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On the Cover

"I got my yearly check-up from a little friend," said Kimberly Bernhardt. Bernhardt traveled on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic in March with a group from Southwestern Adventist University. She graduated cum laude in May with a degree in nursing. [Photo by Lorraine Gonzales]

Point of View»

BY KEN SHAW » SOUTHWESTERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT



Thank You for Your Support

“**E**ngage” has been the theme at Southwestern Adventist University this year, and engage we did.

We were blessed to receive a challenge from the Mabee Foundation in April 2015, which stated that if the university reached \$8,000,000 in their Nursing and Administration Building fund by April 15, 2016, they would provide us \$1,000,000. What a test of faith, as our total in the fund was around \$3,000,000 when the challenge was given. After working hard throughout the year, we only had \$3,800,000 in the account, with three weeks until the deadline. Four large donations came in during the next 10 days in the amounts of \$250,000, \$1,000,000, \$2,000,000, and \$500,000, which along with many important smaller donations, brought our total to \$7,600,000. The momentum was miraculous and the timing of homecoming could not have come on a better weekend, the weekend before the due date.

A *400 by 1 Drive* was quickly formulated and shared with the alumni and friends of the Keene church. If 400 people gave \$1,000, we would be able to meet the \$8,000,000 target. Throughout the last week, we had nearly 300 donations. They came in all forms and they came from all ages. Four-year-old Isaiah, the youngest donor, came to my office and personally provided his donation. After hearing his parents talk about the campaign goal, he said he wanted to give. After nearly emptying his piggy bank, he gave me \$24. This motivated his cousins in Michigan to give \$24, followed by a donor who desired to give 100 times this amount, for an amount of \$2,400. As a result of the outpouring of support, over \$4,200,000 came in during the three weeks leading up to April 15, bringing our balance from \$3,800,000 to \$8,035,390.

With this total, we will receive the \$1,000,000 from the Mabee Foundation, thus thrusting us to just over 90 percent of our campaign goal of \$10,000,000. We are indebted to the many prayers and resources that were shared by our alumni and friends. God has

demonstrated His blessings for the exercise of faith that was shown.

Vice president Amy Rosenthal engaged faculty and staff in the preparation and the writing of the required materials for our regional accreditation review. As a result of two years' worth of work and planning, the on-site committee's review went very well. They gave us a favorable review, with only one very minor recommendation. We were very pleased with their affirmation for Southwestern Adventist University.

Throughout the year, we have been renovating the first floor of Scales Hall for the new dinosaur museum. We anticipate the museum will be open in the fall of 2016. With over 20,000 dinosaur bones, it will be wonderful to finally showcase this rare collection of bones for everyone's enjoyment.

After a year of hard work, the new website, www.swau.edu, has been launched. The many new features will allow prospective and current students to easily navigate through the various important functions of the university.

This year the Board of Trustees voted in a new Quality Enhancement Plan, entitled “Whole-Person Wellness.” The plan will provide innumerable ways for students to learn and incorporate healthful choices into their lifestyle.

Your university is making a significant impact on students' lives. I ask that you continue to 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!



▲ Dr. Shaw chats with students in the hall.



◀ Nursing students Kevin and Isaiahs work in a skills lab. The new building will have space for multiple skills labs to be run simultaneously.

▼ A rendering of the future Nursing and Administration Building





To Your Health

BY MICHAEL ENGLAND » EDUCATION PROFESSOR, SOUTHWESTERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY

Sleep is Vital—Get More of It!

More than 90 percent of American high school students are chronically sleep-deprived, according to a 2016 survey. Losing sleep can also have a long-term negative effect on a young person's physical health, with poor sleep quality being linked to diabetes and obesity risk for teens. Late bedtimes, increasing technology dependence, and high stress levels—plus early school start times—are a recipe for chronic sleep deprivation and the health risks that come along with it.

Each hour of lost sleep is associated with a 38 percent increased risk of feeling sad or hopeless and a 58 percent increase in suicide attempts. Teens who sleep an average of six hours per night are also three times more likely to suffer from depression.

Lack of sleep has been linked to obesity. With sleep deprivation, there is an increase in the hormone, ghrelin, which is associated with hunger for high-calorie foods. There is a decrease in the hormone leptin, which reduces appetite. This leads to weight gain in many people.

The very qualities you need to maximize in order to do well on tests, such as recall, concentration, and alertness, are decreased when you are sleep deprived. Research has shown that students who get 6 or fewer hours of sleep have lower GPAs than those who get 8 or more.

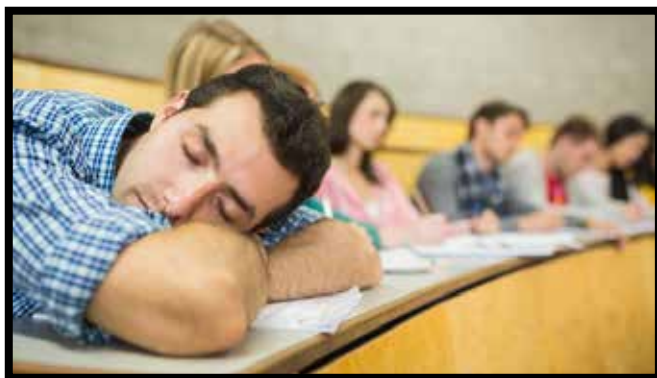
The relationship between sleep loss and substance abuse in teens is a two-way street, with sleep deprivation increasing the risk of drug use and dependence, and drug use, in turn, fueling sleep troubles.

The constant flow of blue lights, sounds, and information from technology is a major sleep disruptor. The blue light produced by these devices prevents the production of melatonin, which is vital in inducing sleep in the body. The problem of sleep-phase delay is exacerbated when teens are exposed late at night to lit screens, which send a message via the retina to the portion of the brain that controls the body's circadian clock. The message: It's not nighttime yet. Avoid electronics, especially hand-held screens, 90 minutes before bed.

Throughout the last few years, sleep deprivation has become a much more prevalent cause of depression and anxiety, and once

a person develops depression and anxiety, a chief symptom of those illnesses is an inability to sleep, a condition brought about by the release of stimulating hormones by the nervous system.

Another major factor in adolescent sleep deprivation is the stress on teens to get good grades, play sports, volunteer, get jobs, get into college, and more. With academic demands and extracurricular activities, kids are going nonstop until they fall asleep exhausted at night. There is not an emphasis on the importance of sleep, as there is with nutrition and exercise. They say they are tired, but they don't realize they are actually sleep-deprived. And if you ask kids to remove an activity, they would rather not. They would rather give up sleep than an activity.



Bolstered by the evidence, the American Academy of Pediatrics issued a strong policy statement encouraging middle and high school districts across the country to start school no earlier than 8:30 a.m. to help preserve the health of the nation's youth.

One of the major problems with sleep deprivation is that it sends us into survival mode. There's nothing left in life for extras, either in time or energy. Being thankful often falls into that category for many of us. Stopping and saying "thank you" to God for things can often feel like the kind of thing people do when they have time and energy left over. Scripture doesn't have that attitude at all. Gratitude is something that marks us as Christians. We are to be people who thank God all the time. Prayer is hard when you don't get enough sleep. It's hard because if you habitually close your eyes to pray, you're likely to nod off within about a minute. It's hard because you're likely to have little, if any, concentration, and limited ability to prioritize.

The problem of tired teens is a public health epidemic. What it means is that nobody performs at the level they could perform, whether it's in school, on the roadways, on the sports field, or in terms of physical, emotional, and spiritual health. Students have been hammered over the head with exercise and nutrition. It is time we educate, and lead by example, in another facet—sleep education.

Michael England, education professor,
Southwestern Adventist University

Seek First His Kingdom

WHEN I STARTED IN THE NURSING PROGRAM AT SOUTHWESTERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY, I knew that I wanted to go on the department's annual spring break mission trip to the Dominican Republic. I had seen pictures and heard memorable stories from other nursing students who had gone on past trips. I heard them talk about what a blessing it was and what an impact the mission work had had on their lives. I had only been on one mission trip in the past, which was the Navajo mission trip in Arizona, sponsored by Southwestern. I wanted to go so that I, too, could hopefully be a blessing.

It wasn't until the spring break of my senior year at Southwestern that I was able to attend. I had never been to a third-world country before. I was used to the environment that I grew up in on a farm in Kingfisher, Oklahoma. I had only heard stories from my cousin, Brooke, who was a student missionary in Peru two years ago. I was not sure of what to expect, but I did know that I was excited to go and help the people of the Dominican Republic in any way that I was able.

During the mission trip, we held five different health clinics around the Dominican Republic. We provided free health care, such as patient assessments, medical diagnosing, medication prescriptions, and patient education, to all of the patients who entered the clinics. There was a variety of age ranges, from infants to the elderly. Most of the patients who came to the clinics were fluent in Spanish or French. I speak only English, but, with the help of several of my bilingual nursing friends, I was able to learn a few Spanish words and phrases so that I could help screen patients entering the clinic.

The clinic that made the most impression on me was held at a poor Haitian village located in the Dominican Republic. I had never seen such poor living conditions until I visited this village. Most of the buildings did not have doors, few of the rooms had beds, and trash was scattered around the village. I was in shock when I saw this village, but what really surprised me was the happiness the Haitian people showed on their faces when they en-

tered the clinic. It made me realize that even though they did not have much, they were joyful and thankful for the belongings that they did have. It reminded me of Mathew 6, specifically verses 33 and 34: "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own" (NIV). The people of this village

did not worry about what tomorrow would bring and how little food or shelter they may have, but they focused on the joy of life that was provided on that day.

This mission trip experience showed me how much faith and trust in God the people of the Dominican had. They did not worry about the tribulations of life, but they spent time focusing on the present, whether it was with their families and friends or sitting outside enjoying God's beautiful creations. It was an inspiring moment for me. I spend so

much time worrying what tomorrow will bring rather than putting my faith in God and trusting that He knows what He is doing. Before I left for this mission trip, I thought that it was I would be providing a blessing to the people of the Dominican Republic. Instead, the Dominican provided me with a blessing, and helped me connect with God and form a trusting relationship with Him.



Kimberly, Mauricio, and Collette, who all worked together at Texas Health Huguley as medical scribes, pose with some of the kids from the clinic.

Kimberly Bernhardt graduated cum laude with a B.S. in nursing from Southwestern Adventist University in May.



Pass it On...

A Monthly Focus on Evangelism in the Southwest

BY RAQUEL ACEVEDO » SOPHOMORE EDUCATION MAJOR, SOUTHWESTERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY

H2O! Project

Water is one of life's most basic necessities, but 748 million people worldwide live without ready access to it (WHO, 2014). When I read this recently I felt that familiar sinking sensation in my stomach. Here was another shocking fact about hurting people that I could do nothing about. But then I remember that our Spiritual Life and Development Office at Southwestern Adventist University has started to take on one major project each year to raise funds and awareness for. Perhaps we could help.

Last year the Spiritual Life team was able to raise funds for Stop Hunger Now. This year we decided to take action and try to help the water situation. ADRA's representative, Lauren Lombard, spoke to us in the fall about ADRA's water and sanitation projects. Through the gift catalogue on the ADRA website, we discovered many ways students could provide clean water for those in need.

The project that first caught our attention involved helping children in developing countries by donating \$25-\$35 per child to provide clean water. An additional project required raising \$500 to build a water catchment basin. Yet our dreams were set on raising \$5,000 to build a well. Southwestern Spiritual Life and Development staff agreed that God could do anything, and we began fundraising to build the well through ADRA's H2O! Project.

During this time one of our Student Mission chaplains, Melissa DePaiva, spoke about our water project at the Texas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at their Senior Retreat. Afterwards, a sympathetic woman offered a check on behalf of her family. We were overwhelmed upon discovering that the check was 10 percent of the cost needed to build a well. God's hand was moving, and we were encouraged by His provision. This generous family later gifted our team with half of the funds necessary to build the well.

Next, Student Missions began fundraising by selling water at sports events at the university. Our Academic VP donated most of the water cases and students and faculty began supporting us in our efforts. The disposable water bottles were labeled with an "I am ADRA" sticker and sold for \$1. At times the project seemed to lag and we wondered if the money for the well would ever be raised.



Top left: Lauren Lombard visits from ADRA to help promote the project, with Raquel (left) and Melissa (middle).

▲ Raquel and friends promote the project on social media.

◀ Denisse and Lilly help sell water at the Hoops Classic.

Then I was reminded that the H2O! Project was God's idea and He would provide, as He had in the past.

The biggest promotion of the H2O! Project came during Southwestern Adventist University's Hoops Classic basketball tournament, an annual event for NAD academy students. One of our Mission Club members, Rocio Espinoza, organized a water booth during the tournament. She arranged for students to work shifts at the booth and collect funds for the project by selling water. At the end of the weekend, \$1,700 was raised and we exceeded our goal of \$5,000. The well became a reality.

This project enhanced the Missions culture of our campus by helping us work together toward a common goal. It was a sort of "mission trip" on site, and we were amazed by seeing the ways God provided. It was also a humbling experience for me to realize that the idea God planted in my heart was successful through a team of college students, community members, and academy basketball teams. His provision was more than I expected, and I've realized that God uses any combination of willing individuals to complete His work. There's so many needs around the world and I am thoroughly convinced that God wants to use every one of us to meet those needs. I cannot change the world, but I can do something with the resources and talents God has given me.

Raquel Acevedo, sophomore Education major, Southwestern Adventist University

¡Proyecto H2O!

El agua es una de las necesidades más básicas de la vida, pero 748 millones de personas en todo el mundo viven sin acceso a él (WHO, 2014). Cuando leí esto hace poco sentí esa sensación de hundimiento en mi estómago. Aquí había otro hecho que daña a la gente y yo no podía hacer nada al respecto. Pero entonces recuerdo que nuestro equipo “Spiritual Life” y la Oficina de Desarrollo de la Universidad Adventista del Suroeste ha comenzado a tomar un proyecto importante cada año para recaudar fondos y conciencia. Pensé que tal vez podríamos ayudar.

El año pasado el equipo “Spiritual Life” fue capaz de recaudar fondos para “Stop Hunger Now”. Este año decidimos tomar medidas y tratar de ayudar con la situación del agua. El representante de ADRA, Lauren Lombard, nos habló sobre los proyectos de agua y saneamiento de ADRA. A través del catálogo de regalos en la página web de ADRA, descubrimos muchas maneras en que los estudiantes podrían proporcionar agua limpia para los necesitados.

El proyecto que primero nos llamó la atención involucraba en ayudar a los niños en los países en desarrollo mediante la donación de \$25- \$35 por niño para proporcionar agua limpia. Un proyecto adicional requería la recaudación de \$500 para construir una cuenca de captación de agua. Sin embargo, nuestros sueños estaban puestos en recaudar \$5,000 para construir un pozo. El equipo “Spiritual Life” y personal de Desarrollo de la Universidad se acordaron de que Dios podía hacer cualquier milagro, y comenzamos la recaudación de fondos para construir el pozo a través del Proyecto H2O! de ADRA.

Durante este tiempo, una de nuestras capellanas de “Estudiantes Misioneros” de SWAU, Melissa DePaiva, habló acerca de nuestro proyecto de agua en la reunión de jubilados de la Conferencia de Texas. Después, una mujer compasiva ofreció un cheque a nombre de su familia. Nos quedamos abrumados al descubrir que el cheque fue del 10 por ciento del coste necesario para construir un pozo. La mano de Dios se estaba moviendo, y nos animamos por su provisión. Esta familia generosa después donó la mitad de los fondos necesarios para construir el pozo.

Después, los estudiantes del club misionero de SWAU comenzaron recaudando fondos mediante la venta de agua en los eventos deportivos en la Universidad. Nuestro vicepresidente académico donó la mayor parte de las cajas de agua, y los estudiantes y profesores comenzaron a apoyarnos en nuestros esfuerzos. Las botellas de agua fueron marcadas con una etiqueta “Yo soy ADRA” y se vendieron por \$1. A veces el proyecto parecía que no avanzaba y nos preguntábamos si el dinero del pozo lo íbamos a poder recaudar. Entonces me acordé que el Proyecto H2O! fue idea de Dios y Él proveería, como lo había hecho en el pasado.

La promoción más grande del Proyecto H2O! surgió durante el torneo de baloncesto de los SWAU’s Hoops Classic, un evento anual para los estudiantes de la academia de NAD. Uno de los miembros del club misionero, Rocio Espinoza, organizó un puesto de agua durante el torneo. Lo organizó de una manera que los estudiantes trabajen turnos en el puesto y recogieran fondos para el proyecto mediante la venta de agua. Al terminar el fin de semana, \$1,700 se recaudó y superamos la meta de \$5,000. ¡El pozo se convirtió en una realidad!

Este proyecto mejoró la cultura misionera de nuestro campus, ayudando a trabajar juntos hacia una meta común. Era una especie de “viaje misionero” en el campus, y nos sorprendió al ver las maneras en que Dios proveyó. También fue

una experiencia modesta el darme cuenta de que la idea que Dios plantó en mi corazón fue un éxito a través de un equipo de estudiantes universitarios, miembros de la comunidad, y los equipos de la Academia de baloncesto. Su provisión era más de lo que esperaba, y me he dado cuenta de que Dios usa cualquier combinación de individuos dispuestos a completar su trabajo. Hay tantas necesidades en todo el mundo y estoy totalmente convencida de que Dios quiere usar a cada uno de nosotros para satisfacer esas necesidades. No puedo cambiar el mundo, pero puedo hacer algo con los recursos y talentos que Dios me ha dado.



Raquel y sus amigos promueven el proyecto en las redes sociales.

Raquel Acevedo, estudiante de segundo año de Educación, Southwestern Adventist University

Southwestern Adventist University Announces NEW WELLNESS-FOCUSED QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PLAN

Michael England, education professor with Amy Rosenthal, vice president for Academic Administration, and Kerrie Kimbrow, nursing professor

Southwestern Adventist University is committed to educating a diverse student body in a Christ-centered environment shaped by Seventh-day Adventist Christian beliefs for service and leadership. This is our mission. Our tagline, “Knowledge, Faith, Service” flows from our mission, vision, and core values. We aspire to produce graduates that are fit for leadership and fit for service to our church, our wider communities, our country, and to God.

The university is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), which requires the institution to submit a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) as part of the accreditation process. SACSCOC expects the QEP to “enhance the overall institutional quality and effectiveness by focusing on an issue or issues the institution considers important to improving student learning.”

Thus, we proudly announce Southwestern Adventist University’s Quality Enhancement Plan, “Whole-Person Wellness,” which is designed to strengthen our commitment to enhance healthy lifestyles among our students. Beginning in Fall of 2016, the new QEP will apply the CREATION Health model, as developed by Florida Hospital: Mission Development, to personal lifestyle change for a campus-wide transformation plan (CREATION is an acronym: C= Choice; R = Rest; E = Environment; A = Activity; T = Trust in God; I = Interpersonal Relations; O = Outlook; N = Nutrition). The plan will be implemented over the next 10 years and will include changes such as a new required freshman course (re-

quired for graduation), implementation in each academic department, student challenges, health presentations, health emphasis weeks, and more. The goal is to help students make positive wellness choices during their university experience that will impact their lifestyle and the effectiveness of their service to humanity for years to come.

With the collaboration of CREATION Health, Adventist Health System, Texas Health Huguley Hospital, and the Ardmore Institute of Health, we are prepared to initiate a comprehensive effort at Southwestern Adventist University that no other Seventh-day Adventist University has attempted. Our Quality Enhancement Plan has two overarching outcomes:

1. Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of whole-person wellness principles as exemplified in the CREATION Health model.
2. Students will be able to apply the principles of whole-person wellness to their daily lives.



◀ Courtesy: Creation Health

▼ Small group Bible studies is just one of many ways students can look after their spiritual health on our campus.





▲ In addition to the exercise and kinesiology courses already offered, every incoming freshmen will be required to take Wellness for Life, a class that teaches whole person wellness.

Top right: This walking path around the pond is just one of many ways students can spend time exercising and enjoying the outdoors.

► The cafeteria offers a large salad and fresh food buffet every day, along with posted nutrition facts and vegan and gluten-free options.



In the process of formulating this QEP, the faculty researched how whole person wellness affects the student. Studies have shown how specific health behaviors impact students' academic success and even university graduating rates. Lifestyle choices, including adequate sleep, stress reduction, fruit and vegetable consumption, physical activity, and spirituality all affect a student's chance of success¹.

"We're sometimes guilty of focusing on just nutrition and exercise, but it is really necessary to include all the elements of the whole person, as outlined in the CREATION model. Outlook is especially important for our students as it will affect their success in other areas," says Kerri Kimbrow, nursing faculty and QEP Implementation committee chair. "We couldn't be more excited to start this new program. Not only is it beneficial to our own campus, but we're already witnessing enthusiasm for participation from our community."

In order for the university to decide what areas will be addressed in the QEP, it has been paramount to get student, faculty, and staff input on campus health transformation. Focus groups and surveys have been implemented to determine campus needs. Based on this information, a new course that embodies the CREATION Health principles, UNIV111-Wellness for Life, has been developed that will be a requirement for every new student entering the university. At the beginning of the year, a health assessment inventory will be taken of each student. At the end of each academic year, students will retake the inventory and discuss how their attitudes as they relate to the eight components have changed.

A comprehensive campus-wide effort requires the participation of each academic department, and faculty have already started to plan how they will infuse the whole-person wellness aspect into their curriculum. For instance, the nursing program is including how whole-person wellness impacts patient care and community

outreach in all of their classes, as well as the importance for faculty and students to look after their own personal wellness. CREATION Health will visit our campus several times this summer to train our faculty and staff and help departments continue to plan for their individual department's implementation.

An additional bonus to the implementation of this QEP is the opportunity to share the wealth of knowledge with our community, and we hope that the Southwestern Adventist University experience will aid in the development of a new CREATION Health curriculum for institutions of higher education. Initial steps have also been taken with local city chambers and other entities to initiate wellness-learning opportunities for the community.

Perhaps Michael England, who was instrumental in leading the QEP Development Committee through the accreditation approval process, sums it up best. "I tell my students that you can't truly love yourself until you help others. This QEP puts a major emphasis on involving the surrounding community and schools to help ordinary people get to know God through selfless, balanced living, and focused effort," explains England, Professor of Education. "We want our campus and our community to have access to information to achieve a balanced physical, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual lifestyle. It delivers the concept of "progressive success" in daily life and advances the value of service to others."

1. A number of research studies reveal important relationships between student health and academic achievement, specific to the university population, including: Freudenbert et al. (2013), Gaultney, 2010), Hershner and Chervin (2014), Danbert, Pivarnik, McNeil, and Washington (2014) and Gilinsky, (2011), Upright, Esslinger, and Hays (2014).

RESEARCH ON CAMPUS

Research is an important aspect to the academic learning process. Students are able to take a class and submit a proposal for a research project, or join the professors in their on-going research projects. Here are just a few of the projects happening this year.

Conservation Biology and Genetics

Jared Wood, Ph.D., Biological Sciences

Jared Wood, Ph.D., is a recent addition to Southwestern Adventist University, having just completed his first year. He recently successfully defended his Ph.D. on Conservation Biology and Genetics. Wood's research utilizes a combination of field and laboratory approaches to address applied questions pertaining to the conservation of vertebrate species. For his dissertation research, Wood used genetic tools to investigate the introduction histories and population dynamics of two invasive lizard species in southern Florida, which resulted in several peer-reviewed publications. Currently, Wood and his students are using stable isotopes to examine the foraging ecology of these same lizard species in Florida. This work is instrumental to management biologists working to assess the impacts that these species are having on Florida's native species. In addition, Wood is teaching students at Southwestern Adventist University how to study and manage native fish, reptile, amphibian, and mammal populations in central Texas.

Restoring the coastal seagrasses of Texas

Arthur Schwarz, Ph.D., Chair, Biological Sciences

"It's all about the grass," said well-known Texas author, Larry McMurtry, speaking of the cattle business that put Texas on the map and fueled the imaginations of Americans from the late 1870s and onwards. McMurtry's statement resonates with anyone who has raised hooved, grass-eating animals in the ranch lands of Texas. Times are good when the grass is tall, green, and lush, but tough times are ahead when there is no green grass to be had.

Along the Texas Gulf coast, "it's all about the seagrass." When the seagrasses are destroyed, the ecosystem services they provide are gone with them. For example, seagrass beds are nursery habitat for nearly every species harvested in the Gulf fishery.



▲ "I've always wanted to share about stewardship of nature with my students, and the link between conservation and creation science. That's why I'm here." —Jared Wood

Far left: Amy McHenry, Ph.D., and students in a genetics lab.

◀ Peter McHenry, Ph.D., and students working on a project in a lab class on cell biology.

Above all, he hopes that his work teaches students to be stewards of God's amazing creations.

- **Article:** "Characterization of 14 novel microsatellite loci in the Argentine black and white tegu (*Salvator merianae*) via 454 pyrosequencing," *Amphibia-Reptilia* (December 2015)
- **Article:** "Characterization of 17 novel microsatellite loci in the Nile monitor (*Amphibia Reptilia*) via 454 pyrosequencing," *Amphibia-Reptilia* (February 2016)

Reproductive success of fishery species is diminished without habitat for the juveniles. In the last 70 years, 88 percent of seagrass beds of the Texas Gulf coast have been degraded or completely lost. During the same period,

there has been a decline of the fisheries.

Another important ecosystem service that seagrasses perform is to trap and sequester carbon from the atmosphere into the sediments in their rooting zone. Sequestration of carbon in the ocean (blue carbon) can be an important mitigation tool for climate change. Schwarz is part of a team that has shown that seagrasses could have a surprisingly large role in mitigating carbon to slow climate warming.

Schwarz is involved in restoration projects that reestablish seagrasses in selected areas of the Texas Gulf coast. In collaboration with others, he has worked to restore over 6 acres, which are now thriving seagrass beds. Two of Schwarz's undergraduate students are investigating the photosynthetic capacity of seagrasses under various environmental conditions. We aim to better understand the environmental conditions under which seagrasses optimally provide these important ecosystem services.

Schwarz did a presentation on "Gulf of Mexico Blue Carbon in Seagrasses: Natural, Restored, Degraded, and Barren Sediment," at the BOTANY 2015 Annual Meeting of the Botanical Society of America, in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada this past summer.

Amy McHenry, Ph.D., Biological Sciences

Amy McHenry, Ph.D., is working with students Courtney Hanna, Mwape Kalambata, and Van-Dai Ly on a molecular biology project in malaria, moving a gene from one plasmid to another.

Patent: US Patent 9,120,869, Synthetic antigen based on the ligand domain of the Plasmodium vivax Duffy Binding Protein (September 2015)

Santos Espinoza, Senior Biology major

Peter McHenry, Ph.D., advisor

One in every eight women in the U.S. will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. Thus, every 19 seconds, somewhere around the world, a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer. Five to ten percent of the diagnosed breast cancers in the U.S are derived/inherited from BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutations (genes that produce tumor suppressant proteins). Breast cancer comes in very different types. The most common types are carcinomas. When dealing with cancer the best course of action is to diagnose and begin treatment during its earlier stages.

The objective of this experiment is to create a tool that will help in proving the hypothesis presented. By using PCR to obtain the protein of interest (Rho E) and then inserting it into a vector plasmid that contains the Activator Domain (AD) to create recombi-



Jared Wood's students working in the pond, tagging specimens for study. We promise, no animals were harmed!

nant DNA (rDNA) containing both AD and Rho E sequences. This creates the "prey" sequence that will be run through the yeast two-hybrid assay to see if binding occurs.

Studying p190B and its targets can better help understand breast cancer progression and its development. This research will cover Rho E's regulation and function using p190B GAP. We hypothesize that p190B will bind to Rho E which will hopefully help us understand breast cancer better.

Eduardo Castro, Freshman Biology major

Peter McHenry, Ph.D., advisor

Transforming Growth Factor beta (TGF- β) is both a growth factor that affects the growth and differentiation of the epithelial cells, and it is also an immune factor that regulates the way the immune system works. The activation of this growth factor has been linked to p190B, a gene expressed in developing mammary glands. Altering the levels of p190B can influence tumor metastasis. The knockdown of p190B through siRNA within MCF-7 (BRCA) cells co-cultured with fibroblast cells will decrease activity of TGF- β within the medium. The proteins will be isolated and concentrated ready to be measured through western blotting to determine if we will see a decreased expression of TGF- β due to a substantial decrease in p190B. The goal is to decipher the mechanism that alters or secretes TGF- β activation from p190B, in a way which p190B is able to control or alter TGF- β . Our hypothesis is that by adding cancer activated fibroblasts into the mix along with MCF-7 cells, we will be able to see responses in vitro, such as changes in either estrogen signaling or changes in TGF- β . We hope to see that, through the reduction of p190B, we will also see a reduction in TGF- β .

Eduardo plans to go on to graduate school to study biomedical research after he graduates from Southwestern Adventist University.

Dinosaur Research Project, Creation Research

Art Chadwick, Ph.D., professor

Southwestern Adventist University's Dinosaur Research Project was featured in five papers presented at the Geological Society of American convention in Baltimore, Maryland. The papers were all based on research done at the excavation site in the Lance Formation of eastern Wyoming. A sixth paper was also presented, having to do with microbialite elongation by means of coalescence.

Southwestern's professor of biology and geology research, Art Chadwick, Ph.D., co-authored or mentored in the writing of each paper. Other authors include Southwestern alumni Justin Woods (2003), Bethania Siviero (2005), and Summer Rose Weeks (2012), Southwestern mathematics and physical science professor Larry Turner, Ph.D., and Matthew McLain of Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, California.

"It is very significant to have six papers accepted for presentation at the GSA convention from Southwestern students and faculty in one year," shares Chadwick. "We have grad students and professors from around the country doing research at the site every summer and their findings are impacting the world's geological narrative."

Justin Woods presented on the digitization of taphonomic data, a procedure developed at Southwestern that is widely admired by other paleontologists. Woods has been working on the technology for the dig for 17 years, including while he attended Southwestern. Bethania Siviero wrote and presented a paper on the possibility that a crocodile attacked a juvenile ceratopsid. Matthew McLain, of Loma Linda University, presented a paper on Tyrannosaur Cannibalism, co-authored with Chadwick and Siviero as well as David Nelson and Leonard Brand. So far, McLain's paper has been reprinted by *News Science Magazine*, *Science Daily*, *CBS News*, *Daily Mail*, and *Huffington Post*.

Currently, Chadwick is working with Leonard Brand, Ph.D., from the Earth and Biological Sciences program at Loma Linda University this spring, continuing their investigation of the contact between the Upper Triassic Shinarump Conglomerate at the base of the Chinle Formation and the underlying Lower Triassic Moenkopi Formation. This contact, one of the most ex-

tensively exposed in the world, is believed by some to represent a time of 10 to 35 million years during which no deposition of new sediment occurred. Yet the outcrops in many localities give no indication of any erosion during the interval. This is an enigma for those who believe these processes took place over millions of years, but would seem to suggest that the time scale must be much shorter than generally thought. Chadwick and Brand are studying this contact as part of their investigation of these sediments in southern Utah, northern Arizona and eastern Nevada.

Courtney Hanna, junior biology major

Amy McHenry, advisor

Malaria has been a widespread, sometimes fatal illness that has plagued humanity for generations, and with growing resistance



▲ Courtney in the lab working on research that she hopes will lead to a vaccine for malaria.



◀ Art Chadwick, Ph.D., helps a student log in the GPS coordinates for a new dinosaur bone find at the dig site in Wyoming.

to the current medications used, new solutions are highly sought after. At Southwestern Adventist University we are cloning the Duffy binding protein of *Plasmodium vivax* malaria for gene expression studies. We hope that our developed product and collected data will aid in further research on *P. vivax* malaria and potentially aid in the development of vaccines against this disease.

UNIVERSITY SINGERS TRAVEL TO SOUTH KOREA

Jordan Shelton-Greene

I sat on the lip of a fountain in the middle of the Icheon International Airport, my eyelids were heavy and my body fatigued from lack of sleep. Slumped against my shoulder was one friend who had managed to drift off and on the other side of me another friend tried to text a message over the local wifi. No one slept much on the 12-hour flight from San Francisco to Seoul, having slept all we could on the early morning flight from Dallas. But we were finally there in Korea, a part of the world that few of us had ever been to. Jonathan Wall, our director, split us up into pairs and handed us 20,000 won (about \$20) and told us to look for something to eat in the airport. It didn't take long for Korea to find its way into my heart: through food.

The invitation to do our annual Southwestern Adventist University Singers Tour in Seoul, South Korea, came as a bit of a surprise. On off years we usually tour locally, such as another state or inside the Americas. The previous year we had toured in Europe, so this year we were scheduled to tour in Costa Rica. But after a successful recruiting trip for the school by Spiritual Life vice president Russ Laughlin and our president, Ken Shaw, the choir was asked if we would be willing to switch our tour venue. President Shaw wanted to show potential Korean students that Southwestern was a valid option as a foreign college.

"[We] want to showcase that Southwestern should be their choice for higher education; we want to open doors and knit good will between our two countries," Dr. Shaw told us. Naturally, we accepted. I don't think any of us could have imagined the hospitality and many adventures that awaited us halfway around the world.

Though we were dead-tired upon arriving, Pastor Apple Park made us feel more than welcome. The South Korean Conference allowed us to stay in the conference office. Their hospitality was unparalleled by any other trip that I have been on with the choir.

During our stay we performed for a number of schools and churches. Our tour in Korea had a dual purpose: singing and recruiting. Before each concert, Tiffany Falcon, our enrollment department representative, would give a speech and show a short video talking about the many opportunities Southwestern Adventist University has to offer to foreign students, such as English as a Second Language (ESL), helping them obtain a student visa, and helping them

pass the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). All of the students at the many schools we visited were very excited, not only to hear us sing, but also about all the wonderful things that Southwestern had to offer.

We were also invited to sing at a number of different churches in the area, from the Sahmyook University Church to a number of smaller churches, all of whom welcomed us with open arms and loving, Christian hearts. We sang a number of different songs from our repertoire, containing a mix of spirituals, hymn arrangements, and cultural music of different languages and styles. Wherever we sang, our Korean audience adored us, as we were able to bring happiness and blessings to them from God.

There were so many new and different things to experience in Korea! Janna Ream, a music major and first soprano, expressed her love for the new experiences with food. "My favorite was all the different types of ramen, and, since I love kimchi, it was great because they [Koreans] eat that with almost everything!"

Not only were there a number of new foods to eat, but also a plethora of interesting places to visit. A few historic places of note were the Minsok Korean Folk Village, Gyeongbokgung Palace, and the National Folk Museum of Korea, where we were able to learn about the rich tapestry of Korean culture and lore. Pleasure was mixed with our hard work as we visited a vast number of Korean recreational centers, including the Seoul Tower (Seoul's equivalent of the Space Needle), the Dongdaemun Shopping District and, to top it off, a trip to a traditional Korean Jjimjilbang (a Korean spa). This compiled with smaller trips to flea markets, small towns, and around the city of Seoul, made the experience in Korea one of enjoyment as well as service.

Perhaps the greatest charm of the Korea trip can be summed up in a statement by Astrid Partida, a nursing major and second soprano, when she said "The people of Korea were so welcoming and they always showed us their gratitude for being there. They made us feel at home away from home."

That is truly what made Korea memorable. In the midst of being further than most of us had ever traveled, our Korean host made us feel as if we had always lived there; as if we belonged there, as if this, too, was our home. It is a trip that will not be easily forgotten, and will always be remembered.



The University Singers were able to catch some site-seeing in between concerts, pictured here at the Gyeongbokgung Palace in Seoul, South Korea.

Brain Games Competition Draws Student Filmmakers to Southwestern

Andrew Austin, senior communication major

Fourteen academy and high school teams from all over the U.S. recently descended upon the campus of Southwestern Adventist University for *South by Southwestern*, this year's Brain Games competition. Hosted by Southwestern Adventist University's Enrollment and Communication departments, the event challenged high school teams to produce a two- to four-minute short film within a 48-hour window. Rules included filming only on the SWAU campus, using smart phones as cameras, staying faithful to randomly-chosen genres and following the overall theme of redemption. And an armadillo had to be included in the film.

Southwestern communication majors were assigned to act as liaisons to each team, help them locate and obtain things for their shoots, as well as answer any questions about life at Southwestern. During the next two days, ideas on paper soon turned into shot scenes as the teams raced against the clock to complete their projects on time.

The film premiere on Saturday night featured a red carpet photo op and professional judges Michael Price, an Emmy award-winning composer for his work on the BBC series *Sherlock*, and Chad Gunderson, a Dallas-area film producer who has made numerous award-winning commercials, music videos, and short films. Both judges are friends and colleagues of Southwestern's new communication professor, Kyle Portbury, who MC'd the entire event. After the event, students from all the schools lingered to spend time with the judges and ask questions.

"Obviously I want to do everything I can to encourage young filmmakers," said Gunderson the night of the premiere. "When Kyle came to me, I already had one of his students as an intern, and I was willing to do whatever I could to help others as well."

Portbury convinced Price to come and serve as judge not only because of their long connection as filmmakers and the opportunity to help students learn the craft, but with the idea of turning his visit into an opportunity for a benefit fundraiser as well. That Sunday, the two of them appeared at the Fort Worth Modern Art Museum to show their documentary "The Mountain Within" and raise funds for two local charities: Community Opportunities, Inc., of Keene, and Wedgwood Academy of Fort Worth.

South by Southwestern was successful in not only testing the creativity of the students involved, but also providing them with a glimpse of college life. Marshall Rhodes, a junior from Alvarado High School, remarked that, "Being able to stay in the dorm, experience the college life, and get to make a film has been a once-in-a-lifetime event."



The team from CTA works on downloading their footage. Pictured are Ashley Bower, Patrick Shepherd, Ben Torres, Adam Villania, and Christian Gifford.

Ariadna Quiñonas, a junior from Sandia View Academy, said, "This year's Brain Games was the best I've been to. It makes me want to go to school here."

The entire event was a resounding success, lead-

ing several student participants to ask for it to happen again next year. The films and photos of the event, including the winners, can be viewed at swau.edu/communication.

Enactus Receives Recognition for Community Projects

Twenty-nine Southwestern Adventist University students recently travelled to the Enactus Regional competition and job fair in Dallas. The competitions are challenging, team-oriented events that create a sense of accountability and motivation for teams to continually improve the quality of their community projects. This year, the presentation team made up of nine students, presented to over thirty judges. The judges who assess the clubs are business professionals and executives from partnering corporations such as Walmart, CVS, Microsoft and Home Depot. In total, 18 colleges and over 200 students participated in the regional event. Wal-Mart, the presenting corporate sponsor, interviewed and extended written job offers to seven students. Of those, three were Southwestern seniors.

Before the excitement of the competition comes months of hard work. The SWAU Enactus team won two grants this year that enabled them to implement the projects, which ranged from teaching entrepreneurship to elementary kids, empowering women and small businesses, and supporting a local non-profit that works with the learning disabled.

Last year the Enactus team won the regional competition and went on to place second in their division at the Enactus National Exposition in St. Louis, MO. The national competition involves Enactus teams from colleges and universities across the United States. The recognition placed the team in the top 32 out of 181 competing colleges and universities. The University is proud to announce that their Enactus team has once again been named a regional champion and will be traveling to the Enactus National Exposition to compete this summer.



New Dinosaur Science Museum to Open in Fall 2016

Darcy Force, Marketing Director, Southwestern Adventist University

Southwestern Adventist University is the home of more than 20,000 dinosaur bones. For more than 20 years, Dr. Art Chadwick, Ph.D., Dr. Larry Turner, Ph.D., Justin Woods, and various faculty, students, and science community members have been excavating upper Cretaceous dinosaur bones from the Hanson Research Center in eastern Wyoming. The bones are transported to Southwestern's campus for the purpose of preparation, curation, and research and are on loan from the Hanson family. A number of exciting techniques, that were devel-



◀ Artie, the replica T-rex that made its debut at the GC Session in San Antonio, happily sits in the courtyard of Scales Hall awaiting further renovations. Artie is named after Art Chadwick.

Bottom left: Tyke Connell, teacher at Chisholm Trail Academy and a participant at the Wyoming dig for many years, shows the Nanotyrannus skull (the third ever discovered in the world, sparking the interest of National Geographic) to a young student.

Bottom center: Visitors to the museum will be able to watch the new 3d printer as it prints replica dinosaur bones for further research and educational purposes.

▼ Visitors to the museum will be able to observe faculty and students working on the bone collection.



oped and applied first by researchers at Southwestern Adventist University, make this project a state-of-the-art research effort:

- Use of high-precision GPS equipment to measure and record the location of each bone
- GIS software to analyze and produce an integrated picture of each quarry
- A web-based fossil catalog so that the results may be available for researchers world-wide

The newest phase in this effort is the renovation of the bottom floor of Scales Hall, the science building, into the new Dinosaur Science Museum. The museum features the storage of the 20,000 bones, a documentary of the excavation and research process, in-

teractive displays, and opportunities to watch the faculty and students at work on the bone collection.

The museum is anticipated to officially open this fall to everyone from scientists to school groups. Some local entities, including the Cleburne Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program, have received early tours while construction is still in progress.

“This is something we’ve worked towards for many years,” says Chadwick. “From the beginning, this project has been about preserving the bones for educational and research purposes. Our website allows people from all over the world to access these bones. Now the museum gives our students and community to the opportunity to learn from them too.”

The bones are collected during a month-long excavation event in the month of June every year. The dig is open to anyone with reservations (including fees based on length of stay) and class credit is available. For more information on the new museum and the dig, please visit swau.edu/dinosaur.

The Write Spot is the Right Place

Susan Gardner, director, The Write Spot

The Write Spot, Southwestern Adventist University's writing center, began in the fall of 2008 as an extension of the Quality Enhancement Plan to increase writing, research, information literacy, and critical thinking. Five students helped launch the first formal writing center at Southwestern by taking a required class, ENGL 342 Composition Theory and Practice, to become well-educated peer tutors who know how writing works, the theories and research about composition, and practical tips on tutoring. Just being good in English is not enough to qualify someone to be a student tutor. In fact, no student becomes a Write Spot tutor without taking this class and completing 30 hours of mentored tutoring before being hired for pay.

In addition to the peer tutors, English Department faculty volunteer two hours a week of their required office hours to work in The Write Spot. Several faculty in other disciplines have also become Write Spot tutors. This combination of trained peers and faculty tutors has provided a unique strength for the writing center, which is regularly open 30 hours a week for students to get help.

Students do not need appointments—it is first come, first served—and they can bring assignments from any class, not just writing classes, and at any point in the writing process. If they are stuck on how to begin an assign-

ment, a tutor will help them unravel the requirements, brainstorm possible topics, help construct an opening, and get them started on the right path. If they bring in drafts, the writers read their papers aloud to the tutors, then they discuss possible changes, and work toward better clarity. Tutors also help with organization, logic, proper documentation in various styles (APA, MLA, CM, and CSE), finding additional resources, grammar, formatting, etc. The Write Spot averages 450-500 student visits per semester.

There are many each semester who also come by for help writing resumes, cover letters, job applications, scholarship forms, and

personal statements for medical or graduate school.

Tutors do not write or rewrite papers. They are most interested in helping students become better, independent, and more confident writers themselves, not just helping them get a good grade on a particular assignment. Often students do get better grades on their papers because they are spending more focused time on their

writing, and the teachers who grade the papers appreciate having better quality assignments to respond to and grade.

But what do tutors—faculty and students—get from being tutors? English professor, Dr. Andrew Woolley III, Ph.D., commented, "The beauty of the Write Spot is that it provides a working model for writing across the curriculum. Many institutions, including ours in the past, have mouthed belief in the concept of integrating writing throughout all departments, but having the Write Spot gives the tangible support to those departments

that want to assign writing. In a sense, it says, 'If you wish to assign writing, we can provide help to your students so that they can succeed in the writing process.' In addition, it gives English majors a great opportunity to see how writing can aid learning in different disciplines."

One might expect English professors to be interested in helping out with a writing center, but another strength of The Write Spot is the inclusion of faculty tutors from other disciplines. According to Dr. Donna Berkner, Ed.D., associate professor of education, "working at the Write Spot gives me an opportunity to meet students who are not in my department. It broadens my ability to



Caressa Rogers



Caressa Rogers

▲ Susan Gardner and fellow faculty are always on hand to help - the Write Spot is open every day.

◀ Dr. Gardner meets with her student tutors weekly to help them prepare to help their fellow students.

connect with students as I help them grow professionally.”

Dr. Amy McHenry, Ph.D., assistant professor of biology, found that being a faculty tutor truly benefitted her science students. “I think it was very helpful for my students to be able to come to me to get help with their genetics manuscripts, as I could give them very specific advice about content as well as formatting. The writing style I require of them is quite technical and it can sometimes be challenging for non-science majors to give them feedback.” However, she went on to say, “I think the Write Spot is a wonderful resource for our students. One of the most important ideas that I think it conveys to them is that good writing takes multiple drafts. Too often, students have the tendency to immediately turn in the first thing they’ve written down. The Write Spot helps them learn to go back and edit and improve their writing.”

Do students who have been tutors recognize benefits from their time spent tutoring? Monique Gaskins, 2013 SWAU graduate, went on to earn a Master’s degree in Public Relations at the University of Southern California and now works for the Benenson Strategy Group and Joel Benenson, the chief strategist and pollster for presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton. Gaskins commented about what she learned and how being a writing tutor helped her:

“Writing effective messaging for clients (corporate or political) takes a precision and conciseness that sometimes feels like 5 percent luck and 95 percent training. Working and being trained in the Write Spot for catching the seemingly impossible tiny things that take a student’s writing from good to great gave me the edge and credibility I needed to get (and keep!) my current job. There are so many different tips I learned from taking the class and being a writing tutor that I use throughout my work and personal

life daily. Without knowing it at the time, I think the Write Spot helped shape my writing and how I think about other people’s work as a whole, and I’m so grateful that it’s a required part of the English bachelor’s degree.”

One of the very first Write Spot tutors, Chelsey Evans Sugaski, 2011 SWAU graduate and now a high school teacher at Wekiva High School in Apopka, Florida, noted, “I would say that the Write Spot helped me most with helping English as a Second Language (ESL) students, even into my teaching career. Having that experience with adult ESL students who could articulate their writing needs made it easier to assist my own students when the time came.”

Learning the research and theories about composition, then applying them as a tutor, does make a difference for the tutors themselves. Kylie Kurth, junior English major with a writing emphasis, noted, “It has helped me to become more objective to my own writing and has allowed me to approach my writing with a renewed sense of encouragement. After looking at papers written by other students, it is easier to see where improvements can be made in different situations, and the process of writing begins to unravel itself in new ways.”

The Write Spot is the proverbial “win-win” place for writing. Inviting, supportive, honest, critical, helpful—these are the characteristics that help create a community of writers, people committed to taking the time to work hard on writing a good piece. And nothing is more satisfying than creating a good piece of writing. The Write Spot is the right place for students and faculty at Southwestern Adventist University.

Engaged on the Web

Southwestern Adventist University has launched a new website. In perfect timing with this year’s theme and goal to better engage with each other and our community, Southwestern’s new website provides a more compelling, user-friendly, and intuitive web experience. We want your questions to be answered easily. Most of all, we want our captivating images, videos, and student and alumni stories to fully reveal the Southwestern Adventist University experience.

Our primary focus on the homepage is to better meet the needs of our prospective students so videos, quick facts and links, and news are all readily available. The new website also gives each academic department room to showcase what they have to offer. Fascinating facts, career options, potential job opportunities, and academic club information are available on each page. Each academic department page also features

profiles on students and alumni from that particular department, giving potential students firsthand knowledge of what that major could provide for them.

There are many other people who are equally important to our success and growth, so pages were designed specifically for them. Pages for our alumni and friends can be found in the menu bar on the top right of the page, while current students and faculty will find information designed just for them by following the links under the Resources drop-down menu, located at the top left of the screen. In the near future, pages for parents and our community will also be developed.

Please visit our website and enjoy the new experience at www.swau.edu.



SWAU’s new homepage, which features compelling images and updated information. The links for Alumni, Giving, and Events are in the top right corner.

Miracles at Southwestern



ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

It was truly a miracle to see more than \$4,200,000 raised in just three weeks for the new Nursing Department and Administration Building for Southwestern Adventist University. Raising those funds ensured an additional gift of \$1,000,000 from the Mabee Foundation, bringing the total amount raised to more than \$9,035,390. All in three weeks, all in God's time—meeting a deadline! It was indeed a miracle!

However, I would suggest that however significant that miracle was, it is not the only miracle that has taken place at Southwestern Adventist University. From its very first year as a Seventh-day Adventist academic institution, countless miracles have taken place on the campus as well as

in the lives of the young men and women who have attended the school.

A miracle takes place every time a student secures the funds needed to attend Southwestern. A miracle takes place every time academic and spiritual transformations take place in the mind and heart of a student. A miracle takes place every time a student makes a commitment to live a life of service on behalf of others because of the influence of professors who view education as more than purely academics. A miracle takes place every time a student discovers Jesus as their personal Savior and surrenders their life to Him through the waters of baptism. A miracle takes place every time a student walks down the aisle at a graduation ceremony and receives

their hard-earned degree.

These are miracles that take place every year, multiple times each year, at Southwestern Adventist University. We will not soon forget the miracle of funds raised in such a short time, but every time another student graduates from Southwestern, we will be reminded of the miracles that God works in their lives to prepare them, both for life and for eternity. Now *that* is a miracle! Some may disagree, but I know all too well that it is so, because I was one of those miracles.

Steve Orián, president

Gentry Total Life Community Center Teaches a Crowd

GENTRY, ARK. » A crowd of church and community members packed the Gentry church's Total Life Community Center (TLCC) to capacity on the weekend of January 29 and 30 in anticipation of John and Joyce Marter's presentation of author Gary Chapman's seminar, The 5 Love Languages.

The seminar stressed the need for each to learn his or her primary emotional love language, and the languages of spouses, children, teens, and others in order to communicate to them our love and understanding. Research shows we actually do feel loved in different ways. For example, some love to receive gifts and others love to receive sincere compliments or words of affirmation. Spending quality time without interruptions com-

municates love to some, while acts of service or physical touch are two languages that speak love to other hearts. The group learned that understanding and practicing these principles will enhance relationships between married couples and their children.

Repeated peals of laughter erupted as the Marters presented the love language principles with funny stories and video skits of local "actors" depicting key points

being discussed, yet each contained sobering thoughts. The seminar ended with each participant taking a test to determine their own primary love language, and how to show understanding and love to others.

The Marters are experienced teachers and have held seminars in various places. They spent a total of 20 years as missionaries in Zambia, Zimbabwe, and the Philippines before coming to the Gentry area. John served as director of the Dogwood

Literacy Council in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, before retiring, and Joyce teaches English as a Second Language at Northwest Technical Institute in Springdale, Arkansas.

Marian Parson



Presenting the different love languages.

Invited by the West Helena Church

WEST HELENA, ARK. » They will come if you invite them! That is exactly what Sharon Carpenter did—on Facebook. She posted: “Fall Festival at the Family Outreach Community Center,” and listed the details.

The Fall Fest was a fun and safe event for families. There was a selection of cupcakes, punch, and, of course, candy and prizes. Games of football toss, pumpkin sweep, bowling, ring toss, and toss across were played. The young people covered pine cones with peanut butter, then rolled them in bird seed, and every child took one home for a bird feeder.

Copies of *Steps to Christ* were handed out to more than 30 adults and the children received *Little Friends* or *Primary Treasure*. The church’s pastor, Jerry Kenyon, told the parents to read to the children and, with a twinkle in his eye, told the children to read *Steps to Christ* to their parents before they went to bed.



▲ The West Helena church reached out to their community during its Fall Fest.
▶ Pumpkin Bowling was one of the fun activities held at the Fall Fest.



All the visitors had a great time, with the exception of one little boy who cried and cried—he didn’t want to leave! The event was Steven Carpenter’s idea, but thanks to everyone who brought supplies and helped, it was a great success. The op-

portunity is there now to invite the community to come back again, and they will know that the West Helena Seventh-day Adventist Church really does care.

Betty Latimer Hoag

Louisiana State Penitentiary Celebrates First Fellowship Banquet

BATON ROUGE, LA. » On November 12, 2015, members of the Baton Rouge church arrived at the gates of the Louisiana State Penitentiary (LSP) for the purpose of sharing a worship service and fellowship banquet with the church’s LSP annexation located within the main prison complex. Despite many years of the prison ministries team visiting inmates incarcerated within the prison walls, this was the first time that the church had been authorized to host such a banquet. Regular prison ministries team members were joined by additional church members, and members of the annexation were also permitted to invite family guests to share in the evening’s festivities.

As members of the Baton Rouge church entered the prison, LSP annexation members traveled to the hospital ward to distribute fruit bags and hygiene care packages to the patients assigned there. Once this visitation was complete, worship services began in the main prison’s new chapel. The annexation’s praise and worship

team blessed the congregants’ hearts with several vocal and instrumental songs. Mike Martinez, pastor, blessed those in attendance with words of wisdom and exhortation, but allowed Demetrius Bradley, an elder from the LSP annexation, to deliver the sermon of the day.

During the service, several members of the annexation received certificates of completion for participating in the Adventist Recovery Ministries 12-step recovery program, Journey to Wholeness, and/or for completion of the Amazing Facts Bible study course. The celebratory evening of fellowship ended with the members of the LSP annexation and their family guests, along with those in attendance from the Baton Rouge church, participating in a delicious meal prepared by volunteer members of the LSP culinary staff.

It is very comforting to know that God is working through this ministry to touch the hearts of these men, our brothers in Christ. The Baton Rouge church acknowledges the administration of the Louisiana

State Penitentiary for allowing it to partner with them and annex a church on its premises for the purpose of assisting with the spiritual growth and rehabilitation of its inmate community.

Demetrius Bradley

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Dr. Philip Samaan is a theology professor at Southern Adventist University.

Springdale Adventist Fellowship: Praise and Testimony

SPRINGDALE, ARK. » The Springdale Adventist Fellowship church was pleased to have Doug Sprouse, the mayor of Springdale, come to worship with the congregation on a Sabbath morning last Fall. During the worship hour, Juan Fresse, pastor, conducted a praise and testimony service. As the Holy Spirit moved on the hearts of the listeners, Sprouse joined in. Afterward, during the fellowship dinner, the mayor remarked, "It was comforting to be able to join in the singing of songs I recognized." Sprouse is involved in the teaching and music ministries at Cross Church, a mega church in Springdale.

After asking permission, the pastor called his elders together to lay hands on the city leader and offered prayer on his behalf. Then, Elizabeth Fresse, health leader, presented the mayor with the official CHIP cookbook, associating a vegetarian diet with a long life.

Sprouse was invited by church member Ross Hinshaw, whose friendship goes



Juan Fresse, pastor, prays for Springdale's mayor, Doug Sprouse.

back to high school. Sprouse was elected mayor of the fifth largest city in Arkansas in November 2008. Sprouse led the way for construction of a children's hospital to be

built within a mile of the church, as well as a junior college on 40 acres in the vicinity.

Ross Hinshaw

New Pastor Baptizes New Members



The Slidell church welcomed its new members Eutiquito and Estilietta Elumbaring, their daughter, Sarah Elumbaring, and her children, Neil Madrigal, Miah Madrigal, and Destiny Madrigal.

SLIDELL, LA. » During the Sabbath worship service on October 31, 2015, the Slidell church welcomed its new members after Cecil Harlin, pastor, baptized members of the Elumbaring and Madrigal families and some joined by profession of faith.

After Harlin's first sermon as the new pastor at the Slidell church, he had been approached by Miah Madrigal, who asked to be baptized. Harlin then began studying with Miah and then the rest of the family. The Elumbaring and Madrigal families live in Ponchatoula, La., and had been faithfully attending the Slidell church. The church proudly welcomes its new members Eutiquito and Estilietta Elumbaring, their daughter, Sarah Elumbaring, and her children, Neil Madrigal, Miah Madrigal, and Destiny Madrigal.

Vernella Rogers

The Right Environment



Since our boys were little, my wife and I have prayed about their friends, their future wives, their careers, their education, and the specific educational environments God wanted for them. The importance of education has been instilled in my family. When it was time for our first son to go to a university, a lot of prayers and concerns were lifted before the throne of God. Needless to say, Southwestern Adventist University was the specific educational environment the Lord chose for us for many reasons. Southwestern fits our financial needs; there are more opportunities due to fewer students than at public universities; the professors and instructors are above average; and the student-teacher ratio was above what we could expect in any other institution. We

will have three sons at Southwestern in August.

I also have the privilege of being a board member of Southwestern. I was blessed to be able to guide Southwestern's University Singers through Korea, an experience none of us will soon forget! I had scheduled a very tight and extremely busy tour, booking 16 concerts in eight days! Your Southwestern students should make you proud. They had great patience with the strange food, strange sleeping quarters, the long hours, and the new culture in general. At the end of the tour many voices were so worn that conversations were minimal, but they still laughed and were in good spirits. The Korean people were so happy with the students; several were asked to go back to be teachers in the Korean Adventist schools. I am very proud of them, and you

should be, as well.

Another one of my privileges in serving the Lord is I get to work with many Southwestern students as camp staff at Wewoka Woods Adventist Center during the summer. Because the university trains these young people to be mission-minded leaders, they come to camp ready to touch lives in ways they don't even imagine. Their work ethic is high, and they are ready to share Jesus with the children throughout the summer programs.

Yes, we are all blessed to have such a great educational environment for our young people in the Southwestern Union. May God continue to anoint Southwestern students, faculty and staff, and supporters as we all work to bring others to Jesus.

Apple Park, youth director

8 Weeks to Wellness Seminar

TULSA » More than 60 people attended the Eight Weeks to Wellness seminar, a weekly health education program by *Life-Long Health*™ presented at the First Adventist Church of Tulsa, February 15 through April 4. Attendees included members of area Adventist churches and visitors from

the community. There was no charge for the seminar, and each person received a workbook with additional information about topics covered in the meetings.

Program hosts were David Miller, M.D., and Holly Smith, R.N. Miller's interesting lectures featured illustrated slide presenta-

tions of science-based information about disease prevention, stress management, exercise, rest, and many other aspects of healthful living. In addition to sharing health principles, Smith prepared delicious vegetarian dishes for everyone to sample at each session. She plans to offer plant-based cooking classes as follow-up after the seminar.

Participants kept track of their achievements toward meeting their healthy lifestyle goals, with a prize being given each week to the person who had made the most progress. One delighted woman lost 10 pounds after just a week of following the seminar's recommendations.

The Eight Weeks to Wellness seminar was part of our church's plan to reach out with projects and programs designed to meet various needs of those in the Tulsa area. We hope in this way to share Christ's compassion and build friendships that lead to welcoming people from the community into our church family.



David Miller, M.D., presenting a health seminar.

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Fun and Learning at the Park!

CHEROKEE » The Cherokee Rockets Adventurer Club went on a campout on March 22-24 to Alabaster Caverns State Park. We enjoyed hiking and campfire songs. We toured Alabaster Cavern and counted seven bats. We had a competition to name all the names of God. The Cherokee church group came for outdoor church and had an outdoor movie night where we watched the Christian film *War Room*. We went on a hike and scavenger hunt. We collected leaves and seeds, and taught the Adventurers how to avoid poison ivy.

Gabi Simpson



Top right: The Cherokee Rockets Adventurer Club hiking at Alabaster Caverns State Park

- ▲ Relaxing together at the campsite
- ▶ Reading the Bible during the campout

Annual Pathfinder Chili Cook-off

BROKEN ARROW » The sixth annual Pathfinder chili cook-off fundraiser was once again a big success. Pathfinder leader Greg Marquette hosted the event at the Estontia clubhouse. Pablo Tebes, Pathfinder director, reported an enthusiastic crowd that enjoyed a cake walk, an auction, and tasting and judging of delicious chili. Third place went to Barbara Calvert,

second place went to Mike Moon, and the first-place winner was Joe Campbell (Mike Moon's new son-in-law).

A big "thank you" to all the attendees for their unwavering support for our Pathfinders.

Judy Marquette



Why My Pastor Is a Hero

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ALEXANDRIA, LA » Students at Alfred Booker Junior Academy in Alexandria, La., read an article in the March Edition of Kids View magazine entitled, "Why My Pastor Is A Hero." They joined featured students from Gulf States Conference in Montgomery, Ala., in making a list of things that make their pastor special. Here's what they had to say:

"My pastor is a hero because he tells us about the Bible and animals in Noah's Ark. He cheers us up when we are sad. He helps you and teaches you right from wrong. He has devotions on Monday mornings with us. Pastor Archbold is like Bibleman because he's everywhere!"—Branden Webb, Grade 2

"Pastor Vanston Archbold is a hero because he helps me to learn about the Bible. He tells me that I should be a better person, and shows me texts in the Bible. He helps me learn about God, and all the things He has been for me. In P.E. we did jumping jacks, ran around the gym three times, did squats, and push-ups. He said that the exercise would help your body. When we eat, he said we should also eat healthy foods like fruits and vegetables. Pastor Archbold is a hero because he taught me great things!"—Ja'Von Jackson, Grade 2

"My pastor's name is Vanston Archbold; he teaches us about God. And when you are sad he'll cheer you up. He will read the Bible to us and we will play Bible games and make pictures of Adam and Eve. He will pray for Satan to stop messing with me and making me mad. We will miss you, Arch-

us with our problems. He helps us with Bible study, with Bible work, and teaches us God's will."—Zy'Keriah Johnson, Grade 3

"My Pastor is a hero, because he comes to our church school and preaches to us. Sometimes, he'll even have P.E. with us. He tells us stories about his life in Colombia and in the Bible! He works a lot; he never complains. Our pastor, Vanston E. Archbold, is a true hero and we'll miss him."—Cailyn Alexander, Grade 4

"My pastor is a hero because he teaches all of us about God and the resurrection of Jesus. He believes in God. He loves God. He gives praise to God three times a day or more. He is a great singer. My pastor is a hero. His name is Pastor Vanston Arch-

bold. He is my hero."—Jahmai Williams, Grade 4

"Pastor Archbold is a hero because he helps people gain eternal life. Pastor Archbold is also a hero because he puts other things aside to come preach and teach. He gives us great advice, and we can talk to him about anything. He's a good influence on people. He influences people to study and keep their faith strong in God."—Kordell Jenkins, Grade 6

bold family."—Layla Alexander, Grade 2

"My pastor is a hero because he teaches us about the Holy Bible and tells us a story about the Bible. I learned about things. He said God is coming back to get us all, and we can go to heaven with Him. We pray every day. He taught us P.E. We learned to do squats, push-ups, and run in the gym. Pastor Archbold is a hero to me because he told us that Satan is a bad person, and we should not follow him."—Myson Smith, Grade 2

"My pastor is a hero because he helps



Red River Parish Community Recognizes Mary Grant

COUSHATTA, LA. » The community in Coushatta, including dignitaries, church members, relatives, and friends, came together on Saturday, April 2, 2016, at the Coushatta First Seventh-day Adventist Church for a very special program honoring Mary Grant for her exemplary service in Red River Parish.

Grant has been a resident of the Coushatta community for 84 years. She married Leroy Grant in 1949. They were blessed with five daughters, 14 grandchildren, and 27 great-grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren, who all lovingly



Lorraine Stiggers, Mary Grant, and Norman Stiggers, pastor, at the recognition program for Grant.

call her Big Mama. During her long and productive life, she has demonstrated in countless ways her dedication to the wel-

fare of others and has earned the respect and affection of people from of ages and from all walks of life. Through the years she has shown love for people by sharing her faith and giving an invitation to all to get to know Jesus so that they will be prepared to spend eternity with Him. She still gives certificates to

those who have accepted and completed Bible study courses with her.

One of the most inspirational moments

of the evening was when Rosa Thomas sang one of Grant's favorite songs, *Midnight Cry*. The solo reminded the listeners of how great it will be when Jesus returns to take us home.

Included in the celebration was distinguished Mayor Jonny Cox, who presented her with a framed Resolution that he read out loud for all of us, and then presented it

to her along with a key to the city. Justice of the Peace Jerry Clark was also in attendance; he awarded her with a Certificate of Appreciation and told her to remain alert and firm in her faith. She received many beautiful bouquets of flowers.

The program was a complete surprise to Mrs. Grant. Even though she was very excited and overwhelmed, she thanked ev-

eryone involved for coming and let them know that they were in trouble because they all know that she doesn't like any one fussing over her. When the program concluded, refreshments were served in the fellowship hall.

Ellareen Moore

Read Across America

BATON ROUGE, LA. » March 2 marked the 112th birthday of Theodore Seuss Geisel, also known as "Dr. Seuss," famous for his children's books. For the past six years, Deloris Newman, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten teacher at Martin Luther King Christian Academy, has made sure our school participated in the National Education Association's "Read Across America" program in honor of Dr. Seuss. Instead of involving the community as has been done in the past, this year Newman asked Henry Jones, an elder and the director of music at the Baton Rouge Berean church, to help out. Parents of the four- and five-year-olds were invited to the two-hour morning program where Jones, dressed as a "Cat in the Hat" (with top hat and whiskers), selected and read Dr. Seuss's books. Newman and other staff utilized numerous instructional posters, handouts, and floor games to introduce the children to word recognition gems, aids in identifying shapes, and hand- and eye-coordination exercises. The children enjoyed refreshments that corresponded with many of the books Jones read. For example, blueberry juice and red gummy fish were used for *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*; gigantic alphabet cards were used for the book, *A B C*, red and white striped stovepipe hats worn by the children and Jones for *The Cat in the Hat*, and much more.

Even though this was her sixth year of

celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday, according to Newman, "The joy of seeing the children's faces light up in excitement while learning through fun had the aura of the first year's celebration all over again." Sibyl Jordan, principal, and her staff applaud

Newman's willingness to go above and beyond her regular teaching duties for Martin Luther King Christian Academy.

Evelyn Edwards



Top: Henry Jones reading to the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten children.

▲ Henry Jones reads to the children.

◀ Staff and students enjoyed participating in "Read Across America," a day that celebrates reading and Dr. Seuss.

Pastor's Farewell

Robert L. Davis Gives Last Sermon as Berean Church Pastor

BATON ROUGE, LA. » Although we were given advance notice, many still were not ready when the day came. However, right on schedule, the inevitable February 13 arrived and with it the realization that Robert L. Davis, our pastor since September 25, 2011, was going to deliver his last sermon as pastor of the Baton Rouge Berean church. What would a farewell be without fanfare? Thus, following the joint lesson study, the tributes began.

Clerk/secretary Paula Adams led the way with a slide presentation highlighting various evangelistic meetings conducted or coordinated by Davis along with an overview of his ministry at Berean and pictures of the annual anniversary/homecomings that became a staple during his first year at Ber-

ean. Other tributes followed from Charles Wilson, Edward Seales, Robert Landry, and Evelyn Edwards. All mentioned the programs Davis instituted during his tenure. These included: an extension of our "Vision Sabbaths," which resulted in the further development of the Berean Wellness and Community Support Center with programs providing health and wellness, educational resources, and various activities to strengthen our community's low-income and underserved families; our multinational fellowship with two simultaneous services ministering to both English and Spanish-speaking believers; the Southern University campus ministry that hosted a prophecy seminar; the merging of Berean Academy with the Martin Luther

King Academy; the quarterly church newsletter; and our multimedia ministry with its attractive website and Facebook page. Davis' personal achievement while at Berean was having attained his Ph.D. in Ministry with a concentration in marriage and family.

Davis' former

Bible worker at Berean, and now a pastor himself, Ralph Ford, along with his family, were among the many well-wishers in attendance. It was Ford, a recording artist as well, who provided the songs of meditation for the occasion.

Davis' last message began by asking the congregation "What is the most unbelievable thing you've ever seen?" He followed by inviting us to imagine the events of our Lord's crucifixion and ultimate resurrection. "Then to see that man talking and walking with you. You can argue about what Paul meant, but you can't argue that Jesus didn't rise from the grave. That was irrefutable evidence."

Davis continued by sharing several passages from the Book of Acts—all affirming that the apostles were apostles because they had witnessed Jesus' resurrection. It was reassuring to hear that when the Holy Spirit falls upon a person's life; they become an apostle of Jesus. This change is irrefutable evidence that Jesus has risen from the dead.

Davis' parting words to the Berean church were "I've got to leave here; I've fought the good fight of faith, have finished my race, got to get my crown. But for now it's goodbye, goodbye, my friends. If we never see each other again, know this much—there will come a day when we shall say 'hello' one more time."

And with that, bid the Berean church farewell. The fellowship dinner followed. We thank God for Davis' brief but effective ministry at the Berean church.

Evelyn Edwards



Top left: Paula Adams shares reading with Robert Davis, Denise Davis, and Robert Davis.

Bottom left: Various members pose with Robert Davis at fellowship dinner. Back row, from left: Cassandra Wells, Robert Davis, Denise Davis, Crystal Fudge, Miosotis Rivera. Front row, from left: Elise Davis and Akilis Rivera.

◀ Ralph Ford singing meditation song

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More Than Just an Education



In the book of Proverbs, we find the following words of the wise man: “Blessed is the one who finds wisdom and the one who obtains understanding. The profit gained from wisdom is greater than the profit gained from silver. Its yield is better than fine gold.”

There is a higher education that far surpasses money, honor, position, or recognition. That quality of education is offered in the classrooms of Southwestern Adventist University. Genuine education does not ignore or minimize the value of math, science, or technology, but it contextualizes those important elements of learning within the framework of the almighty presence of God. When professors are filled with and guided by the Spirit of God, the words and concepts that they bring to their students are just that much more elevated and profound.

Proverbs 15:2 says, “The tongue of the wise uses knowledge aright.”

Notice now the corroborating words of Ellen White in *Education*, p. 225: “Character building is the most important work ever entrusted to human beings; and

never before was its diligent study so important as now. Never was any previous generation called to meet issues so momentous; never before were young men and women confronted by perils so great as confront them today.”

In the context of those precise words, we ask ourselves once again the question that so often arises in the homes of Seventh-day Adventists and parents who find themselves at the crossroads of a critical decision: “Is the price of Adventist higher education worth it?” As a close observer of the products of Southwestern Adventist University, the young people who graduate and enter the workforce have high values of integrity, work ethic, sincerity and, above all, spirituality, I cannot offer any other opinion than to say most definitely, yes!

As tuition charges at both public and private colleges continue to soar, it is relevant to consider what is offered above and beyond reading, writing, science and arithmetic. Is there an additional underlying platform of spirituality and integrity that is brought to bear upon the hearts and minds of students at Southwestern that is not available at other institu-

tions like the University of Texas, Texas A&M, Rice University, or UNT? Are those other colleges and universities offering an equivalent value for the dollar to our young people?

Once again, the words of Ellen White offer clarity: “In many others, emulation leads to dishonesty; and by fostering ambition and discontent, it embitters the life and helps fill the world with those restless, turbulent spirits that are a continual menace to society. Nor does danger pertain to methods alone. It is also found in the subject matter of the studies. What are the works on which, throughout the most susceptible years of life, the minds of the youth are led to dwell? ... From the wells of paganism; from the springs fed by the corruptions of ancient heathendom. They are bidden to study authors, of whom, without dispute, it is declared that they have no regard for the principles of morality” (*Education*, p. 226-227).

The future leadership of this church depends a great deal upon the type of education that our young people receive, today!

Carlos J. Craig, president

Church on the Move: Updates from Greenville

GREENVILLE, TEXAS » The Greenville church is on the move! We had a great Vacation Bible School with Carol Welch leading out, our Senior Connection group meets monthly for a meal and fellowship, and our women’s ministries group has been going over the book, *Journey of Joy*. Our church also participated in the Greenville Christmas parade. This year we passed out almost 3,500 *Final Events* DVDs along with an *Insight, Guide, Primary Treasure* or *Little Friend* in them. We appreciate all of the literature donations from surrounding churches and schools in Arlington, Irving, Longview, Nacogdoches, Sherman/Denison, and Tulsa! Our church had a large brick sign for

many years, but it was hit and destroyed. Nine months later, we were blessed to have a new LED sign. We have been blessed to have a student pastor, Michael Cerdá, from Southwestern Adventist University, come and preach monthly. This church is on fire for God!

Sherry Nikles

The Greenville Seventh Day Adventist Church is on the move!



Longview Member Turns 102

LONGVIEW, TEXAS » Elsie Tyner turned 102-years-old in January. She is a long-time member of the Longview church, and is much



loved by everyone. Even though she has some health problems, she is at church every Sabbath. She loves her church, her church family, and she loves her Lord, Jesus.



Mission to India

JEFFERSON, TEXAS » Members of the Jefferson Academy Seventh-day Adventist Church and Jefferson Christian Academy join in special prayer for the team leaving for a mission trip to India.



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Music Ministry at The Oaks Christian School

CYPRESS, TEXAS » Music is an integral part of the human being. It has the ability to reach deep within our souls and connect us to another world. As a former professional musician, I have seen firsthand the effects music has on mankind. It can lift you up just as easily as it can bring you down. When partnered with the Holy Spirit, music can be the portal through which we worship our Creator.

We were created with an internal desire for music. A well-conceived melody with harmonies and movements brings me much joy. And, when you join that with a poignant lyric, the experience is inspiring and captivating. It's no wonder that we couple music with so many church and school activities.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has a long history of combining music with spiritual programming. Churches use music to jumpstart the worship service. Pastors use music to accompany their altar calls. Praise and worship time is centered on heavenly

music. Our schools have incorporated music into the entire K-12 curriculum. Our universities have specialized choirs and orchestras that perform world-class music. I think it's safe to say that music is interwoven into the fabric of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

It's no different at The Oaks Adventist Christian School in Cypress, Texas. We have a long tradition of quality music. It's a small, but quality program. We have choirs in each of the grade levels from K-12. We produce two musical programs involving the entire school twice each year at Christmas and in the Spring. Each year we perform in the Texas Conference's music festival, as well as the Southwestern Adventist University's music festival.

Our most active group is our high school choir. They are our unofficial ambassadors to the Houston area churches. Two Sabbaths each month, our high school choir shares its talents through worship at one of the area churches. Through this minis-

try, God has blessed thousands. Plans are in the works to begin a music tour for our high school choir to take the ministry to other places.

Recently, our high school choir was invited to sing the National Anthem at a Houston Rockets basketball game. It was the first time our group performed for a secular audience. It was a great moment to witness our students standing for God and country as they sang our anthem. Their voices rose to the roof of the Toyota Center in beautiful harmonies. At the end, the audience showed their appreciation through thunderous applause. On that evening, a group of Adventist young people from a small Adventist high school in a Houston suburb showed a stadium full of people that there are teenagers out there who are devoting their talents to something larger than themselves.

Jeff Hahn, OACS principal



How Much Are You Willing to Sacrifice for an Adventist Education?



Elder Turner Wesley Field felt alone. He felt that he did not have a good support system or encouragement to continue in the Lord's work, even though he was a ministry worker in West Texas. It was his desire to obtain a Christian education for himself and his children. After praying and contemplating about leaving for school, he decided to stay home with his family because they needed him, and he needed to harvest the crops from their farm to provide food for the winter.

Then the recommendation came from the Conference Executive Committee that he go back to school. In harmony with the recommendation from the committee, his family moved to Keene, Texas, probably late in 1893, so he and his children could begin school in January of 1894.

Like other families moving to the Keene area who had no housing, they were will-

ing to sacrifice, leave their homes, and locate in a "wild, barren place" because "they believed that the Lord was leading them" in order to get a Christian education.¹

Due to the fact that few houses existed in the Keene area or were under construction, W. T. Field and his family lived in a tent until his house was built. "Since there were no dormitories that first winter, many of the boys lived in tents down in the school pasture" writes the Hub newspaper.

The school was starting. The campus had been laid out. However, there were no buildings on the campus. Keene was covered with scrub oaks, black jacks, bamboo briars, and mustang grapevines. The streets were winding cow paths through the woods.²

Field and his four children enrolled as students at the opening of the Keene Academy. Elder Turner was one of the charter members of the Keene church.³ He was

also instrumental in establishing Southwestern Adventist University.⁴

W. T. Field became the first president of the West Texas Conference when it was established 1908. He and his family were willing to sacrifice, endure hardship, and live in a tent during the winter just to get a Christian education.

What a powerful lesson this is for us today! What are we willing to do to make sure that our children receive a good Adventist Christian education?

Lee-Roy Chacon, president

¹The Chronicle of Southwestern Adventist College, page 14.

²Ibid

³Adventist Review and Sabbath Herald, September 16, 1926, page 22 (Volume 103, No. 47).

⁴Central Union Reaper, December 11, 1951, page 13.

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Geraldo Alonso, Jr., Pastor of Lubbock Church, Receives Ordination

LUBBOCK, TEXAS » "Ordination is the church's affirmation of the calling God has placed on your heart to do ministry." –Bill Kilgore, professor at Southwestern Adventist University.

As a pastor, I have always tried to keep in the forefront of my mind the reason I do ministry. It is my "job" to seek the lost, nurture the hurt, and to disciple the willing followers of Jesus. All the while trying to spend as much time as possible in God's Word and learning to have a deeper relationship with our God and Savior through prayer.

Growing up in the church, I don't remember conversations of ordination, nor do I remember

ever witnessing an ordination service for pastors. It wasn't until I was at Southwestern Adventist University as a theology major that I learned about this practice within our church. I am so thankful to Dr. Bill

Kilgore for explaining it in the most simple and eloquent way that he did. Kilgore gave us a charge to go and do ministry, a charge to not be distracted by titles, and a charge to let God's church affirm the calling that

He has placed on our hearts.

I have never forgotten that. It has been about 10 years since I heard that in the classroom and those words still ring true with my heart's desire to serve. Jesus never called us to positions or status, but instead He called us into a ministry that is meant to lead others to salvation! We have an incredible gospel message to share, and an incredible opportunity to partner with Heaven in order to transform the communities in which we live for the kingdom of God.



Ellanor, Suzy, Adelynn, and Geraldo Alonso, Jr., with pastors Phil Robertson, Lee-Roy Chacon, and Russ Laughlin.

Looking back at my experience leading to the ordination process I would call it a humbling one. It was not a difficult process, but rather one that reviews the candidates' journey through ministry. It looks at the "successes" and "failures" that have helped pastors arrive where God called them to in ministry. As I heard stories of affirmation for the ministry I had done, I kept remembering how God helped me through various challenges over the years. It was just as Kilgore had described it in the classroom about a decade ago.

On the day of my ordination service,

I had three main takeaways. I was blown away by the support my congregation gave me, but also that so many of my family and friends traveled to be there on this special day. The next thing that stood out was the spiritual charge and messages that my friends and mentors, pastors Phil Robertson and Russ Laughlin, left with me. Lastly, the prayer of dedication was so uplifting and awe-inspiring as fellow colleagues placed their hands on my family and me, asking the Father to continue blessing us in ministry.

With so many conversations out there

about ordination in our Adventist world, the one thing that has stood out the most to me is that it is never about us. Even with this added responsibility that has been placed on my shoulders, it still comes back to Jesus. Are we as pastors, spiritual leaders and individuals lifting up Jesus? If the answer is not yes, and the fruits of our labor are not showing it, we are missing the purpose of our calling and eternal lives are at stake. It has to be all about Jesus.

Geraldo Alonso, Jr.

Rio Rancho Welcomes New Members

RIO RANCHO, N. MEX. » There was a flurry of activity as the Rio Rancho church prepared for its upcoming evangelistic series. Instead of advertising by mail to the homes in the area, it was decided to try another approach. Bible workers were hired, not only to go out into the neighborhoods in search of people who may be interested in Bible studies, but they also were instrumental in helping to train church members in doing door-to-door ministry and giving Bible stud-

ies. The church was motivated and mobilized to go out on many different occasions to personally invite people to the meetings.

You can imagine the excitement of the church members as visitors arrived to hear Derrick Williamson, Literature Ministries director for the Texico Conference, speak truth from God's Word during the series of meetings. His messages were captivating to visitors and members alike as he made each truth very clear and understandable.

During each topic, hearts were drawn to Jesus and His marvelous love for us.

Night after night, church members volunteered in the various departments and did their best to welcome the visitors and help them feel at home. Every night following the meeting, refreshments and snacks were served, which gave an opportunity for people to mingle, get acquainted, and begin forming friendships.

Visitors and church members commented on the outstanding job Williamson did in presenting the messages through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. On the last Sabbath of the meetings, church pastor, Mike Razon, enjoyed the privilege of baptizing four women as they took their public stand for Christ. Another baptism is already being prepared for others who are planning to join in that public declaration of dying to self and being resurrected into a new life in Christ.

Sue Hinkle



Top left: Derrick Williamson, Texico Literature Ministries director, conducting evangelistic meetings at the Rio Rancho Church.

Far left: Four women were baptized by pastor Mike Razon at the Rio Rancho church.

◀ Congregation on the last Sabbath of the meetings.

A Prayer is Answered for an Adventist Radio Station in Clovis

CLOVIS, N. MEX. » 3ABN Radio is now being broadcast to the city of Clovis in answer to the long-time prayer of church member Mary Stone.

Once we received our FCC construc-

tion permit in late 2014 and the appeal was made for funds, the pledges began pouring in. By the summer of 2015, there was enough money to purchase the tower, receiver, antennae, and other items needed to begin broadcasting. We received our call sign (KG-MG-LPFM) on June 1 and began broadcasting on August 15.

We were blessed to have John and Angie Lomacang dedicate our new radio station on August 22, which was followed by a

concert that evening.

Numerous signs have been placed in the yards of many of our members. A large banner at one member's home just outside the city limits, bumper stickers, and business cards all announce the new Christian radio station in Clovis. We ran an ad in our local newspaper and are now preparing to send postcards to the homes in Clovis to spread the word.

God has blessed the station in so many ways, including our signal broadcasting further than we had been told was possible by the engineer. What a tremendous blessing it is to turn on our radio and hear 3ABN, and to be able to share this blessing with our city.

LeAndra McGrath



▲ The new Seventh-day Adventist radio station (KG-MG-LPFM) in Clovis, N. Mex.

▶ John Lomacang participated in the dedication of the radio station in Clovis, N. Mex.



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Southwestern Union Holds 30th Quinquennial Constituency Session

KEENE, TEXAS » The Southwestern Union held its 30th Quinquennial Constituency Session on May 1 and 2 at the Keene church, where delegates met to elect officers for the 2016-2020 quinquennial term. The session's theme was "Even So, Come, Lord Jesus." Larry Moore, president; and Buford Griffith, executive secretary, were re-elected. John Page, who has served as the Southwestern Union under-treasurer since 2013, was elected to serve as treasurer, succeeding Deryl Knutson, who is retiring, effective July 1. The position of under-treasurer, vacated by John Page, was referred to the Southwestern Union executive committee.

Additionally, the following officers and departmental directors were also re-elected:

Vice Presidents:

- Vice President for Evangelism: Eddie Canales
- Vice President for Education: Randy Gilliam
- Vice President for Ministries: Minner Labrador, Jr.

Departmental Directors:

- ASI/Communication: Pat Humphrey
- Children's Ministries: Sonia Canó
- Church Ministries: Minner Labrador, Jr.
- Education: Randy Gilliam
- Evangelism: Eddie Canales
- Family Ministries: Buford Griffith, Jr.
- Health Ministries: Pat Humphrey
- Men's Ministries: Minner Labrador, Jr.
- Ministerial: Minner Labrador, Jr.
- Multi-ethnic Ministries: Eddie Canales

- Personal Ministries: Eddie Canales
- PARL: Buford Griffith, Jr.
- Sabbath School: Sonia Canó
- Secondary Education: Mike Furr
- Stewardship: Minner Labrador, Jr.
- Trust Services/Under-treasurer: Referred to executive committee
- Young Adult and Youth: Helvis Moody

Associate Directors:

- Communication: Jessica Lozano
- Treasury: Vivian Johnson
- Treasury: Carlos Ribeiro

The constituency session began at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 1, with special music by Jonathan McNorton, followed by Daniel

Jackson, NAD president, who spoke after a season of prayer led by Eddie Canales, Helvis Moody, and Richard Dye, executive secretary for the Oklahoma Conference. Jackson spoke on the importance of demonstrating our belief in Jesus Christ through showing His love. "We are headed back to the wilderness unless we can show the level of love that Jesus has given us. Whatever you preach, whatever you teach, needs to be backed up by the fact that Jesus is the one true North," Jackson said.

The president's, secretary's, and treasurer's reports were presented through a video that began with a historical reenactment depicting scenes from the early



◀ Larry Moore, center, was re-elected at the Southwestern Union Constituency Session, held May 1 and 2, to serve as president of the Southwestern Union for the 2016-2020 quinquennium. Buddy Griffith, right, was re-elected to serve as executive secretary, and John Page, left, is the newly-elected treasurer.



Middle: Southwestern Union officers, departmental directors, and associates elected to serve for 2016-2020: First row, from left: Sonia Canó, Children's Ministries and Sabbath School director; Vivian Johnson, associate treasurer. Second row, from left: Helvis Moody, Young Adult and Youth Ministries director; Carlos Ribeiro, associate treasurer. Third row, from left: Jessica Lozano, Communication associate director; Randy Gilliam, vice president for Education; Carmen Fuentes-Griffith, Women's Ministries and Ministerial Spouses director (part-time, appointed); Eddie Canales, vice president for Evangelism, and Personal Ministries and Multi-ethnic Ministries director; Pat Humphrey, Communication and Health Ministries director, and ASI executive secretary. Fourth row, from left: Minner Labrador, Jr., vice president for Ministries, and Stewardship and Men's Ministries director; John Page, treasurer; Larry Moore, president; Buddy Griffith, executive secretary; Mike Furr, Secondary Education director.



◀ A commissioned painting of a person engaged in earnest prayer, depicting the theme of the 2016 Southwestern Union Constituency Session, "Even So, Come, Lord Jesus," formed the backdrop for the session held at the Keene Seventh-day Adventist Church, May 1 and 2.



Jonathan McNorton, a musician from Dallas, Texas, gives special music during the devotional service at the opening session of the 2016 Southwestern Union Constituency Session.

days of the Southwestern Union. In the video, written by scriptwriter Kyle Portbury, communication professor at Southwestern Adventist University, the story of God's blessings on the union and its activities over the past five years was creatively shared with an interactive exchange between the three union officers. Reports by the vice presidents and departmental directors were also made via video, interspersed with commentary by Minner Labrador, Jr., vice president for Ministries, regarding the mission of the Southwestern Union, which is "to equip and inspire the Southwestern Union territory with the distinctive Adventist message of Hope and Wholeness."

Ken Finch, president/CEO of Texas Health Huguley, gave a fascinating live

presentation from Adventist Health System. View the constituency session video reports at <http://www.southwesternadventist.org/constituency2016>. A complete quinquennial report of the Southwestern Union appeared in the May 2016 issue of the Southwestern Union Record, and can be found at www.swurecord.org/issue/154. To view photos of the session, visit the Southwestern Union Facebook page at <http://bit.ly/1N1ITVr>.

The constituency session continued on the morning of May 2 with a devotional message by Alexander Bryant, executive secretary of the NAD, who reminded the audience that it is God who chooses leaders, not men. Bryant's message was centered around 1 Corinthians 1:26-28, which tells us that God often chooses the "foolish" or "lowly" to do His work. "God is the active agent in calling men and women into His work," Bryant said.

Ken Shaw, president of Southwestern Adventist University, gave a stirring report about the progress at the university and was nearly moved to tears as he reported on the financial blessings received during the university's

recent capital campaign. Prior to adjournment, Larry Moore, Southwestern Union president, recognized four individuals who retired from service during the past quinquennium: Don Schneider, former NAD president, who now resides in Texas; Max Trevino, former SWUC president; Carolyn Early, former Early Childhood Education and Care assistant; and Betty Trevino, former Education department registrar. In a lighthearted moment, Deryl Knutson, who has given 44 years of service to the Adventist Church, serving as the Southwestern Union assistant treasurer from 1976 to 1980, and as treasurer since 1996, was gifted by Larry Moore with a hat and fishing rod in honor of his upcoming retirement. Moore also honored three individuals who passed away during the past five years: Sam Woods, associate IT director; Cyril Miller, former Southwestern Union president; and Margaret Taglavore, former Children's Ministries director.

The Southwestern Union constituency meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m., on May 2, and was immediately followed by the Southwestern Adventist University constituency meeting.

Pat Humphrey, *Record* editor

For more, see:

www.SouthwesternAdventist.org/constituency2016
<http://www.swurecord.org/issue/154>
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Deryl Knutson Retires after 44 Years of Service

BURLESON, TEXAS » Deryl Knutson, who has served the Southwestern Union as its treasurer since 1996, is retiring, effective July 1, 2016, after 44 years of service to the Adventist Church. Knutson began his ministry as assistant treasurer of the Oklahoma Conference in 1972. Three years later, in November of 1975, he was called to the Southwestern Union to serve as assistant treasurer. He held that position until September of 1980, when he was called back to the Oklahoma Conference to serve as treasurer. In November of 1992 Knutson moved to the Chesapeake Conference in Maryland, where he

served for slightly more than four years, before returning to the Southwestern Union as treasurer in February 1996.

"Deryl Knutson has given invaluable service to the church and to this union. He has done an outstanding job as union treasurer and has been an absolute joy to work

with. He will be greatly missed," said Larry Moore, Southwestern Union president. "We wish God's greatest blessings upon him as he enters this new chapter of his life."

At the 2016 Southwestern Union Constituency Session, Knutson and his wife, Linda, were honored. Knutson was presented with a hat and fishing rod and Linda was given a lovely bouquet of flowers. The couple received a standing ovation in recognition of the occasion.



Southwestern Union treasurer Deryl Knutson retired after 44 years of service.

Samuel Green Returns to SWUC

Green Appointed Part-time Associate Director of Stewardship and Public Affairs and Religious Liberty (PARL)

BURLESON, TEXAS » It is with much pleasure that the Southwestern Union administration announces the appointment of Samuel Green as part-time associate director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty (PARL) and Stewardship for the Southwestern Union Conference, effective April 1, 2016. Green is the former president of the Southwest Region Conference, but is no stranger to the Southwestern Union team.

Green served for more than 18 years as

the executive secretary and PARL director of the Southwestern Union from 1993 to 2011. From 2011-2015 he served as president of the Southwest Region Conference. He is a veteran minister with a rich background in pastoral and administrative service. It is with great joy that Sam Green rejoins the



Southwestern Union team in this part-time capacity. The entire union constituency will be blessed by his ministry. Welcome back, Elder Green!

Sam Green was appointed part-time associate director of stewardship and Public Affairs and Religious Liberty.

Union-wide Filipino Convocation to be Held in August

The Southwestern Union Chapter of NAFCA (*North America Filipino Churches Association of SDA*) will be having its second union-wide Filipino convocation at the Lone Star Camp, 6829 FM 317 Athens, Texas, August 19-21, 2016. The Asian-Pacific Ministries coordinator, Rolando A. Baysa, has been supportive of the restoration of an annual Filipino convocation.

The first Filipino convocation started as a local church initiative, and was held at the Big Spring church in Big Spring, Texas. Then, it was scheduled as an annual union-wide Filipino convocation by Dem Robles, then SWUC Personal Ministries director, but was discontinued when he answered a call to pastor in California. However, the three Filipino pastors in Texico Conference, Nehemias Basit, Rodel Liwanag, and Abner Razon, did continue the tradition in their own home conference, in which the Asian-Pacific Ministries coordinator, Baysa, was one of the guest speakers.

After Baysa's appointment, he decided to restore this Filipino tradition.

On September 5-7,

2014, the first union-wide Filipino Convocation was held at Lone Star Camp. Since it was the very first convocation, the FAM-MANA (now NAFCA) Advisory Committee officers and members envisioned just a few attendees, but the event surpassed their expectations. Guest speakers included Sam Greene, then president of the Southwest Region Conference; Lee-Roy Chacon, Texico Conference president; Carlos Craig, Texas Conference president; Larry Moore, Southwestern Union president; and Vic Arreola, NAD Asian-Pacific Ministries director.

Every attendee was inspired, encouraged, and blessed with the different mes-

sages from our leaders. They did enjoy also a kind of a "break" from their hectic work schedule by taking part in activities on the water front.

A convocation like this is a time for fun and fellowship among our union-wide Filipino constituents due to the fact that the convocation is packed with religious and social activities. This year is no exception, with an added feature of a golf competition for Sunday, programmed by the Association Chapter president, Nehemias Basit.

With much eagerness and anticipation, this year's convocation will encourage every Filipino member to engage actively in mis-

sionary outreach and be intentional to adhere to the world-wide slogan of our General Conference president, Ted Wilson, which is: Total Member Involvement. In fact, this is the primary objective of this convocation to be able to inspire every member's participation in active soul winning activities to prepare people for the return of Jesus Christ.

Rolando A. Baysa, NAD Asian-Pacific Ministries Coordinator SWUC

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For information
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Tuesday, June 14		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
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Hammond Emmanuel	1401 Harrell Ave, Hammond LA 70403	6:00 PM	6:30 PM
Wednesday, June 15		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 16		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	680 Euclid Ave, Rusk, TX 75785	4:00 PM	4:30 PM
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Garland Faith Community	1702 E Centerville Rd., Garland, TX 75041	11:25 AM	11:55 AM
Richardson	1201 W Belt Line Rd, Richardson, TX 75080	12:55 PM	1:25 PM
Piano Acts Two	2001 Independence Pkwy, Plano, TX 75075	1:55 PM	2:25 PM
Fairview Mosaic	571 Lakewood Dr, Fairview, TX 75069	3:10 PM	3:40 PM
McKinney Spanish	1805 W White Ave, McKinney, TX 75069	4:10 PM	4:40 PM
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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 28		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	12:25 PM	12:55 PM
Las Cruces	240 3 Crosses Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88005	2:05 PM	2:35 PM
Alamogordo	1000 S Canyon Rd, Alamogordo, NM 88310	4:00 PM	4:30 PM
Wednesday, June 29		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	6:00 PM	6:30 PM
Thursday, June 30		Arrive	Depart
Ablene	2542 E Overland Tr, Abilene, TX 79601	10:45 AM	11:15 AM
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Obituaries

CUSHMAN, Pearl Lena

(Shears), born February 16, 1937, in Westborough, Tenn., and died March 19, 2016, in Oklahoma City, Okla. She married Robert Cushman on September 2, 1962 in Denver, Colo. They have lived in Alaska, South Dakota, and Oklahoma. Bob and Pearl loved the Lord, and were actively serving Him and others through community service. Survivors: husband Robert Cushman, of Oklahoma City; son, Kenneth Cushman; daughters, Katherine Davis and Kimberly Villars; and seven grandchildren.

DUNIGAN, Marjorie Joyce,

born November 2, 1936, in Guymon, Okla., and died December 25, 2015, in Oklahoma City, Okla. She was a member at the Central church in Oklahoma City. Survivors: husband, Ernest and son, Stanley, both of Oklahoma City.

GILLIAM, Doris Hubbard,

born March 4, 1925 in Baton Rouge, La., and died March 29, 2016, in Baton Rouge. She was

a lifelong member of the Baton Rouge Berean church. She was the daughter of one of the church's charter members, Laura Hubbard. She was baptized by J.H. Williams in 1940 and while at Berean, over the years of her active life, she held numerous church positions including that of church treasurer, Sabbath School teacher, Bible worker, and a community services member. She was preceded in death by her husband, C.J. Gilliam; son, Carl Jonathan; brothers, George, Jr., and Edward Hubbard. Survivors: daughter, Curtrel G. Cutno, of Gonzales, La.; sons, Curtis Joseph and Cedric Jeremiah of Baton Rouge; sisters, Laura M. Thomas and Betty J. Stanford of Huntsville, Ala., and Mable H. Cox (James, Sr.), of New Orleans, La.; brothers: Albert, of Atlanta, Ga., and Joseph, of New Orleans; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

JAMES, Lester Lee, born December 19, 1924 in Keene, Texas, and died March 13, 2016 in Mineral Wells, Texas. Lester served in the Navy during WWII, mostly on the USS Crescent. The remainder of his career was spent as a master plasterer and contractor. He married Jackie Tonioli on February 5, 1945 in Corsicana, Texas. Survivors: wife, Jackie James; children, Jack James (Beverly), Ruth Smith (Wayne), Geri Bonner (John); one grandson and two great-grandchildren.

SIMPSON, Letha Lillian

Tucker, born March 18, 1920 in Wewoka, Okla., and died February 6, 2016, in Fort Worth, Texas. At Lillian's passing she was a resident of Chisholm Trail Estates in Keene, Texas, and a member of the Keene Seventh-day Adventist Church. She was a retired registered nurse, having graduated

from Florida Sanitarium and Hospital (now Florida Hospital) School of Nursing in 1944. From 1945 till 1997 she lived in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. During that time she was house-wife, a nurse at Mercedes General Hospital in Mercedes, Texas, surgical supervisor at Knapp Memorial Hospital in Weslaco, Texas, and later Director of Nurses at Valley Grande Manor in Weslaco until her retirement. In retirement Lillian served in various capacities in her local church in Weslaco and later in Jefferson, Texas, at Jefferson Academy Church. In Keene she was an active participant in the various activities at Chisholm Trail Estates. She was preceded in death by her husband Edward L. "Buster" Mock Simpson, brothers Clarence, Harlan, and Clyde Tucker, and one grandson, Marc Simpson. Survivors: children, Kenneth (Chris), of Keithville, La., Clif (Dian), of Arlington, Texas, and Sharon Miles (Edwin), of Burleson, Texas; brothers Warren Tucker (Lou), of Jefferson, and Alfred Tucker (Shirley), of Loma Linda, Calif.; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Milestones



60th Wedding Anniversary:

Victor and Irene Collins were married on April 19, 1965 in Argentina.

Correction.....

In the May 2016 *Record*, on page 32, Mr. Carlyle Walton's name was misspelled. It should have appeared as it does below. We apologize for any inconvenience.



Carlyle Walton
Metroplex Hospital
President/CEO

SABBATH SUNSET CALENDAR

	Jun 3	Jun 10	Jun 17	Jun 24	Jul 1	Jul 8
Abilene, TX	8:42	8:46	8:48	8:50	8:50	8:49
Albuquerque, NM	8:16	8:20	8:23	8:24	8:25	8:24
Amarillo, TX	8:57	9:01	9:04	9:05	9:06	9:05
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A Chat with the President

RECENTLY, I HAD THE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY to interview Ken Shaw, president of Southwestern Adventist University. Our brief but engaging conversation gave me some keen insights into Shaw's passion for God and service, his love for students, and his vision for the future of Southwestern. I'll share with you a few choice tidbits from that conversation.

I was curious to know what led Shaw to accept the call to serve as president of an Adventist University after happily serving in public higher education for 25 years. He told me, "I wasn't thinking about moving. I tremendously enjoyed my work and was happy there. This opportunity was all about God desiring me to come and work for our church in higher education. I feel it was God-led."

What he told me next reveals a lot about the character of the man who leads Southwestern Adventist University. "When I met with the students on the campus and I saw their zeal and passion for God, it touched my heart in a very special way . . . One of the best things I found here that is very special and unique is that faith is openly expressed." Shaw then told me about one of the very first meetings he conducted as university president. At that meeting a student raised his hand and interrupted him, saying, "Can we have prayer

before we get started?" That was a moment of realization for Shaw.

"I couldn't do that at my previous institution," Shaw admitted. "How refreshing it is to ask God to lead us as we discuss matters of importance for the institution. It has been an absolute blessing for me to be here and work alongside people that are dedicated and passionate about the education of the leaders of our church."

A major current initiative at the university is raising funds for a new nursing and administration building. "Our nursing program has grown to 200 students—about a quarter of our student population," Shaw told me. He is ecstatic about the new building project and the energy and excitement it is bringing to the campus. "They [the students] are in four different locations around campus and we want to solidify the nursing program into one location. We are closing out that campaign soon and excited about beginning

construction," he said.

I also asked Shaw about his dream for the university and the blessings he has seen since his arrival. Here is his response: "My dream for Southwestern Adventist University is to see this as an institution of choice for all college-age students in the Southwestern Union. As we live in the last days of earth's history, we want to do more than help students solidify their academic knowledge. There is a faith element here that students can never get in a public college.

"Since coming to Southwestern I've seen God working in marvelous ways in students' lives. When I talk with students and hear their life story and learn how God has impacted them, and I see them getting baptized, this touches my heart. It's priceless. Also, when I see students across this campus of many different diversities eating and playing together harmoniously, it reminds me of what heaven will be like. We have something special here." Indeed, Southwestern Adventist University is special in many ways. And one thing that makes it special is having a president who loves God and His work with a passion.

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