial positions and taught in the children's division of the church. Eleanor and her husband retired in 1988 in Marshall. Survivors: daughters, Marilyn Kemper and Cheryl Steingas, five grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

STANLEY, Melvin Charles, born January 23, 1950 in New Orleans, La., and died April 3, 2015 in Baton Rouge, La. He was a member of the Berean church in Baton Rouge, having been baptized under the late W.J. Cleveland. Melvin attended Southwestern Adventist University as well as Oakwood University, where he received his bachelor of science degree in theology. His educational pursuits

continued with a master's in business administration from the University of California in Sacramento. From there he went on to receive his master of divinity from Andrews University and a master's in Biblical and theological studies from John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Ark. He was also awarded credentials of ministry from the Universal Life Church in Modesto, Calif. Melvin derived great pleasure from telling others about Jesus and from listening to gospel songs. He was preceded in death by his parents Willie, Sr. and Viola Hawkins Stanley; two brothers, and a sister. Survivors: brothers, Willie Melvin Stanley, Jr., of Baton Rouge, and Winston Burnell Stanley (Ingrid) of Round Rock, Tex.; sisters, Sharon

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VAN Buren, Stephen Davis, born August 25, 1944 in Clovis, N. Mex., and died March 19, 2015 in Grand Cayman Island. He was a member of the Gulfhaven church and an attorney for HMT in the Woodlands, Texas. Survivors: mother; Emma Van Buren; siblings, Gayle Van Buren-Oliver and Paul D. Van Buren; children, Jamie Terry, Phillip Terry,

Stephen Van Buren, and Drew Van Buren; and four grandchildren.

WILLIAMS, Paula Sue, born November 12, 1953 in Cleburne, Tex., and died February 15, 2015 in Waco, Tex. She was a member of the Hillsboro church. Survivors: daughter, Trina; sons, Chris and Philip; and husband, Philip.



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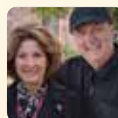
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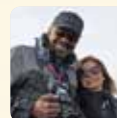
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Albuquerque, NM	8:17	8:21	8:23	8:25	8:25	8:23
Amarillo, TX	8:58	9:02	9:04	9:06	9:06	9:04
Brownsville, TX	8:19	8:22	8:24	8:25	8:26	8:25
Dallas, TX	8:32	8:35	8:38	8:39	8:39	8:38
El Paso, TX	8:08	8:11	8:14	8:15	8:15	8:14
Fort Worth/Keene, TX	8:34	8:37	8:40	8:41	8:41	8:40
Gallup, NM	8:27	8:30	8:33	8:34	8:34	8:33
Galveston/Houston, TX	8:19	8:22	8:24	8:26	8:26	8:25
Gentry, AR	8:32	8:35	8:38	8:39	8:39	8:38
Little Rock, AR	8:19	8:23	8:25	8:26	8:27	8:25
Muskogee, OK	8:34	8:37	8:40	8:41	8:41	8:40
New Orleans, LA	7:58	8:01	8:04	8:05	8:05	8:05
Oklahoma City, OK	8:42	8:45	8:48	8:49	8:49	8:48
Roswell, NM	8:04	8:08	8:10	8:12	8:12	8:11
San Antonio, TX	8:31	8:34	8:36	8:38	8:38	8:37
Shreveport, LA	8:19	8:22	8:25	8:26	8:26	8:25
Tulsa, OK	8:37	8:41	8:43	8:45	8:45	8:43

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BY PAT HUMPHREY » COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR, SOUTHWESTERN UNION



Southwestern—A Name You Can Trust

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, but when I am shopping for certain products, such as a car, a computer, or some other kind of equipment, I look for trusted brands. Why? Because I believe that with trusted brands I can expect a certain level of quality in the product I am investing in. When I buy a familiar brand, I feel confident that the product will serve me well and perform in the way that the manufacturer has promised. Top companies go to great lengths to create products that are well crafted, perform well, and are distinctive, unique, and superior to others in the same category. In most cases, the brand name products that I've purchased over the years have lived up to the company's name and reputation.

Similarly, when I am "shopping" for someone to help me with a job or a project, at the top of my list are students or graduates of an Adventist university. Having had several "products" of Adventist education serve as interns here in the Southwestern Union Communication Department, I can tell you firsthand that Adventist universities, and in particular, Southwestern Adventist University, are producing superior "products." We have been privileged to have Indiana Melendez, a recent graduate of the Communication Department at Southwestern, spend a portion of her senior year interning with us. Over the

past several months, her writing and editorial skills have graced the pages of the *Record*, and her varied talents have been a blessing to our department. Her excellence and refinement speak volumes of the training and education that Southwestern has afforded her. I've asked Indiana to share in her own

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"At first I was a little skeptical about attending a small Adventist university. Bigger universities always promise the professional respect and credibility associated with attending

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Pat Humphrey



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