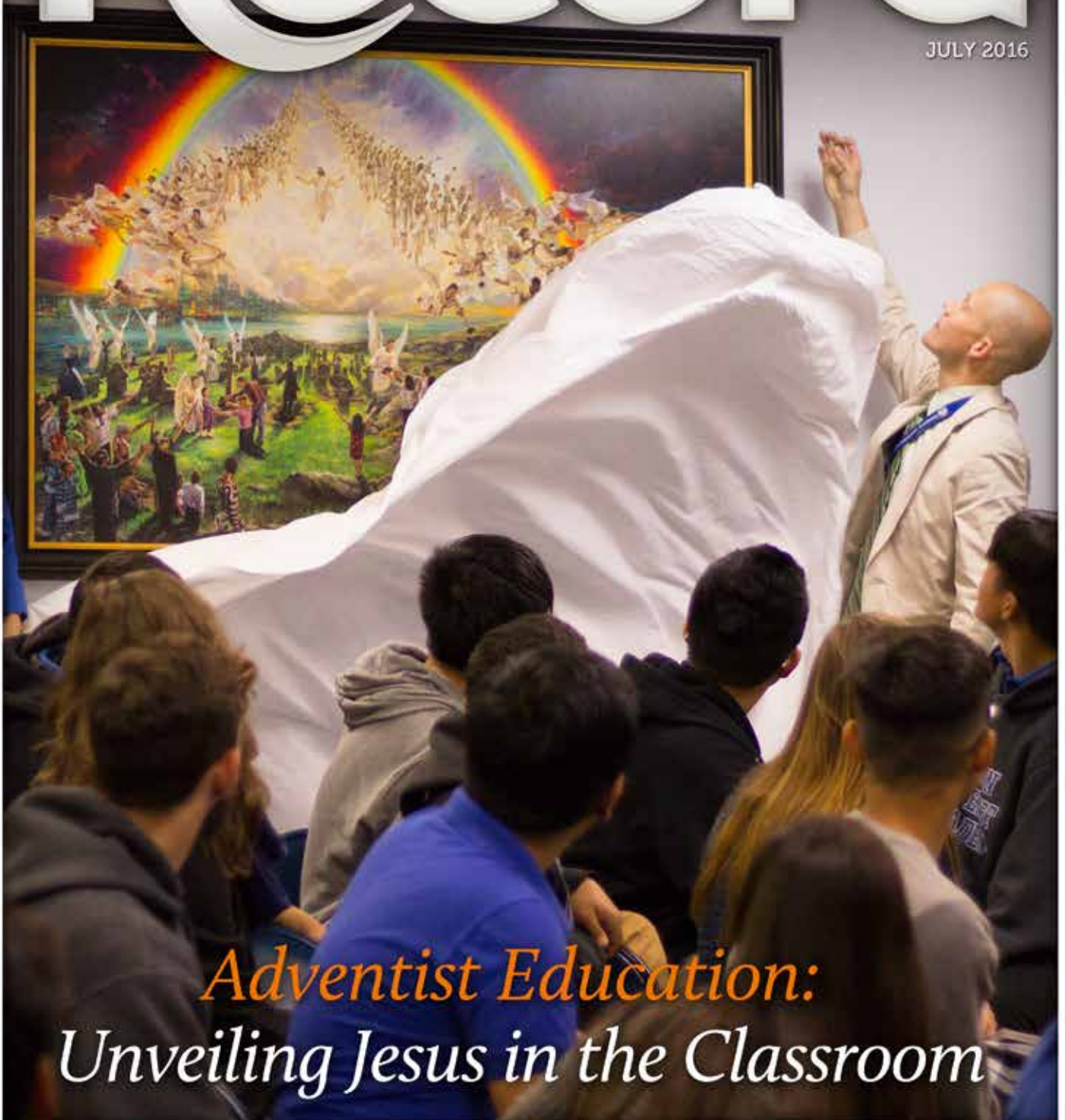


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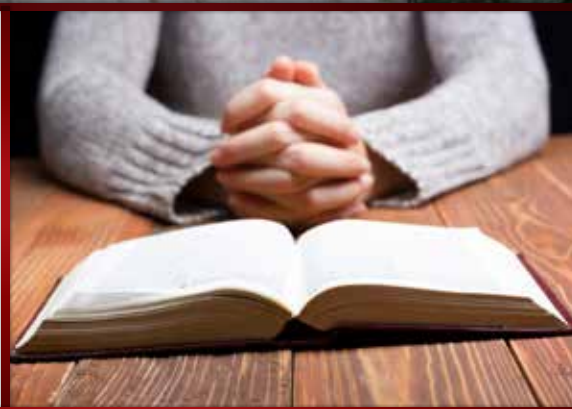
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Summer Camp Contest Winners 2016

Congratulations to the winners of this year's *Record* Summer Camp Contest! We would like to thank everyone who took the time to find all of the horses hiding in the April 2016 issue. We enjoyed hearing from all who entered and we hope you each have a wonderful summer! Here are the 2016 contest winners:

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| Miguel Bastos | Eduardo Perez |
| Serenadi Gonzalez | Terry Tollison |
| Sofia Illingworth | Anthony Williams |
| Robert McCay | Keilah Williams |
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On the Cover

Burton Adventist Academy Elementary Principal Damon Gilliam reveals "The Blessed Hope," by Nathan Greene, at an unveiling ceremony at the academy in Arlington, Texas. All senior academies in the Southwestern Union received the painting. [Photo by Levi Ventura, Burton Adventist Academy Academy Class of 2017]



Point of View»

BY LARRY MOORE » SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE PRESIDENT



Where Would I Be?

My mother was 50 years old when she returned to school to become a nurse. What was her motivation? She did it so that I could obtain an Adventist education. She believed in Adventist education, and she believed in me. She was willing to do whatever it took to get me through school.

Prior to becoming Adventists, my parents owned what I would call a “mom and pop” moving company. After becoming Adventists, it became difficult to keep the Sabbath, so my dad gave up the business and instead went to work for other moving companies driving trucks. I had previously been in public school, but after I enrolled in San Antonio Junior Academy, my mom took it upon herself to become a nurse in order to pay for my schooling.

God blessed my parents in making those changes. Although they were now paying for my private Adventist education, they were more financially stable than they'd been before. I attended San Antonio Junior Academy, where I made friends and met my wife. I attended Southwestern Junior Academy, where I felt and accepted the Lord's call to become a pastor during a Week of Prayer.

I graduated from Andrews University and began my work as a pastor, which I've done ever since. I've been blessed to serve the Lord, and have had many opportunities I don't think even my mother would have believed! Life has not always been easy, but I've been blessed to see that the Lord has always provided for my needs.

I wonder, where would I be had my mother not made the decision that my education was worth the effort of changing careers at the age of 50? Of course, it's impossible to say. I imagine that I might have joined my parents in the family business. Perhaps I'd be driving a moving truck—but only the Lord knows.

I ask you, where would you be, had it not been for the choices of your parents? And, where will your children be?





To Your Health

BY PAT HUMPHREY » SOUTHWESTERN UNION HEALTH MINISTRIES DIRECTOR

How Much Sleep Does Your Child Need?

Is your child getting enough sleep? According to the experts, probably not. A *U.S. News & World Report* article dated August 12, 2015, says, “School-aged children need 10 to 12 hours of sleep per night, and many children are getting only 7 to 8 hours per night—sometimes even less.”

There are many reasons why a good night’s rest is beneficial for children, but a prime one is academic performance. A study conducted by McGill University and the Douglas Mental Health University Institute in Montreal, Quebec, found that poor quality sleep had a negative effect on children’s performance in math and languages. The study’s lead researcher made the observation that “executive functions (the mental skills involved in planning, paying attention, and multitasking) underlie the impact of sleep on academic performance, and these skills are more critical in math and languages than in other subjects.”



How do you know if your child is getting enough sleep? Jodi Mindell, M.D., author of *Sleeping Through the Night* says that, “If you have to wake your child to get up for school or child care, then your child isn’t getting the sleep that she needs.” According to the National Sleep Foundation, sleep deprivation in school-age children can lead to cognitive deficiencies that can impact academic performance. If your child is having trouble in school, this could be an indicator that your child isn’t getting adequate sleep.

Regarding the causes for children getting insufficient sleep, expert Joseph A. Buckhalt, Ph.D., says in an article on the American Psychological Association Web site entitled *School Year Means Sleep Challenges for Kids of All Ages*: “We increasingly live in a world that is ‘open for business’ (and entertainment) day and night. Research shows that, in most countries, people sleep less now than people in previous decades mostly because they stay up later. Discounting power failures, the lights can stay on all night, hundreds of television channels are available, the Internet never closes, and mobile phones afford the opportunity to talk and text at any time. Children who have televisions in their rooms have been shown to have poorer sleep habits. Media use throughout the night (e.g., answering and responding to calls and texts) can be a significant factor in delaying and disrupting sleep.”

Buckhalt also cites sports and other extracurricular activities as key factors that prevent children from getting their proper rest.

How much sleep do children need? WebMD shares the following guidelines:

- 3-6 years old: 10-12 hours per day
- 7-12 years old: 10-11 hours per day
- 12-18 years old: 8-9 hours per day

If you want your children to perform well academically and to reduce their risk of impaired cognitive ability (problems with attention, memory, decision-making, and creativity), be sure they get the recommended amount of sleep for their age. After all, you want to be sure they get the most from their Adventist education, right?

The following are some recommendations from The National Sleep Foundation for parents and caregivers of school-aged children and teenagers:

Sleep Tips for School-aged Children

- Teach school-aged children about healthy sleep habits.
- Continue to emphasize the need for regular and consistent sleep schedules and bedtime routines.
- Make the child’s bedroom conducive to sleep—dark, cool, and quiet.
- Keep TVs and computers out of the bedroom.
- Avoid caffeine.

Sleep Tips for Adolescents:

- Sleep is vital to well-being, as important as air, water, and food. It can even help you to eat better and manage the stress of being a teen.
- Teens need about 8 to 10 hours of sleep each night to function best. Most teens do not get enough sleep—one study found that only 15 percent reported sleeping 8 1/2 hours on school nights. Teens tend to have irregular sleep patterns across the week—they typically stay up late and sleep in late on the weekends, which can affect their biological clocks and hurt the quality of their sleep.

What Bible Class Has Taught Me

"THE BIBLE CLASS I TOOK AT NORTH DALLAS ADVENTIST ACADEMY gave me a new perspective about God's love, and it taught me how to show godly character," said Gustavo Campos, of the Bible class we took. Our Bible class covered subjects like perspective, relationships, character, and faith. In the class, we helped others know that their thoughts and opinions are accepted, and that they would not be judged.

Our teacher, pastor Rob Parish, has a very healthy relationship with his students. We felt as though we could talk to him about personal problems. We think of him like a friend. The freshman class became more of a family through our Bible class. We learned more about each others' pasts and where we came from. In class we had many discussions. We didn't just sit around writing verses, we talked. Whether we talked about love, school, stress, we

felt as though we could express our feelings freely.

This class helped me a lot. Bible class can be boring, learning the same things, hearing the same stories, but this class was different. I discovered new things about myself and about others. There were things that I didn't even know about my best friends. Our class disagreed on a lot of things and the class allowed us to discuss things without screaming at each other. I have gone through

drama at school and have been bullied, but Bible class was a great way to share my feelings. I have never been able to share my thoughts in a class like this. Sometimes, you'll hear the students in class who never talk contribute to the conversation because it's something that they are passionate about. This class has brought me closer to God. I've realized so much more about the world and about me. I've discovered what I truly believe in. I've always believed that everything happens for a reason, and now I've been reassured of this.

I believe that Bible class should be a safe environment. You shouldn't feel afraid. If we have any troubles, we have a family at school to talk to. I have learned to love God, to truly love Him. I don't want to just have a generic prayer every night, I want to talk to Him. I want to tell all of my problems to Him. I'm told every day of His miracles, but I want to actually believe it. This class taught me to love God, and I am so thankful for that.

Mahlet Yitages was a freshman at North Dallas Adventist Academy for the 2015-2016 school year.





Pass it On...

A Monthly Focus on Evangelism in the Southwest

BY MIKE FURR » DIRECTOR OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

Caring Heart Awards 2016

Teaching young people to make witnessing and service a central part of their lives is essential to the educational goals of Seventh-day Adventist schools and to the mission of the church. Each year the North American Division and the Southwestern Union sponsors the Caring Heart Awards, giving recognition to secondary students who have demonstrated a personal commitment to making the world a better place and sharing the love of God through personal participatory service and witnessing activities and programs.

The following are the award recipients from the Southwestern Union for the 2015-2016 school year:

BURTON ADVENTIST ACADEMY:

Noah Bishop is a junior and has attended BAA since second grade. He has been the student association pastor for the past two years and is always willing to step up, speak up, and take the lead when the need arises. He is encouraging and compassionate to students of all ages, is always kind and helpful, and possesses an unending patience that knows no limits. He actively participates in Bible discussions and shares an insightful love and joy of God's Word. He also has an infectious smile that brightens up everyone's day.

CHISHOLM TRAIL ACADEMY:

Aribelle Metzger is a junior and has attended CTA for the past three years. If you were to visit CTA, it would not take long for you to know who she is. She is an unofficial greeter for the school, and her friendly smile is very apparent. One of the most impressive things about her is that she is a spiritual mentor on campus to all—students and staff. She gets involved in any way that she can and has been on mission trips to Peru twice. She is very service oriented and is always thinking of others.

OSZARK ADVENTIST ACADEMY:

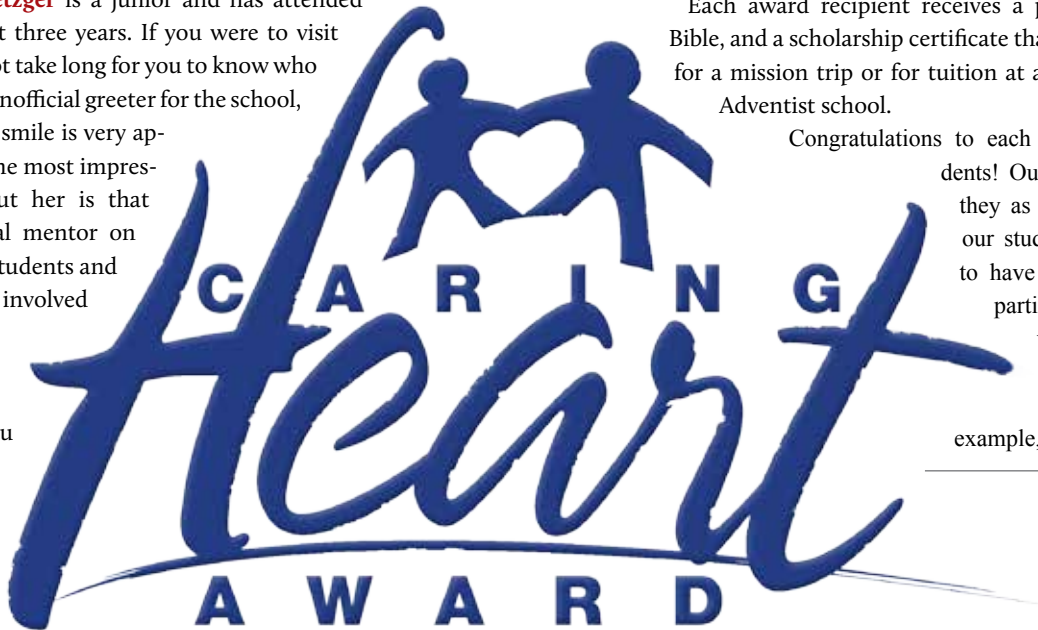
Rachel Flerchinger is a junior and has been at OAA for two years now. She has been a part of the campus ministries team for those two years, and considers that responsibility to be a privilege. She is currently the student association religious vice president. In 2015 she went on a mission trip to Costa Rica, and then in 2016 she went on a mission trip to Nicaragua. Rachel says, "Being at Ozark has forced me to come out of my spiritual comfort zone and accept responsibility for my own spiritual life. My parents' religion has become my own, and my relationship with Jesus has changed tremendously. I pray He uses me to reach out to others the way He continually reaches out to me."

SANDIA VIEW ACADEMY:

Yaritza Ramirez-Robles is senior at SVA. She was raised in a Roman Catholic family and first came to SVA with many questions and doubts about what Seventh-day Adventists believe. Over a period of time, with loving guidance from staff members, she made her commitment to be baptized once she turned 18 and had the freedom to choose her walk with Christ. She is a leader at SVA in caring for others. She participates in Youth Rush, speaks to congregations about her life story, participates at her local church, and serves the community at large.

Each award recipient receives a plaque, a gift Bible, and a scholarship certificate that can be used for a mission trip or for tuition at a Seventh-day Adventist school.

Congratulations to each of these students! Our hope is that they as well as all of our students continue to have the desire to participate in service activities by following our greatest example, Jesus Christ.





Conociendo Más A Dios A Través de Una Clase

Yo soy SamanthaLee y asisto a North Dallas Adventist Academy. Es una academia Adventista localizada en el norte de Dallas, Texas. Es un lugar donde estudiantes brillantes, desde grado preescolar hasta el grado doce, pueden venir a aprender matemáticas, ciencias, historia, y lo más importante, acerca de Dios. El nos ha reunido a cada uno de nosotros por una razón. Nuestro tiempo juntos en NDAA es parte del plan de Dios que todos podemos compartir.

NDAA tiene el privilegio de tener clases de Biblia regularmente. El Capellán Robert Parish y Hilda Camargo, conocidos también como Pastor Rob y Ms. Hilda, dan clases de Biblia a estudiantes nacionales e internacionales. Este año, en mi clase de Biblia (nacional) analizamos la realidad de Dios. Exploramos estos tópicos: ¿Cómo podemos conectarnos con Dios? ¿Cómo podemos obtener una relación con Él? ¿Cómo podemos incluir a Dios en nuestras vidas diarias? Algunos de mis compañeros realmente quieren saber las respuestas; ellos desean conocer todo acerca de Dios. Otros quieren tener ese deseo, y otros dicen que no les interesa. Aunque la gente piensa de manera diferente sobre Dios, Él es todo lo que necesitamos.

Estudiantes internacionales usualmente vienen a NDAA con poco o nada de conocimiento de Jesús o de la Biblia. Lo que hace Ms. Hilda es introducirlos a la Biblia por medio de historias y la sabiduría que Dios ha compartido con nosotros a través de ella. Comenzó con la creación, una buena fundación para estudiantes que apenas están aprendiendo acerca de Dios. Después de la introducción, estudiaron los protagonistas del Antiguo Testamento. Luego, la milagrosa vida de Jesucristo. Al

fin, estudiaron las cartas de Pablo. Esta es una buena fundación que Ms. Hilda creó para mis compañeros.

Siendo una clase, nos sentíamos muy desunidos con la clase internacional de Biblia—mejor dicho, desunidos totalmente. Así que uno de mis compañeros sugirió que tuviéramos una clase

bíblica conjunta cada dos semanas. Durante esa clase conjunta, participamos en actividades que nos ayudaba a conocernos mejor y aprender a como trabajar juntos. Esas actividades nos ayudaron a relacionarnos más con nuestros maestros y como clase entera. Joceline Muñiz de 15 años dijo, “Lo que más me ha gustado de las clases de Biblia es que el Pastor Rob ha sido directo y honesto con nosotros, y sentimos que podemos compartir cosas con él o en la clase.”

Realmente aprecio el esfuerzo que el Pastor Rob y Ms. Hilda han hecho para que podamos acercarnos y entender a Dios y la Biblia también. Me han ayudado a mí y a mis compañeros de clase ver que no estamos solos. Hay gente alrededor cometiendo errores como nosotros. A través de esos errores, Dios está allí para escuchar y perdonarnos. “Dios nos perdonará cuando le pedimos que lo haga,” dice Joceline Muñiz. El sabe que vamos a cometer errores pero Él todavía nos ama porque somos Sus hijos.

Personalmente, algo que me ayudo en mi relación con Cristo fueron las notas del diario que el Pastor Rob nos hacía escribir cada mañana. El nos hacía preguntas que me hacía reflexionar en cómo yo podía mejorar mi relación con Dios.



Samantha incluye a Dios en su vida diaria.

Samantha Perez-Mitchell

EVEN SO, COME, LORD JESUS!

Academies Receive Gift of Nathan Greene's Painting, "The Blessed Hope"

Randy Gilliam, Ed.D., Vice President for Education, Southwestern Union Conference

Are you homesick for heaven? Do you yearn for the Lord's second coming? Do you daily pray that Jesus will come and make all things new? This belief became very real to me in December of 1989. That was when my youngest son was diagnosed with a chronic illness. That was when I truly knew that this world was not my home, and that God had some-

thing much better for my family and me! A place without sin and its affects. A place where there will be no pain, no sickness, no dying. A place where my son will not have a chronic illness! I am sure that each of you have your own personal reasons for having this desire burn within you! Maybe one of your family members or loved ones has passed. It could be a parent, grand-



parent, or child who has gone to sleep in Jesus. You know how awesome it will be to be reunited with them. To see their smiling face, to talk, to laugh, to embrace—what a homecoming that will be! I am also sure that we have some overlapping common desires and thoughts when we think of that blessed day. How beyond human language it will be to see our Savior! To look into His face! To bow down before Him



Every senior academy in the North American Division recently received a special gift: a copy of the Nathan Greene painting “The Blessed Hope” to hang in their school. Students from Ozark Adventist Academy pose with their beautiful new painting (previous page) and Burton Adventist Academy students watch and applaud the unveiling of the art at their school (above and left).

to every senior academy a special gift. This gift was a large framed picture of artist Nathan Greene’s painting of Christ’s second coming entitled “The Blessed Hope.” I believe that this gift will be a blessing to each of our senior academies. It will be a constant reminder to our students, faculty, and staff that Jesus is coming again! Darlene White, principal of Burton Adventist Academy, in Arlington, Texas, and Mike Dale, principal of Ozark Adventist Academy, in Gentry, Arkansas, were able to share what the gift of the painting means to them and to their students.



Darlene White, Principal, Burton Adventist Academy:

“Earlier this year, the Southwestern Union shared with us a generous offer from the North American Division Office of Education regarding a donation of Nathan Greene art. With great excitement, I made haste to eagerly respond to this kind offer. On May 3, 2016, Burton Adventist Academy celebrated the unveiling of “The Blessed Hope.” Our program commenced with a special music performed by three of our students, Adam Kutzner,

and worship Him! To sit on His lap and trace the nail prints in His hands! To converse with Him and express our great debt of gratitude for all that He has done for each of us face to face! This Spring, the North American Division Office of Education received a commitment from an anonymous donor to provide

Cassidy Via, and Samantha White. They sang a touching and endearing arrangement of “All People That on Earth Do Dwell.” Following the special music, I joyously thanked the North American Division Office of Education and the Southwestern Union Office of Education for making this available to us. To conclude the pro-

gram, Andrew Tyre, Melody Mendez, and Joy Mvundura led us all in singing, “Soon and Very Soon,” reminding us of our blessed future with Jesus. Noah Bishop, Student Association Pastor, closed the program with prayer.

“Our mission at Burton Adventist Academy is, “Leading Students to Christ, Preparing them for life.” The addition of this cherished Nathan Greene painting gives us a very visual reminder of the blessed hope we have in Jesus. Nothing else matters when we keep our eyes on the wonderful hope we have in our future with Jesus!”

Mike Dale, Principal, Ozark Adventist Academy: The Saga of the Beautiful Nathaniel Greene Painting

“The staff and others in the community were very excited when they found out Ozark was going to be receiving “The Blessed Hope” painting and that it would be displayed in the lobby of the main building. The announcements had gone out giving information on the date the painting was to arrive and the unveiling event. Unfortunately, it did not arrive on the date expected. We did set a new date and time for the exciting event to take place, and the donor was trying to negotiate shipping with another company. However, the painting did not arrive in time for the second unveiling ceremony. No, we did not give up. We set another date with the chaplain to have it unveiled in the auditorium. When the picture came, the frame was badly damaged and we had to return the painting. We are happy to report that “The Blessed Hope” did finally arrive a few weeks later. It is now hanging in the main lobby area with lighting that shines day and night on the beautiful painting.

“The faculty and stu-

dents are very grateful to have received such a wonderful work of art, and it has added significantly to the beauty of our lobby area. Many students, staff, and community members have been complimentary of the painting. Just the other day, we had visitors from out of state come in the lobby to take pictures of the painting. It was also the talk of many of our visitors during Academy Days, as well.”

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. Did you ever stop to think that some pictures may be worth just as many souls? I thought we just had bad luck in trying to send this picture to Ozark Adventist Academy. Perhaps the devil did not want that

picture hanging in the lobby so when our young people walked by each day and looked at it on the way to class it would allow them to ponder the great sacrifice Christ has made for them and what the real future has in store for them as Christians?

I am sure that the campuses of Chisholm Trail Academy, North Dallas Adventist Academy, South Texas Adventist Academy, and Sandia View Academy have had similar experiences, and that all of our students, teachers, and staff will be pleased with the constant reminder that Jesus will soon return!

While it is our desire to spend eternity with Christ in heaven what will we think if our children are missing on that day? I know if those words “where is thy flock thy beautiful flock” is not answered in the affirmative, we will be devastated at that result. To increase the opportunity that our response will be a hearty “here they are Lord. They are here with me,” it takes the family. It takes the church. It takes the Adventist school.

“Even so, Come, Lord Jesus!”



Burton Adventist Academy students pose with Nathan Greene’s depiction of the second coming, a painting titled “The Blessed Hope” (top). A copy of this painting was recently donated to each senior academy in the North American Division.

2016 SOUTHWESTERN UNION EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD RECIPIENTS



Brendia Bennett



Barbara Federowski



Latonya Ford



Barbara Martinez



Todd Nelson



Kay Sutherland



Ruth Ann Vargas

Each year the Southwestern Union Conference recognizes excellence among its teaching staff. This is accomplished at both the elementary and secondary levels. Nominations are submitted by conference superintendents of schools (elementary) and academy principals (secondary) for those worthy of this award. The Southwestern Union Conference K-12 Board of Education is responsible for the final approval of the recipients.

In the book *Education*, Ellen G. White states when referring to teaching, “This work is the nicest, the most difficult, ever committed to human beings. It requires the most delicate tact, the finest susceptibility, a knowledge of human nature, and a heaven-born faith and patience, willing to work and watch and wait. It is a work than which nothing can be more important” (*Education*, p. 292).

Each of the 2016 Excellence in Teaching Award recipients has exemplified excellence in spiritual credibility, academic preparedness, classroom acumen, professional development, and commitment to the values of Adventist education. Each receives a pecuniary award, a plaque, and a certificate honoring their commitment to excellence.

The 2016 Southwestern Union Excellence in Teaching Award recipients are:

Brendia Bennett, *Hill Country SDA School*

Barbara Federowski, *Joshua Adventist Multigrade School*

Latonya Ford, *Excel Adventist Academy*

Barbara Martinez,
Sandia View Christian School

Todd Nelson, *Burton Adventist Academy*

Kay Sutherland,
Ozark Adventist Academy

Ruth Ann Vargas,
Tulsa Adventist Academy

A PRAYER FOR MY STUDENTS

Bonnie Garner, Sandia View Christian School principal

Children come to us with a whole spectrum of personalities. I had been reading a book about the 12 disciples and started to think, “What would these men have been like as children in my class?”

This is my prayer for these students:

Am I really making a difference, Lord? This multi-grade class can get overwhelming. Sometimes my students seem so stubborn, rough, and self-centered. I worry about their future; whether they’ll make something of themselves and follow You.

Take Peter, for example. Just yesterday I said in exasperation, “For the tenth time, Peter, sit down! You are not in charge.” He sat down and took out his reading book, but I know he wasn’t happy. Peter is so impulsive that I have to keep reminding him to stop and think. His head seems like a rock sometimes. Last week, one of the kids came to me with a bloody nose; my first instinct was to locate Peter on the playground. He acts first and thinks later.

Lord, Peter can be so bold and arrogant one minute, and then fearful and humble the next. It is very confusing. Peter boasted that I was the best teacher in the world when he walked through my classroom door this morning. Then, at recess, I overheard him putting me down. I caught his eye; he looked at me for a moment with sadness and then bowed his head. He can be as changeable as the weather.

John can be sweet and loves to cuddle up by me some days during story time. It is hard to be a little first-grader with all of these bigger boys. I hope that doesn’t add to the problem of always wanting to be first. He usually plants himself on my right side at lunch time. John is a good writer for a first-grader. The other students encourage his simple drawings and stories. I think that he has a lot of potential. He can be very thoughtful one minute, but then his temper gets him in trouble again. Matthew teased him about being a baby,

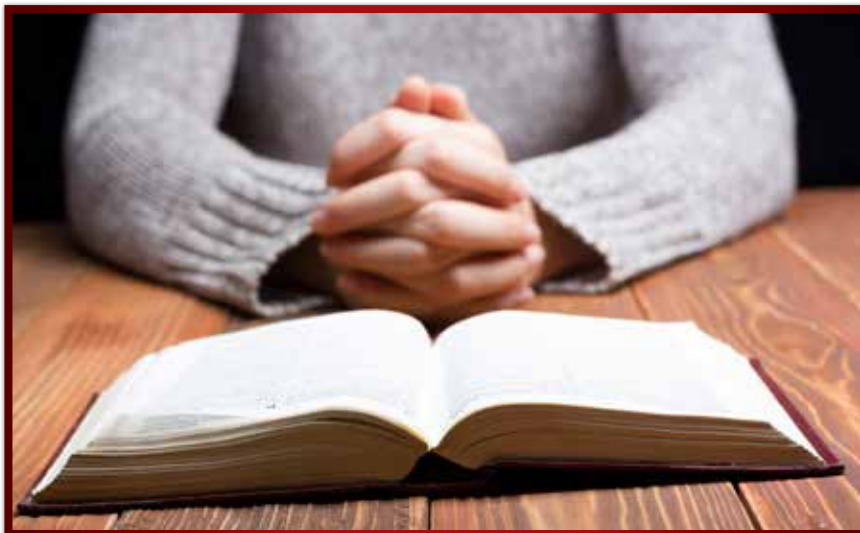
and he lost control. I heard from a church member that they call him “one of the sons of thunder” in Sabbath School class.

Andrew seems to have his act together most of the time. His language can use some refinement and some expletives removed! Andrew is very observant of things going on in the classroom. He is friendly to the others, and he even helped Philip find his lunch yesterday. Andrew is one that I can rely on to get his homework done on time. He usually stays in the background, and seems content to be Peter’s shadow, but he is often guilty by association.

Andrew is the first to volunteer for mission projects. I appreciate his willingness to lead out in prayer. I can tell by his simple eloquence that he talks to You often. When he asserts himself, I think that he’s a good influence on Peter and some of the other boys.

Oh, what should I do about Matthew? He has so many talents. Everyone looks forward to hearing the stories that he writes. On his achievement test, Matthew scored in the 99th percentile in math. I think he’ll make a great businessman someday. He brings little trinkets to sell at school for quite a profit. I keep my eye on him, because I think that he does not give some of the younger students back the correct change. He likes to get Peter going by talking about the government’s need for collecting taxes. He knows it is a subject that pushes Peter’s buttons.

What worries me is that Matthew is known as the “rich kid” with his \$150 sneakers. He owns all the gadgets and games available, so will there be a place for You in his life? And about the missing classroom funds...



God, what did you say?

Yes, I am listening, and I will lay my doubts at your feet. I know that you have a plan for each of their lives. Help me to see their potential, and thank You for this awesome job!

Bonnie Garner is the principal at Sandia View Christian School in Corrales, New Mexico.

THE NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

ADVENTIST SCHOOLS IN THE SOUTHWEST

The Seventh-day Adventist Church, in all of its church schools, admits students of any race to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at its schools, and makes no discrimination on the basis of race, color, ethnic background, country of origin, or gender in the administration of education policies, applications for admission, scholarship or loan programs, and extracurricular programs.

A complete list of all academies and elementary/junior academies is listed below.

Arkansas-Louisiana Conference

Bentonville SDA School	2522 SE 14 th Street, Bentonville AR 72712
Colquitt Christian Academy	3217 Colquitt Road, Shreveport LA 71118
Ewing Adventist Jr. Academy	709 Adventist Church Rd., Bonnerdale AR 71933
Greater New Orleans Christian Academy	5220 Irving Street, Metairie, LA 70006
Harrison SDA School	4877 Hwy. 392 West, Harrison AR 72601
Hot Springs SDA School	401 Weston Road, Hot Springs AR 71913
Jones Creek Adventist Academy	4363 Jones Creek Rd, Baton Rouge LA 70817
Little Rock Adventist Academy	8708 Rodney Parham, Little Rock AR 72205
Ozark Adventist School	21150 Dawn Hill East Rd, Gentry AR 72734
Springdale Adventist School	4001 W. Don Tyson Pkway, Springdale AR 72762
Texarkana SDA School	3100 Pleasant Grove Rd., Texarkana TX 75503
Umpire Christian School	164 School Street, Umpire AR 71971

Academy

Ozark Adventist Academy 20997 Dawn Hill East Road, Gentry, AR 72734

Oklahoma Conference

Ardmore Adventist Academy	154 Beavers Academy Rd., Ardmore OK 73401
Bristow Adventist School	718 E. Jefferson, Bristow OK 74010
Heritage Adventist School	20555 S. 4170 Road Unit B, Claremore OK 74017
Ketchum Adventist Academy	35369 S. Hwy 82, Vinita OK 74301
Muskogee SDA Christian School	170 N. Country Circle Rd., Muskogee OK 74403
Parkview Adventist School	4201 Martin Luther King, Oklahoma City OK 73111
Pioneer Adventist Christian School	1710 N. East Street, Guymon, OK 73942
Tulsa Adventist Academy	900 S. New Haven, Tulsa OK 74112

Southwest Region Conference

Alfred Booker Jr. Academy	916 Richmond Drive, Alexandria LA 71301
Applegate Adventist Jr. Academy	#4 Applegate Circle, Round Rock TX 78680
Bethel Adventist School	489 South Kings Hwy. Texarkana TX 75501
Emmanuel Adventist School	702 N. Cherry St., Hammond LA 70401
Excel Adventist Academy	7950 W. Fuqua, Missouri City TX 77489
Martin Luther King Jr Christian Academy	4295 Prescott Court, Baton Rouge, LA 70805
New Orleans Adventist Academy	4500 Gawain Drive, New Orleans LA 70127
Shiloh Adventist School	2400 S. Maple St., Little Rock AR 72204
S.W. Adventist Jr. Academy	1600 Bonnie View Road, Dallas TX 75203

Texas Conference

Adventist Christian Academy of Texas	3601 S Loop 336 E, Conroe TX 77301
Burleson Adventist School	1635 Fox Lane, Burleson TX 76028
Burton Adventist Elementary School	4611 Kelly-Elliott Road, Arlington TX 76017
Cleburne Adventist Christian School	111 Meadowview Drive, Cleburne TX 76033
Coggin Memorial School	6645 Downing St., Corpus Christi TX 78414
Cypress Bend Adventist School	2997 FM 728, Jefferson TX 75657
Dallas Christian Academy	4025 N. Central Expressway, Dallas TX 75204
Ft. Worth Adventist Jr. Academy	3040 Sycamore School Rd, Ft Worth TX 76133
Garland Christian Adventist School	1702 E. Centerville Road, Garland TX 75041
Hill Country Adventist School	611 Harper Road, Kerrville TX 78028
Joshua Adventist Multi-Grade	1912 Conveyer Rd., Joshua TX 76058
Katy Adventist Christian School	1913 East Avenue, Katy TX 77493
Keene Adventist Elementary	302 Pecan, Keene TX 76059
Killeen Adventist Jr. Academy	3412 Lake Road, Killeen TX 76543
Knowledge Seekers Christian School	1471 W. Corporate Dr., Lewisville TX 75067
Maranatha Adventist School	2526 Goliad Road, San Antonio TX 78223
New Creation Adventist School	800 W. Hwy 6, Waco TX 76712
North Dallas Adventist Academy (Elementary)	302 Centennial Blvd., Richardson TX 75081
Pineywoods Adventist Christian School	4629 FM 1638, Nacogdoches TX 75964
San Marcos Adventist Jr. Academy	P.O. Box 801, San Marcos TX 78667
Scenic Hills Adventist Christian School	11223 Bandera Rd., San Antonio TX 78250
South Texas Christian Academy (Elementary)	7001 N. Ware Rd., McAllen TX 78504
Stonehill Christian Academy	4301 Kelly Lane, Pflugerville TX 78660
The Oaks Adventist Christian School	11735 Grant Road, Cypress TX 77428
Triangle Adventist Christian School	P.O. Box H, Groves TX 77619
Tyler SDA School	2931 South S.E. Loop 323, Tyler TX 75701
Victoria Adventist Academy	3103 E. Mockingbird Lane, Victoria TX 77904

Academies

Burton Adventist Academy	4611 Kelly-Elliott Rd., Arlington TX 76017
Chisholm Trail Academy	P.O. Box 717, Keene TX 76059
North Dallas Adventist Academy	302 Centennial Blvd., Richardson TX 75081
South Texas Christian Academy	7001 N. Ware Rd., McAllen TX 78504

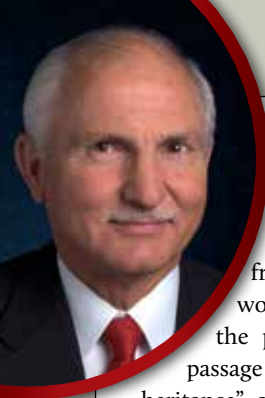
Texico Conference

Abilene Jr. Academy	2542 E. Overland Trail, Abilene TX 79601
Adventist Academy of Santa Fe	P.O. Box 28327, Santa Fe NM 87592
Crestview Christian Academy	6000 Ouray NW, Albuquerque NM 87120
El Paso Adventist Jr. Academy	3510 George Dieter Dr., El Paso TX 79936
Lubbock Junior Academy	P.O. Box 6277, Lubbock TX 79493
Sandia View Elementary	24 Academy Dr., Corrales NM 87048

Academy

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Safeguarding Our Precious Heritage



ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

“Children are a heritage from the Lord.” Two other words that might be used in the place of “heritage” in this passage from Psalm 127:3 are “inheritance” or “gift.” Children certainly are a *gift* from the Lord and we must learn to fully appreciate and cherish this gift. We can also understand the passage to say, “Children are an *inheritance* from the Lord.” An inheritance is generally something of significant value that is being passed on from parents to their child(ren). So the inspired message of the psalmist is that our Heavenly Parent has delivered to us children, our gift, or inheritance, from Him—that is of the most significant value! The love, honor, and appreciation that I

have for my parents will, to a large degree, indicate the kind of appreciation I have of what they may give to me as a gift or inheritance. In the same way, the love, honor, and appreciation I have for God, my Heavenly Parent, will indicate the appreciation I have for the children He has placed as a *heritage* in my care. Thus, God’s heritage becomes a trust that is placed under my watchfulness.

Perhaps the greatest accountability we have, as parents, is to teach and train our children. This responsibility begins in the home. Children need to learn Christian graces, norms, and values. They need to be taught how to distinguish between right and wrong. The influence of both father and mother are critical to help model Biblical principles and thus shape the direction

in which their lives will go.

In the early days of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, little thought was given to the establishment of schools. However, it wasn’t too many years before it was determined that schools needed to be established to train young people to be workers for the Lord. Then, elementary church schools were established to assist parents in countering the negative idolatrous influences of secularism, materialism, and humanism. Thus, Seventh-day Adventist Christian education was initiated to safeguard the precious heritage—our children—that has been given to us by the Lord.

Stephen J. Orian, president

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Arkansas-Louisiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 34TH Regular Constituency Session of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene Sunday, September 25, 2016, at Southwood High School, 9000 Walker Rd, Shreveport, LA 71118. The first meeting of the session will convene at 10:00 a.m. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.

This constituency session is being held for the purpose of receiving reports for the past quadrennium, the election of officers, departmental directors, and executive committee; and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the delegates. Each church/company is entitled to one delegate for the organization. The remaining delegates shall be apportioned based on the percentage of church membership to the total conference membership as of June 30 of the year preceding the session.

Stephen Orian, President | Juan Borges, Secretary

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The Arkansas Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the The Arkansas Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the 34TH Regular Constituency Session of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, September 25, 2016, at Southwood High School, 9000 Walker Rd, Shreveport, LA 71118.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect a board of trustees and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Delegates to the 34TH session of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are delegates of The Arkansas Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists.

Stephen Orian, President | Alberto Valenzuela, Secretary

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The Louisiana Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists

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The purpose of the meeting is to elect a board of trustees and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Delegates to the 34TH session of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are delegates of The Louisiana Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists.

Stephen Orian, President | Alberto Valenzuela, Secretary

Carpentry Award Taught at the Baton Rouge Adventurer Club

BATON ROUGE, LA. » The Baton Rouge Red Twigs Adventurer Club has been blessed to have a real carpenter as one of our Adventurer Club teachers this year. Keith Larkin, with the help of his wife, Carmen, did a wonderful job teaching our second- through fourth-grade Adventurers the carpentry award. We worked on building birdhouses and bird feeders, which each child got to take home after they were



▲ The hands-on experience was safe and enjoyable thanks to Keith and Carmen Larkin.

◀ The Red Twigs hold their finished bird houses and feeders.

finished. The children really enjoyed the hands-on experience. We have enjoyed a blessed year and give God the glory for His loving care toward us.

Damaris Dupertuis

Pathfinder Sabbath for the Conway Challengers

On April 16, 2016, the Conway Challenger Pathfinders took over the church service at Conway Seventh-day Adventist Church for their Pathfinder Sabbath. Nikki and Katelyn Litten with Michael Barnett, lead out with a song service. Ashley Pipka presented the Scripture, “Now faith is the substance of things hoped

for, the evidence of things not seen.” Hebrews 11:1, and Jacob Barnett then told a children’s story. Nikki Litten started out preaching on her topic of faith, then Katelyn Litten added more ideas on what exactly faith was and how she had to use faith on the recent overnight 10-mile backpacking trip with the Conway Challengers. Afterwards the church was invited to a haystack meal sponsored by the Pathfinders.

Rusty Litten, Pathfinder director



Far left: Children’s story by Jacob Barnett

Top right: Happy Pathfinders

◀ Song service by Nikki and Katelyn Litten with Michael Barnett

Mountain View Church Has ASL Classes

MOUNTAIN VIEW, ARK. » The small Mountain View Seventh-day Adventist Church located in a rural area of the rolling Ozark Mountains has two Deaf members with additional Deaf visitors. Here, deafness is not seen as a barrier for one to participate in church services, activities, or service. In fact, Kathy McCain, one of the Deaf members who was baptized here about 12 years ago, is the church's head deaconess, bulletin secretary, and the Deaf Sabbath School teacher. She is a board member and also served on



▲ Kathy McCain leads out in teaching ASL to the class.

◀ ASL is taught and considered a second language in U.S. schools.

▼ Class members try out the different signs.



the nominating committee last year. She is a vital part of the church.

A number of church members have learned American Sign Language (ASL) over the years, but in the months of March, April, and May, a weekly class in ASL was provided, and was taught by none other than McCain. Many of the church members signed up, but McCain was surprised when several non-Adventists also signed up for the class. In fact, right in the middle of the first class, a young lady walked in the door and asked if she could join. She was given a seat and became a stellar student. She was excited to put her new skills to immediate use as she served Deaf people at the eatery where she works.

The class was a lot of fun and although the room was quiet, there was also plenty of laughter as students wrestled with unfamiliar hand movements. It was humorous to see both hands on everyone's heads as they signed the word "deer." Each class ended with a fun game to help with memorization and usage of signs. As the students grappled with learning a completely different language, they have found that they are bonding. The church had simply intended to have an ASL class so members could better communicate with each other and be more of a fluid church family, but this turned

into a friendship-developing experience with class members who are not Adventists.

With members wanting to continue the class experience to further develop their newfound skill and a desire to help non-Adventists become familiar with our church, plans are already in the works for another class in the fall.

Esther Doss

Don't Forget to Say Thanks!



Recently, one of our pastors shared the following story with me:

“After being out of school for quite some time, I felt God calling me to enroll in an Adventist college in preparation for the ministry. I was naturally concerned, being older than most of the students and out of the classroom for so many years. One of the first required classes was Freshman English. I struggled with the class and was getting discouraged. However, the instructor was one of those people who tried to focus on the positives and commended me for something that I didn't know I had. She said that I had an above average vocabulary. Pleasantly surprised, I thanked her and said that it was

probably due to the fact that I had taken Latin in high school. She observed that I should be grateful to that teacher.

“A few years after college, and now as a pastor, I was invited to preach at a church near my hometown. I took the opportunity to visit the place where I grew up. I also made it a point to call on my high school Latin teacher. It didn't take but one query to learn she still lived in the little house down the hill from the high school. A light knock on the door brought shuffling of feet and the door slowly opened. Her face slowly changed into a broad smile as she recognized me and called me by name. I told her the purpose of my visit. ‘I came to say thanks! Thanks for being a teacher that made a difference in my life. Thanks

for helping to prepare me for what I am doing now.’

“Tears began to trickle down her cheeks and she shared with me that after having taught for 40 years, this was the first time that one of her students had ever come back to say thank you.”

Teachers play such a big part in what we are and what we can become, but we often take them for granted. I saw a bumper sticker that said, “If you can read this, thank a teacher.” How much would it take to find your favorite teacher and just take the time to say “Thanks”?

Jack Francisco, superintendent of education

Family and Friends Celebrate Verna White's Birthday

HARRAH » Verna White is famous in the Summit Ridge retirement community as a little woman with a big heart who graces

individuals with her sewing skills. When her 90th birthday rolled around on April 4, 2016, a big celebration was planned

to honor her at the fellowship hall at the Summit Ridge church on March 27. Eighty friends attended her first party. Her family

planned a surprise party for her on April 9, where 55 family members from 13 states met together. All three of her children with their spouses, six grandchildren with five spouses, five great-grandchildren, and various nieces and nephews with children, plus other family members came to honor Verna. The tables were decorated with 100 pictures of Verna from the 1920s through 2016. She was overwhelmed by the demonstration of love and appreciation by all.

Alice Thompson Bohr



Verna White with her 90th birthday cake.

Revival and Baptisms in Ketchum

KETCHUM » I have been searching for something that would resonate with the people of the Ketchum church. Within my first few months of coming to Ketchum I started a series called Preparing for the Close of Probation, and to my disappointment, not many heeded my vociferous warnings about the times in which we live. I continued to preach away on a plethora of revival topics, with the intention of sparking a revival. Then, after exhausting myself, and becoming discouraged, my

brother, Toby Snead, gave me a series of sermons on righteousness by faith. I eagerly listened, then began to read all I could find on the topic. I became excited at the missing pieces of the puzzle that I was now reading. I immediately began a new series simply called Christ Our Righteousness,

borrowed from A.G. Daniels.

After the series, I had a call for revival, and the following is a result of that still beautiful message: Twenty-two rededications by anointing, one profession of faith, four new baptisms, and three rebaptisms! Now that, to me, is revival!

Damon Snead



◀ An anointing service at the Ketchum church following the Christ Our Righteousness series.

▼ Baptismal candidates at the Ketchum church.



Oklahoma Sabbath Keepers Motorcycle Ministry

The Oklahoma chapter of Sabbath Keepers Motorcycle Ministry has been blessed in the first half of 2016. We have been able to attend many different ministry events and have also enjoyed setting up ministry booths at several community events. At these events, we share water for those who are thirsty, literature for those who are hungry, and have prayer for those who are hurting. The Lord has led us to some amazing people with many different stories.

In February, March, and May, the Sabbath Keepers were privileged to help with educating bikers and others on several motorcycle legislative acts that are to be considered this year. We were able to attend two rallies at the Oklahoma state capitol where legislators were visited by bikers to discuss their concerns and recommendations for motorcycle legislation. The Sabbath Keepers also sponsored a state representative to attend a biker political education meeting to explain to the motorcycle community the importance of using our rights to talk with their legislators.

In April, the Sabbath Keepers set up a booth at the Waynoka Snake Hunt where the Lord placed us at the end of the street next to a booth where the owners were friendly towards the Advent message. The booth next to ours was run by a family who live next to We-woka Woods and attends church near there when they are not on the road. We were able to arrange for their daughter to attend camp this summer, and gave the family an invite to camp meeting, as well.

Also in April, we enjoyed riding to

Mustang, Oklahoma for our annual Christian Unity Weekend. This is an event when the biker ministries in Oklahoma meet each year to consecrate themselves to God's work in the biker community. This event provides fellowship with each other and gives us the opportunity to share how the Lord has blessed. It is definitely one of our big highlights each year.

In late April, we set up a booth at the Tulsa Chill bike and car show, where, again the Lord put us in a unique area near other biker groups. We were able to visit with some biker groups that just love to ride and with some other ministry groups as well. We even had a biker come up to our booth asking where our nearest church to his home was, and he was promptly set up with the address to the nearest Adventist church and the phone number of its pastor. We were overjoyed when we found out that this church is a church that we will be visiting this summer as a group to conduct Sabbath services! Praise the Lord!

In May, we were honored to attend the first annual Sabbath Keepers Motorcycle Rally in Siloam Springs, Ark. We were treated to several different speakers who held workshops on personality types and how to use that

knowledge in ministry, evangelistic ideas, and how to communicate with the biker community. The Arkansas chapter was an exceptional host for this event. We were treated to a bike ride through some of God's most beautiful scenery in the Midwest, and some amazing food as well.

In addition to our standard chapter meetings this year, we will also be visiting several churches, setting up a booth at camp meeting, and attending more rallies and community events. Without a doubt, the Lord has blessed this unique ministry in Oklahoma to reach a demographic of people who might not normally run across the three angels' message. If anyone is interested in joining this exciting and challenging ministry, feel free to look us up on Facebook or to check out our national Web site at skmmnational.org.

May the Lord use these testimonies to encourage each of you in your ministry opportunities, and as always, keep the rubber side down.

R.L. "Toolman" Simpson



OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

Voice of Hope Church Grand Opening

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. » The Voice of Hope Seventh-day Adventist Church (formerly known as Tenth Street church) celebrated the grand opening of its new church building on May 21, 2016, at 3300 NE 23rd Street in Oklahoma City.

The festivities began on Friday night with the theme "Level Next!" The keynote speaker for the evening was Stephen Brooks, executive secretary for Southwest Region Conference and former pastor of the Voice of Hope church. The evening was filled with inspiring music, remarks by Oklahoma State Senator Anastasia Pittman, as well as remarks by pastors DeWitt Williams, Alfred Booker, Clarence Williams, Craig Dossman, and J. R. Ellis (former pastor of Voice of Hope). The pastors came from as far west as California and as far east as Maryland! The Southwest-

ern Union Conference officials who were present and also made remarks, including Larry Moore, president; Buford Griffith, executive secretary; and Samuel Green, associate PARL/Stewardship director.

Sabbath morning continued with an engaging Sabbath School experience with Buford Griffith leading in the study, along with heavenly music, which touched our hearts, by Elaine Lyons. After a brief intermission, everyone gathered outside the front entrance of the church for the ribbon cutting ceremony, which was led by Calvin Watkins, Southwest Region Conference president.

Divine worship began with a ministerial procession, followed by the Pathfinders posting of colors. Pamela Allen gave a warm welcome and was followed by remarks from Vicki Miles-LaGrange, a U.S.

district judge, and by John A. Pettis, an Oklahoma City councilman. James McClain, who was the chair of the building committee, gave an overview of how the Lord led the church to this historic moment.

Gifts of the *Conflict of Ages* series were given to the project and construction team members, Shane Labeth, John Pinion, Peter Plank, Diamond Farmer, and Chuck Ford. A plaque was given to McClain, and he and his wife Lottie will also enjoy an all-expenses-paid retreat as a "thank you" for a job well done!

Durandel Ford, Southwest Region Conference building chair, offered intercessory prayer on behalf of everyone present. Philip Palmer, executive treasurer of the Southwest Region Conference received the tithes and offerings after giving the



Voice of Hope church a monetary gift for the building. Larry Moore also presented a monetary gift for our building on behalf of the Southwestern Union. The Voice of Hope church's mass choir, under the direction of the talented Zach Dickerson, blessed hearts with renditions of "Jesus, I Love You" and "I Love You."

Terrell McCoy, senior pastor of the Voice of Hope church, introduced Calvin Watkins after a rousing musical piece by Earnest Pugh, an award-winning Christian musician. Oklahoma's own opera singer, Leona Mitchell, also sang "How Great Thou Art" before the message.

After the benediction by Carvason Griffith, a scrumptious fellowship dinner was served by the hospitality team, led by John Graves. A tour of the building followed the meal.

A gospel music celebration began later in the evening with opening prayer by Isaiah Reed and an enthusiastic welcome from Pamela Allen. A group from the Voice of Hope church, Persistent Praise, began the concert, and was followed by another local group, Persuaded by God. Other musical groups included Angelo and Veronica and Earnest Hugh. The evening's message was given by Eliot Brooks, pastor of the

Caffin Avenue church in New Orleans, LA. Closing remarks and prayer were given by Terrell McCoy.

To God be the glory! The grand opening weekend fellowship and worship was truly a memorable occasion! In the words of McCoy, "We look forward to assaulting the kingdom of darkness to rescue the perishing and to proclaim the everlasting gospel; to prepare a people for the soon coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!" Our sincere prayer is that "Through Christ, we will give hope to one individual at a time!"

March Gladness at Baton Rouge Berean

BATON ROUGE, LA. » In March, Helvis C. Moody, young adult and youth director for the Southwestern Union, visited the Baton Rouge Berean church, a church he had previously pastored when he was only 24. Moody alluded to the Southwest Region's evangelistic theme for March: "March Madness—Soul Winning is a Full Court Press" with his apt message, titled, "March Gladness." Moody made analogies between professional basketball and the benefits of reporting to God's house of worship. As a prelude to his message, he instructed the congregation to clap three times—one for God, two for Jesus, and three for the Holy Spirit. He also reminded the congregation that the "Mood" in 'Moody' means I'm in the mood to save souls." Convinced that we were in the "mood" for his message, he began.

Moody's familiarity with basketball came with his reference to a current championship basketball player and how, after a victory, he always points up, giving glory to God.

"He may be good, but he can't give me heaven," said Moody, to the audible approval from the audience. We were then directed to Psalms 122:1 and David's excitement about reporting to worship at God's house.

"I'm glad there's still a house of prayer because there's something special about meeting God there," Moody continued. He gave three reasons for David's excitement. Directing the congregation to Hebrews 10:25, he said "First, there's the fellowship with like-minded people who can help me to be elevated." Citing the creation of Eve

for Adam, he continued, saying that "God made us relational people because there is power in fellowship. Fellowship should produce happiness where we can receive prayer from each other." It was comforting to learn that God says "I need you and you need Me."



Helvis C. Moody recently preached at the Baton Rouge Berean church.

His second reason reminded us that we come to God's house for forgiveness. According to Romans 8:28 and 39, we can't allow anything to separate us from God's love.

Moody continued: "There is a correlation between the role of a hospital and that of the church. Like the hospital, the church has healing powers." The analogous shift back to basketball assured us that we, too, can win the game of forgiveness, but we

have to practice. His repeated example was that of the championship player introduced at the outset of his message. This time the emphasis was on his consistency in practice.

"Once, his team was down 21 points, but, because of him, in no time at all, the team was up by more than 21 points. I'm told that every day in practice he shoots at least 100 three pointers. With this same diligence, we must practice forgiveness," Moody emphatically exclaimed.

The third and last reason Moody gave for our attending God's church is for fortitude.

He said: "Fortitude is strength. When the referee blows the whistle, it means somebody is out of bounds. As a body, sometimes the church lacks the strength to stay in bounds. The only way we can stick together is through the Word of God." The congregation's "amens" affirmed his statement.

In closing, Moody assured the congregation that we don't have to know about basketball to win this game—the game of finding fellowship, forgiveness, and fortitude in God's church.

He concluded: "The more we practice, the more we're like Christ. In the Word of God, we are winning. If we press on, we will hear in Philippians 4:7-8, Paul's promise that God's peace will guard our hearts as he encourages us to think on that which is pleasing in God's sight."

There was no denying Moody's message was a three-pointer with nothing but net.

Evelyn M. Edwards

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SOUTHWEST REGION CONFERENCE

Expecting a Miracle from a Mustard Seed



To me, one of Jesus' most intriguing parables is that of the mustard seed.

"Another parable He set forth to them saying: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, which indeed is the *least* of all the seeds; but when it is *grown* it is greater than the herbs and becomes a *tree*, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches' (Matthew 13:31-32, NKJV, emphasis supplied).

I have emphasized these three words for a reason. I had never thought about it this way before, but there is a relationship between this parable and early Adventist education.

Notice the first emphasized word, "least." Jesus employs that word to refer to something or someone overlooked in a general sense. He uses the same word to point out the value of a child in His eyes in Luke 9:46-49: "Then a dispute arose among them as to which of them would be greatest. And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a little child and set him by Him, and said to them, 'Whoever receives this little child in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. For he who is *least* among you all will be great' (NKJV, emphasis supplied).

The second word of interest in Matthew 13 is "grown." Just as the tree grows and develops into its full stature, so children are taught and develop into their full stature in Christ. The task of Adventist education in the early years is

that of character formation. We all have observed trees of impressive character. They speak not, yet they give off an influence that impresses and changes their surroundings.

I think back on many children, now leaders in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, who, like the mustard seed, did not exhibit a lot of promise. Yet now, by the Spirit of God and a solid formation at home, as well as in Adventist schools and in the church, have been shaped and formed into monuments (trees) of grace. Many of them who had humble beginnings have gone on to be individuals in whom others (birds of the air) have been able to nest in their branches. They have become pastors, teachers,

counselors, physicians, etc., and have tremendously impacted the lives of others, as well as the communities in which they reside and labor.

Does early Adventist education make a difference? Without a doubt! Finally, there is the word "tree." We can strive to grasp the full meaning of what the biblical writer intended to convey by wrapping up the parable with such a strong metaphor, but perhaps we will fall short. As the *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary* so aptly points out, the word picture refers to the triumph of the gospel message throughout the world! I cannot help but think as I visualize the magnitude of the Lord's work and kingdom spread throughout

the world, that Adventist education has had a monumental part in setting the foundation for the impact of the Gospel throughout the world! It was simply breathtaking to witness people from every nation, tongue, and corner of the earth who came to San Antonio last summer, leaders of the church who had been positively impacted by early Adventist education. How the "tree" has grown and expanded throughout the earth! Continue to pray and work for the grand work of Adventist education, particularly in making it available for every child and parent who so desires to have that mustard seed implanted in their mind and heart, which will produce a miracle in the years to come.

Carlos J. Craig, president

Global Youth Day in Laredo

LAREDO » On March 18, 2013, a global phenomenon was born called “Global Youth Day,” where approximately eight million young people worldwide decided to become the hands and feet of Christ. On March 19, 2016, more youth were added to that number. On this Global Youth Day, Laredo, Texas was blessed to have Carlos Craig, Texas Conference president, as guest speaker for the Laredo English Company’s divine worship service. But before that happened, close to 200 people congregated in the company’s building to put a plan in motion. The plan was not an elaborate one, but mirrored Christ’s method, as told in Matthew 25:40, “And the King shall answer and say unto them, verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me.”

I had a beautiful experience as I went to

one of the nursing homes in Laredo. The activities director at the home walked up to me and, with tears in her eyes, thanked us for reaching out to the lonely. I told her that it was our pleasure to be able to share a little bit of God’s love with the elderly. Then, she informed me that she and her husband had been going through a difficult time in their marriage. I sympathized and asked her if it was okay for me to pray for her, her husband, and the family. She accepted and as we held hands and I prayed, I could feel her whole body just trembling. When I finished she told me that the song the kids had sung in the beginning of their visit really took her by surprise. They had sung a song in Spanish entitled “God Is in This Place.” She told me that, for the first time in her life, she truly felt the presence of the Lord by her side. I gave her a card and I told her, “Our church is literally

down the street from the nursing home.”

In Matthew 25:31-40, Jesus doesn’t expect us to change people, He wants our efforts to be made from the heart to demonstrate His love to someone in need. That day, the only thing we were all called to do as leaders, as youth, and as Christians, was to plant the seed of the love of Jesus Christ through our actions. Now it’s time for the Holy Spirit to do the rest. And this was the mission of Christ: “For I was hungry, and ye gave Me to eat; I was thirsty, and ye gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took Me in; naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited Me; I was in prison, and ye came unto Me. Then shall the righteous answer Him, saying, Lord, when saw we Thee hungry, and fed Thee? or athirst, and gave thee drink? And when saw we Thee a stranger, and took Thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? And when saw we Thee sick,



The youth of the Laredo church joined together for Global Youth Day on March 19, 2016, to share Jesus’ love with their community.

or in prison, and came unto Thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, *even* these least, ye did it unto Me. (Matthew 25:35-40, ASV). My prayer is, that from this day forward, this may be our mission as well!

Abner Rodriguez

Fake Budget, Important Lesson

CYPRESS » Recently, high school students at The Oaks Adventist Christian School were given the assignment of planning a yearly budget as if they would be married at the end of their senior year. After completing their budgets, the students were given three unexpected events that would occur during that year. The students needed to rewrite their budgets in consideration of the unexpected events. The following is the reaction of one of the students, Lianette Chavez, to the assignment:

“Bible class this year has been very interesting, especially now that we are using the book *Marriage and Family*. Of course, as the book clearly points out, we are learning many things we should know about marriage and family, all of which will come in handy later on in life when we get married and have our own families. We recently learned about money management in a marriage. We were to plan a one-year budget for our first year of marriage. We had to plan it as if we got married as soon as we graduated.

We had to plan a whole year with all of the expenses included and without even having a good source of income!

“While doing this project I learned that things don’t always go as planned. There are always unexpected events that can occur at any moment. You never know when a car accident, a fire, a pregnancy, an illness, a death, or job loss could occur. All of these emergencies require money, and with a tight budget there might be no room for them!

“The other thing that I learned is that life is expensive. I tend to forget this and

take things for granted. God has been so good to my family. He has given my parents great jobs and makes sure that we have enough to meet our needs. He even provides enough for an Adventist education and the resources to have fun as a family. Life can be hard and expensive and I really need to start valuing every single thing that I have.

“I really learned a lot of things by doing this project. It wasn’t easy and it took time and effort, but it was worth it because it taught me many lessons and showed me many things I didn’t know before. I’ve realized that an education is worth a lot more than I thought! An education allows you to fulfill your dreams and, regardless of the amount you make, you still get paid for doing something that you love to do. It also made me value what my parents do for me. God has plans to prosper you and never to harm you, and He always provides.”

Miguel Ramos



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This Is What Adventist Education Is All About

TEXICO CONFERENCE

As I reflect on all that has transpired in our schools over the last school year, my mind is whizzing. From the excitement of the new teachers at the August teacher's convention until the last year-end report was finished, it seems like a whirlwind has been spinning around the Texico Conference.

Senior survival and outdoor school were the initial events followed closely by leadership camp, In Step for Life, bike-a-thons, Iowa Assessments, and alumni weekend. Then there were class projects, fund raisers, soccer, and basketball and volleyball leagues along with Acrofest, Brain Games, music festivals, and class trips. You cannot leave out the Southwestern Adventist University basketball tournament, book reports, essays, tests, community service projects, mission trips, church services, Christmas and Spring programs, and graduations. All of these activities are enough to make your head swim.

With everything that keeps the students occupied, it is a wonder that some of them still have time to get into mischief. However, the greatest reward of all comes when a student chooses to accept Jesus as his or her Friend and Savior.

There is a young man at one of our Adventist schools who began the year in a local public school. It wasn't long before he was missing the spiritual atmosphere and academic success he had once enjoyed at the Adventist school, so he returned at the second part of the year. After his return, a pastor came to the school and gave Bible studies to the students. At the conclusion of the studies, this young man chose to follow Jesus and

was baptized as part of the graduation ceremony. This is what Adventist education is all about.

At another school, a young Catholic girl came a few years ago to be part of the Adventist school, because she had heard that the academics and the small classroom size would be beneficial to her learning style. As she discussed spiritual issues and values with the staff and compared it with her beliefs, she decided to accept the Bible in its completeness and was baptized. During this school year, she became a spiritual leader

and "mother figure" to the other students in the school. As a result she was awarded the Caring Heart Award at graduation.

The new school year will soon be upon us. The joy of even more students attending fills us with anticipation. If there is an Adventist school near you, enroll your children. We look forward to meeting their needs academically, physically, emotionally, socially, and most importantly, spiritually!

Derral Reeve, education superintendent



Texico Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the Texico Conference and Texico Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will hold a Special Constituency meeting at the Albuquerque Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church, located at 4920 Wyoming Blvd. NE in Albuquerque, New Mexico on August 7, 2016. This meeting will convene at 10:00 A.M.

The purpose of this meeting is to consider a recommendation from the Executive Committee regarding a proposal for the development of the Sandia View Campus.

Delegates to this meeting will consist of regular delegates and delegates at large as stipulated in Article III, Section 2 of the Texico Conference Constitution.

Lee-Roy Chacon
President

Philip Robertson
Secretary/Treasurer

2016 Texico Music Festival

ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX. » Texico students from grades 5-8 gathered together at the beginning of April to rehearse for the Texico Music Festival. Sam Sierra was the conductor for this event. Sheet music and CDs had been sent out several weeks in advance to allow the students to practice and memorize their parts.

Students carefully watched the conductor and gave crescendos and staccatos when needed. Hours were spent giving the director just the right pitch and rhythm for certain songs. Over and over, the choir members practiced the harmony until the

music blended into a seamless voice. The group practices were interspersed with activities to give students a break. Sandia View Christian School (SVCS) teacher Jim Wilson led the group in outdoor activities, and Barbara Martinez, also an SVCS teacher, headed up an art project. This gave the students a chance to get to know their counterparts from the other schools.

Eighty-two students joined together at the Albuquerque Heights church on Saturday, April 2, as they sang in unison and in three-part harmony. Many students had solo parts and sang praise to God as if He

were there in the audience.

The concert was live streamed and recorded, and can be found on the Albuquerque Heights church's Web site.

Derral W. Reeve, education superintendent, with **Susan Zimmermann**

◀ Adventist Academy of Santa Fe students prepare for practice.

▼ Derral Reeve, Texico education, presents flowers to choir conductor, Sam Sierra, as a thank you for his hard work in helping make the program a success.

Bottom: Students from grades 5-8 came together at the Albuquerque Heights church for the Texico Music Festival



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Healing Wounds of the Heart

Women's Ministries Event Brings Women Together

ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX. » More than 200 Spanish-speaking women gathered in Albuquerque on March 11-13 for a special event that focused on helping women heal wounds of the heart.

What began as a local women's ministries event planned by several local pastors' wives and women's ministries directors quickly turned into an unprecedented gathering that brought women from churches both near and far, including Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Midland, Texas, and Colorado.

Cesia Alvarado, a Christian author and highly sought-after speaker, who has presented throughout the United States, Mexico, Central America, and Australia, was the weekend's keynote speaker. Using Psalms 147:3 "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds," as the main Scripture, Alvarado spoke about the significance of identifying the deep wounds many women carry and hold in their hearts. Step by step, she discussed different problems and bad habits that often develop as a result of these wounds. The root cause usually stems from troubling life experiences and/or traumatic life events. But more than just helping participants identify those problems, Alvarado highlighted how the presence of Jesus Christ in our lives is what ultimately helps to bring healing. Not only does Jesus turn them into experiences that no longer cause affliction, but can use them to help other women who are going through similar situations.

In addition to helping heal the emotional wounds of the heart, Alvarado ended the weekend by encouraging women to keep a healthy physical heart. On Sunday, 80 people attended a fun, interactive cooking class, where Alvarado made more than 30 different vegan recipes.

Other key participants included Adventist singer Herendira Montalvo, from Tucson, Ariz., whose songs helped attendees elevate their hearts to God. Efforts for

the event were led by Judibeth Lopez, wife of David Lopez, pastor of Albuquerque's North Valley and La Roca churches. Assisting her were fellow pastors' wives from Texas and New Mexico, Maribel Padilla, Edith Cummings, Mirley Villegas, and women's ministries directors Sara Rodriguez, Rebeca Marquez, Cynthia Amaya, Rubi Martinez, and Lizeth Valladares. Nelva Chacon, wife of Texico Conference president Lee-Roy Chacon, was also actively involved and a significant help in supporting the retreat.

As a result of encouraging attendees to invite friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers, event organizers were happy to report that more than 40 visitors attended the event, making it a great outreach opportunity. Overall, attendees thanked God for this special program and encouraged organizers to plan a similar event in the near future. It was said that the event was a great blessing and there is no doubt that many women allowed God to heal their hearts over that weekend.

David Lopez



Top: Texico pastors' wives give Cesia Alvarado and Herendira Montalvo a prayer shawl as a thank you gift. Nelva Chacon (right) prays for both guests.

Second: On Friday night the women gathered in groups to pray for the specific needs of their church family.

Third: The retreat was not only for church members, but also as an outreach for non-Adventists. Pictured are some of the visitors who accepted the invitation to attend.

◀ On Sabbath afternoon the women wrote praises and prayer requests on balloons and released them.

2016 Nursing Grads Already in the Workforce

If there is one question that most new graduates cringe at hearing, it is, “What are your plans after graduation?” Thankfully, many in my class, the nursing class of 2016, can answer with, “I have a nursing job!” It is beyond exciting and rewarding to have four years of hard work come to fruition in the form of a job.

The Southwestern Adventist University Department of Nursing has the privilege of sending their students to two magnet status hospitals, a level-one trauma center, and other hospitals with trauma, stroke, and cardiac designations for clinicals, which is the nursing equivalent of an internship and is required for graduation. Not all nursing schools have access to such top-notch hospitals. This amazing privilege has allowed a large portion of the graduating class to have jobs even before graduation. I personally have been blessed with a position in the ICU residency at a level-one trauma center. Only 25 residents were accepted into this program (Texas produces about 10,000 nursing graduates a year) and five of them are graduates of Southwestern’s 2016 nursing class. In addition to my ICU residency, three are in the Neuro Progressive Care Unit and another is in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

The rest of our class has jobs in a variety of hospitals. One student placed in another residency program in an ICU located in Fort Worth (where two 2015 graduates currently work), another was accepted into a residency in downtown Dallas, and two have jobs in hospitals in Waxahachie, one of whom will be working in the emergency department. It is rare for a new graduate to get into the ER department right out of school. Other graduates will be starting at Texas Health Huguley Hos-

pital in the Progressive Care Unit, another will be starting as an operating room nurse resident in Dallas, and another will begin as an emergency room nurse at the children’s hospital. This is only a short list of those that have been blessed with jobs immediately after nursing school.

“Texas Health Huguley Hospital is excited about the partnership with Southwestern Adventist University,” says Tammy Collier, vice president for patient care services. “Students and our clinical teams work together to develop clinical skills and professionalism in nursing. We believe this partnership encourages growth on both sides and prepares new nurses as a part

of an active and participative team. We are lucky to have this alliance.”

If there is one thing that nursing school showed us, it is that the job market is very competitive. But something that we as a university and student body have been blessed with is a good reputation. Competitive hospitals are asking for our graduates to apply and come work for them because they know that a Southwestern Adventist University graduate is not only qualified,



▲ Tiffany Falcon at her nursing pinning during graduation weekend.



◀ Nursing graduates Kimberly, Peter, and Tiffany work on a simulated case. In the hospital clinicals they work with real patients, but photos are not allowed in a hospital clinical situation.

but also has a heart for service.

For more information about the status of the nursing building campaign, please read the President’s Update in the June 2016 issue of the *Record*. For more information about how you can support it, visit swau.edu/capitalcampaign or contact Rachel Denny at rdenny@swau.edu, or 817.202.6233.

Tiffany Falcon, 2016 nursing graduate

Keene Business Expo and Health Fair

KEENE, TEXAS » On April 17, 2016, the Keene Chamber of Commerce and Southwestern Adventist University presented the 13th Annual Keene Business Expo and Health Fair. Southwestern's Department of Nursing, in cooperation with the Southwestern Union's Health Ministries Director, Pat Humphrey, and the Children's Ministries Coordinator, Sonia Cano, implemented the adult and child expos to provide health education and screening for the community. Senior nursing students from the university's community health course led out in the presentations for each of the 16 stations, and junior and sophomore nursing majors assisted, as well, totaling 75 students providing community service during the five-hour event.

The Expo and Health Fair event was determined to be successful because of the many satisfied community participants and the representatives from more than 45 local businesses that had a booth presence and were happy to be a community supporter in this way. Members of the community were reminded of the many services and commercial businesses that are available locally, including dental care, health care, home improvement, banking,



car dealerships, and much more.

Children had the opportunity to play games that taught them about drinking water, eating a balanced diet that included fruits and veggies, and being physically active on a regular basis. It was fun to watch them experiment with practicing maintaining their balance on Rolo boards or supporting a plastic saucer on a thin tube. The adults received blood pressure checks, glucose screening, and BMI (body mass index) score,

which all factor into individual health status. Kinesiology students showed attendees how to do strengthening and stretching exercises and performed the Harvard step test to check

an individual's physical exertion capacity. Noreen Sofranac, a dietitian from Texas Health Huguley Hospital provided mate-



rials and information to support healthy habits for those with diabetes and other nutrition concerns.

Despite the pouring rain, which dampened attendance, but not the spirits of those working or attending, there was a positive atmosphere and appreciation for the goods and services

provided by the event's participants and supporters. For those local to Keene, future events are being planned that will help you take charge of your health. Know that your personal details like blood pressure, lab values, blood sugar, and cholesterol levels, all determine a person's health status. Are you the person you want to be physically, mentally, and spiritually? Join us for a future event and we'll help you take charge of your health! Wellness counts!

Terri Gibson, DNPc, MSN

Betty Heinrich Retires

After 35 years of service, Betty Heinrich, administrative assistant for the Southwestern Union Treasury Department, is retiring. Betty has lived in the Keene, Texas, area most of her life, and after graduating from Southwestern Jr. College Academy in 1959, she was baptized into the Keene church. She graduated from Southwestern Jr. College in 1961 with an A.S. in Secretarial Science and soon afterward became employed by a mortgage company in Fort Worth, Texas, where she worked for seven years. In September 1981 she joined the Southwestern Union Conference as administrative assistant to the treasurer, Max Trevino, and, beginning in 1996, she worked as administrative assistant for Deryl Knutson, holding that position until July 1, 2016. While employed at the Southwestern Union, Betty attained a B.S. in Office Systems Admin-



istration through the Adult Degree Program at Southwestern Adventist University, graduating in May 2002. At the April 2016 Southwestern Union Alumni Homecoming, Betty and her husband, Gary, were inducted into the University's Hall of Fame.

In August 1963, Betty married Gary Heinrich, whom she had met in academy, and they have two children, both of whom graduated from Keene Adventist Elementary, Chisolm Trail Academy, and Southwestern Adventist University. Steve is an RN and lives in Arlington with his wife, Robyn, and two daughters, Macie and Molly. Kristi received her B.S. in Education and is married to Dr. Charles Reeves. They reside in Wimberley, Texas, with their three children—Josephine, Gwyneth, and Charles IV.

Fred Thomas Remembered as True Legend of Adventist Mission

Fred G. Thomas, the son of Seventh-day Adventist missionaries who went on to become a missionary and senior church administrator, will be remembered as a giant of Adventist mission who shaped church policy in Africa for decades and modeled mission in his own home, spawning a new generation of church leaders. Thomas, 90, died on May 6 in his home in Burleson, Texas. He had been in declining health after undergoing surgery, the first in his life, 10 weeks earlier, his family said.

Ted N.C. Wilson, president of the General Conference, called Thomas a careful and meticulous administrator who had a great appreciation for the mission of the church. "We thank the Lord for the long-time mission service of Elder and Mrs. Thomas," said Wilson, who worked with Thomas in the General Conference Secretariat from 1990 to 1992. Wilson was an associate secretary and Thomas was undersecretary at the time.

G.T. Ng, executive secretary of the General Conference, paid tribute to Thomas as "a true legend. Fred Thomas, missionary par excellence, rendered distinguished service to the mission work in Africa," Ng told the *Adventist Review*. "In terms of dedication and tenacity, he was unparalleled."

Just as significantly, Ng said, Thomas epitomizes the blessings that can result when children are raised by godly parents and in turn pass on those spiritual values to their own offspring. Two of Thomas' brothers also served as missionaries.

In addition to the two sons at the General Conference, a third son, David Thomas, chairs the theology department at Walla Walla University in College Place, Wash-

ington. The youngest, Peter, owns a construction company and goes on trips with Maranatha Volunteers International two to three times a year to raise churches and schools, usually in Africa.

"While some families have trouble passing on the torch of faith to their children, the Thomas family was able to inculcate and transmit commitment and service in a remarkable way for three generations," Ng said.



Fred Thomas, Adventist missionary and senior church administrator, passed away on May 6, 2016. His wife, Jean, of Burleson, Texas, is former editor of the *Record*.

Thomas retired in Texas in 1992 but did not slow down. He and his wife worked part-time at the office of the Southwestern Union Conference. He came out of retirement to serve as president of Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas, from Aug. 29, 2001, to Feb. 28, 2002. "He served Southwestern Adventist University with dignity, humility, common sense, and good humor," the university president's office said in a statement. The university presented him with an honorary Doctor of

Divinity degree in 2006.

A memorial service is planned for July 16 at the Arlington, Texas, church. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that contributions in Thomas' name go to Maranatha Volunteers International.

Thomas is survived by his wife of 67 years, Jean Thomas of Burleson, Texas; four sons, Fred of Columbia, Maryland; David of Walla Walla, Washington; John of Laurel, Maryland; and Peter of Burleson,

Texas; and five grandchildren, Matthew of Spokane, Washington; Jonathan of Burbank, California; Jon Mark of Kentucky; Michael of Burleson, Texas; Aaron of Burleson, Texas, and Allison of Lincoln, Nebraska. He also is survived by one brother, Mervyn, an accountant and father of two in Perth, Australia. His other two brothers, who preceded him in death, are Don, a missionary in the Congo and southern Africa for much of his life; and Ken, a missionary educator who worked mostly in Zambia and also chaired the mathematics department at Andrews University.

David Thomas described his father as a living embodiment of what it means to be faithful to commitments. "The commitments he made became the guiding things in his life," he said. "I men-

tion three significant ones—to Christ and the Seventh-day Adventist Church; to his wife, Jean, in marriage; and to ministry. From the time he made all three of those commitments early in his life, he never wavered from any of them in the least."

Andrew McChesney

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C.D. Brooks Remembered as Great Adventist Evangelist of 20th Century

Charles D. Brooks, one of the foremost Seventh-day Adventist evangelists of the 20th century, succumbed to pancreatic cancer on Sunday, June 5, 2016. He was 85.

Brooks, better known as C.D. Brooks, led a 60-year ministry that resulted in more than 20,000 baptisms on six continents and was known for its innovative methods of embracing new media to spread the gospel, including through the *Breath of Life* television ministry, where Brooks served as founding speaker for 23 years.

Ted N.C. Wilson, president of the Adventist world church, paid tribute to Brooks as “an eminent and much-loved senior statesman in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.”

“He was a highly dedicated and successful evangelist and biblical preacher,” Wilson said. “Elder Brooks loved the Lord, His prophetic church, and the Advent message.”

Charles Decatur Brooks was born on July 24, 1930, outside Greensboro, North Carolina, as the 10th child of Marvin and Mattie Brooks. Six months later, his mother learned about the Seventh-day Sabbath while lying on what she thought was her deathbed after an unsuccessful surgery. A bright light filled her hospital room at night, and a voice said, “Mattie, I want you to keep My commandments,” C.D. Brooks told the *Adventist Review* in 2006.

Mattie Brooks, a faithful Methodist and the daughter of a pastor, was confused.

“Lord, which one am I not keeping?” she said.

She heard no answer. But suddenly the fourth commandment sprang to mind: “Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy” (Exodus 20:8).

Mattie Brooks made a miraculous recovery and began keeping the seventh-day Sabbath in her home from midnight Friday to midnight Saturday. She knew of no other Sabbath-keepers for the next 10 years.

“Never heard of Adventists,” C.D. Brooks said in the interview. “She had no tracts, no teacher, no Bible study, no anything.”

Her Methodist minister and other church members tried to dissuade her

from keeping the Saturday Sabbath. But when the head deacon saw that she would not change her mind, he presented her with a wrapped copy of *The Great Controversy* by Adventist Church cofounder Ellen G. White. Young C.D. Brooks opened the package with a pair of scissors, and his mother read it with great interest.

Then, when C.D. Brooks was 10, a Seventh-day Adventist literature evangelist knocked on the family’s door with some books. The very next Sabbath the family was worshipping in an Adventist church for the first time.



Evangelist C.D. Brooks led at least 20,000 people to Christ.

C.D. Brooks realized his calling to evangelism when as a 17-year-old recent high school graduate he attended meetings by Adventist evangelist Earl E. Cleveland in Greensboro. Brooks had been planning to study dentistry in the fall.

“Two Sabbaths before Cleveland closed, I was sitting in his tent by myself on a beautiful sunny day, and an overmastering impression came from the Lord that said to me, ‘This is what I want you to do, and I will help you to make truth clear,’ Brooks said.

Brooks shook off the impression to become an evangelist as a “stray thought,” but it came again as he walked the mile from

the bus stop to his home in the dark that night. His first thought upon waking on Sunday morning was to become an evangelist, and he had the impression again on Monday. Finally, on Tuesday he told his mother about what was happening.

“I didn’t know the power of a mother’s prayers,” Brooks said. “Mother said these words to me: ‘Son, when you were born, I gave you to the Lord. Now He’s calling you.’ And from that moment I have never looked back.”

In 1974 Brooks was asked to be the founding speaker for *Breath of Life*, a television ministry being developed for African-American viewers. In that role Brooks led three or four evangelistic campaigns every year, establishing 15 congregations.

His work at *Breath of Life* and elsewhere put him on the cutting edge of technology, according to *C.D.: The Man Behind the Message*.

“A media trailblazer, Brooks has spread the gospel through every type of media, including cassette, radio, television, and Internet,” the book says.

He led at least 20,000 people to Christ, the authors estimated.

C.D. Brooks is survived by his wife of 63 years, Walterene; two children, Charles “Skip” Jr., and Diedre; and three grandchildren.

Brooks retired from active ministry in 1996 because of health issues but kept office hours at the General Conference for years.

Daniel R. Jackson, president of the North American Division, said, “He was a great preacher and one of God’s true saints. I have watched him walk the halls of our office and used to repeat in my head, ‘He is a prince among men.’ I will miss him. But one day soon he will have eternal youth and live forever with his dear wife and family.”

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Fort Worth North Spanish	2101 Roosevelt Ave, Fort Worth, TX 76164	9:45 AM	10:15 AM
Haltom City Spanish	4200 Danton Hwy, Haltom City, TX 76117	10:45 AM	11:15 AM
Hurst	100 W Hurst Blvd, Hurst, TX 76053	11:35 AM	12:05 PM
Arlington North Spanish	421 Truman St., Arlington, TX 76011	1:05 PM	1:35 PM
Grand Prairie	3829 S Carrier Pkwy, Grand Prairie, TX 75052	2:00 PM	2:30 PM
Arlington	4409 Pleasantview Dr, Arlington, TX 76017	2:55 PM	3:25 PM
Mansfield	1951 N Main, Mansfield, TX 76063	3:50 PM	4:20 PM

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Monday, July 11		Arrive	Depart
Greenville	1211 Commerce Dr, Greenville TX 75401	10:00 AM	10:30 AM
Mount Pleasant	302 Lakewood Dr, Mt Pleasant TX 75455	11:45 AM	12:15 PM
Paris	1564 US Highway 271 S, Paris TX 75462	1:45 PM	2:15 PM
De Queen(Beacon Mill)	1452 Red Bridge Rd, De Queen AR 71832	4:15 PM	4:45 PM
Glenwood Spanish	210 S 3rd St, Glenwood AR 71943	6:20 PM	6:50 PM

Tuesday, July 12		Arrive	Depart
Hot Springs	401 Weston Rd, Hot Springs AR 71913	8:15 AM	8:45 AM
Benton	2615 Lincoln Rd, Benton AR 72019	9:35 AM	10:05 AM
Little Rock	8700 N Rodney Parham Rd, Little Rock, AR 72205	10:50 AM	11:30 AM
Searcy	2703 W Beebe Capps Expy, Searcy AR 72143	12:45 PM	1:15 PM
Batesville	30 Gap Rd, Batesville AR 72501	3:00 PM	3:30 PM
Jonesboro	2317 W Washington Ave, Jonesboro AR 72401	5:00 PM	5:30 PM
New Life	1099 Highway 77, Marion AR 72364	6:45 PM	7:15 PM

Wednesday, July 13		Arrive	Depart
Shiloh Adventist School	2400 Maple St, Little Rock AR 72204	10:15 AM	10:45 AM
Northside (Pine Bluff)	5603 Holsey St, Pine Bluff AR 71602	11:45 AM	12:15 PM
Magnolia	2015 Ellis St, Magnolia AR 71753	3:00 PM	3:30 PM
Texarkana	3100 Pleasant Grove Rd, Texarkana TX 75503	4:45 PM	5:15 PM
Shreveport (Conference Office)	7025 Greenwood Rd, Shreveport LA 71119	6:40 PM	7:10 PM

Thursday, July 14		Arrive	Depart
Jefferson Academy	3000 FM 728, Jefferson TX 75637	9:00 AM	9:30 AM
Longview	2800 Airline Rd, Longview TX 75605	10:25 AM	10:55 AM
Minneapolis	1904 Old Tyler Hwy, Minneapolis TX 75773	12:10 PM	12:40 PM
Terrell	315 Wall St, Terrell TX 75160	1:55 PM	2:25 PM

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Western Oklahoma / Northern New Mexico Route
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Monday, July 25		Arrive	Depart
Bowie	617 W Wise St, Bowie TX 76230	10:15 AM	10:45 AM
Wichita Falls First	5820 Southwest Pkwy, Wichita Falls, TX 76730	11:45 AM	12:15 PM
Vernon Spanish	4701 College Dr, Vernon TX 76384	1:45 PM	2:15 PM
Amarillo	405 S Western St, Amarillo TX 79106	5:15 PM	5:45 PM
Hereford	713 W Park Ave, Hereford TX 79045	6:55 PM	7:25 PM

Tuesday, July 26		Arrive	Depart
Clovis	1501 E Uano Estacado Blvd, Clovis NM 88101	8:10 AM	8:40 AM
Belen	115 E Ross Ave, Belen NM 87002	12:50 PM	1:20 PM
Los Lunas	12 Thomas Rd, Los Lunas NM 87031	2:15 PM	2:45 PM
Albuquerque Central	2201 Estancia Dr NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120	8:35 PM	4:05 PM
Texico Conference Office	777 Sardia View Lane, Corrales, NM, 87048	4:50 PM	5:20 PM
Santa Fe English	130 Rabbit Rd, Santa Fe NM 87508	6:30 PM	7:00 PM

Wednesday, July 27		Arrive	Depart
Las Vegas (Dr Canode's Office)	1301 8th St, Las Vegas, NM 87701	9:15 AM	9:45 AM
Tucuman Spanish	1901 S 1st St, Tucuman NM 88401	11:45 AM	12:15 PM
Dalhart	2 Pheasant Run Rd, Dalhart TX 79022	3:15 PM	3:45 PM
Pioneer Adventist School	1710 N East St, Guyton, OK 73942	5:40 PM	6:10 PM

Thursday, July 28		Arrive	Depart
Shattuck (Old School)	5th St & Summer St, Shattuck OK 73858	10:00 AM	10:30 AM
Woodward	1321 Enterprise Ave, Woodward OK 73801	11:15 AM	11:45 AM
Weatherford	600 W Davis Ave, Weatherford OK 73095	1:30 PM	2:00 PM
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Convocation to be held August 19-21, 2016, at Lone Star Camp. Featured speaker: R. Ernest Castillo. For information, contact Rolando Baysa. E-mail: rhomher@gmail.com.

Milestones

ANNIVERSARIES

60th Wedding Anniversary:

Victor and Irene Collins were married on April 19, 1956, in Argentina, and recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.



Obituaries

ATTAWAY, Rufus Alson,

born September 6, 1930, in Fouke, Ark., and died February 23, 2016, in Oil City, La. He was a member of the Shreveport First church. He was a World War II Navy Veteran. Survivors: wife, Marilyn Attaway, of Oil City; a daughter, Danna, and husband, Daniel, and wife, Elisa Attaway; son, Donald, and wife, Carol Attaway; son, Douglas, and wife, Freida Attaway; sister, Helen McAnnally; 14 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great grandchildren.

BANKSTON, Bolden, born April 8, 1930, in Baptist, La., and died January 1, 2016 in Baton Rouge, La. He was a member of the Baton Rouge church. Bolden, affectionately known as "Geepaw" was known as a genuine family man who placed his family before all else. He was a strong, hardworking,

and loving man who will be deeply missed. Survivors: daughter, Holly Bankston Gauthier, and husband, Jason; sons, Ames Bankston, and wife, Kristie, Clay Bankston, and wife, Darlene; brother, Jack A. Bankston; eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

BOREL, Rhonda Gayle,

born August 22, 1957, and died March 28, 2016 in Hockley, Texas. She was a member of the Waller church. Survivors: husband, Gene Borel; parents, Jimmie and Margaret Hargrave; son, Nicholas Borel; daughter, Jennie Robinson; brother, Bo Hargrave and wife Lisa; sister, Karrie Logan; and five grandchildren.

BOYKIN, Francis Lewis,

born October 16, 1953, in Harlingen, Texas, and died February 28, 2016, in Little Rock, Ark. He was a member of the Little Rock church. Lewis' childhood was split between living in

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Texas and Mississippi. He attended Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas. He was a hard worker, working in carpentry and construction. He loved the outdoors especially enjoying deer season. He was a long-time member of the Little Rock church, serving faithfully as a deacon. He loved his family and church family and will be greatly missed by all. Lewis was a wonderful father and loving husband. Above all he desired to see his family together in heaven. Survivors: wife, Lisa Boykin, of Little Rock; four sons, Benjamin Lewis Boykin, Joshua Davis Boykin, Jesse Davis Boykin, and Christopher Joseph De Clerk; three daughters, Marian Laure "Mimi" Harrison, Sera Susanne "Scooter" Boykin Martin, Christina Marie De Clerk; one brother, Charles Andrew Boykin; and nine grandchildren.

CHEEKS, Cara Faye Green, born January 16, 1945, in Baton Rouge, La., and died August 30, 2015 in Mount Juliet, Tenn. She was a member of the Baton Rouge church. "Carafaye" was a very active member in her local church. She had attended her local Seventh-day Adventist elementary school at Baton Rouge Jr. Academy, graduated high school at her parents' alma mater, Ozark Adventist Academy in Gentry, Ark., spent two years at Southwestern Adventist Junior College in Keene, Texas, and graduated from Union College in Lincoln, Neb., in 1965. Her husband, Jim,

was her best friend and she loved few things more than traveling and going on adventures with him. Her greatest joys in life were her children, her daughters and sons-in-law, and her 14 grandchildren. Survivors: husband, Jim Cheeks; children and their spouses, Jimbo and Shelley Cheeks, Randy and Tomi Cheeks, Kristi and Jason White, Nicole and Luis Reyes, and Melinda and Travis Whitlow; 14 grandchildren; siblings Dianna Kepper, Donnie Green, and Kathy Gautreaux.

DANESE, Samuel Stuart, born March 11 1939, in Baton Rouge, La., and died April 21, 2016, in Slidell, La., He was a member of the Bogalusa church. Sam graduated from Tulane University in 1960 with a degree in accounting, continuing his education at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska where he met and married Connie Hickman. They celebrated 54 years of marriage on February 25, 2016. He was drafted into the army May 1962, and served through 1964 in Operation White Coat and in the Walter Reed Army Medical Center's accounting department. He worked as an auditor for the Internal Revenue Service in New Orleans for 30 years until his retirement in 1997. He and Connie raised their five children in the love of Christ and was a faithful member of the Bogalusa church where he played the piano, sang, and served as the treasurer for many years. He also supported evangelistic seminars, provided books

and magazines for church outreach and led fellow believers into a deeper knowledge of God's teachings. Sam was an avid fisherman, taking trips with his sons to Lake Pontchartrain, the Gulf, or through the bayous surrounding his home. He loved to debate politics, play chess online, organize weekly Sabbath potlucks and "do the church books." Sam's favorite activity, however, was spending time with family. Survivors: wife, Connie; children; Brian and Michelle Danese, Jonathan Danase, Katherine and Andy Sisler, Deborah Danese and Dan, and Esther and Mickey Sales; and 12 grandchildren.

FREEMAN, Evelyn, born March 8, 1922, and died February 26, 2016, in Jonesboro, La. She was a member of the Jonesboro church. Survivors: four daughters, Linda Freeman Williams, Anette Freeman Barrett, Peggy Freeman Kelley, Patricia McElligot; son, Stanley Freeman; sisters, Boddie McMillian McAfee and Ann McMillian Nenbrickson; and brothers, Clay McMillian and Bill McMillan.

HUGHES, Billy L., born February 18, 1940, in Hobbs, N. Mex., and died November 5, 2014, in Memphis, Tenn. He was a member of the Forrest City church. Survivors: brother, Franky Hughes, of Cherry Valley, Ark.; five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

LYMAN, Earl B., born May 29, 1935, in Hartland, Vt., and died April 17, 2016, in Hot Springs, Ark., Earl

worked for 32 years for the federal government. He was a member of the Hot Springs church for 25 years where he was very active. He was instrumental in restarting their Pathfinder group. He loved working with the young people and taught many interesting honors like Maple Sugar and Aboriginal Lore. He also served as head deacon for about 12 years. Whatever Earl found to do, whether it was at church or helping other people, he did it willingly and with great enthusiasm. Survivors: wife, Judith Lyman; son, Leslie Lyman, and wife Terri; daughter, Kara, and husband Rob Price; brother, Howard Lyman, and wife Dottie; sister, Alice, and husband Robert Vincent; five grandchildren, and two great-granddaughters.

MCHEMRY, Jerry Dean, born January 3, 1949, in Centerville, Ohio, and died April 7, 2016, in Gentry, Ark. He was a member of the Gentry church. Jerry was a much-loved teacher at Ozark Adventist Academy for nearly 20 years. Survivors: wife, Connie McHenry, of Siloam Springs, Ark.; daughter, Joey, and husband, James Hettinger, of Kansas City, Mo.; daughter, Jenny, and husband, Austin Seroogy, of Longmont, Colo.; son, Jeffrey McHenry of Kansas City; step-daughter, Kaylee, and husband, Brandon Baughman, of Memphis, Tenn.; mother, Mildred (Midge) McHenry, of Cincinnati, Ohio; sister, Sherry, and husband, Ted Baugher, of

Lincoln, Neb.; sister, Debbie and husband, Keith Thomas-son, of Centerville; brother, Jackie, and wife, Cheryl McHenry, of Centerville; and 10 grandchildren.

MCLEMORE, Neal, born September 5, 1943, in Anadarko, Okla., and died June 23, 2014, in Tulsa, Okla. He was a member of Tulsa Adventist Fellowship. Survivors: Carole McLemore, of Tulsa.

MCMULLEN, Lillian C., born March 22, 1932, in Mendon, Vt., and died December 29, 2015, in Springdale, Ark. She was a member of the Springdale Fellowship church. Survivors: son, Kenny DeHart; daughter, Pam DeHart; sisters, Ramona Bradbury and Betty Lou Boatright; brother, Bill Burns; two grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

MONICO, Carol Hoy, born January 24, 1949, in Lynwood, Calif., and died June 1, 2016, in Burleson, Texas. She was a member at the Joshua church. Carol served in the Army during the Vietnam War. Survivors: daughter, Sarah (Rodney) Stowell, and four grandchildren.

NUTT, Neva Mae, born December 25, 1920, in Sherman Township, Mich., and died April 4, 2016, in Cleburne, Texas. She was a member of the Alvarado church. Survivors: son, Bill; daughter, Mary; and numerous grandchildren.

PATERNOSTRO, Mary Pennino, born February 9,

1917, in New Orleans, La., and died January 13, 2016, in Metairie, La. She was a member of the New Orleans First church. She served for many years in various offices at the Central Church in New Orleans, such as Kindergarten teacher, Sabbath School Superintendent, pianist, and deaconess. She was retired from Krauss Department Store, where she worked in the children's department for nearly 60 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, John H. Paternostro, one sister, and four brothers. Survivors: son, Jack E. Paternostro and wife, Barbara; daughters, Linda P. Teranova, Catherine P. Villars and husband, Bernard; eight grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

SMITH, Jimmy Ray, born October 13, 1932, in Shawnee, Okla., and died April 3, 2016 in Tecumseh, Okla. He was a member of the Shawnee church. Survivors: daughter, Tanna Sue Franz; daughter, Reva Wolf, and her husband, Brian; son, Michael Smith; son, Patrick Smith and his wife, Evette; four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

TELLES, John P., born June 26, 1927 in Bent, N. Mex., and died April 16, 2016, in Royal, Ark. He was a member of the Hot Springs church. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII before settling in Oakland, Calif. There he met his wife of 56 years, Wanda, and they worked to grow the

company they founded together, Jonda Industries, a manufacturer for NASA. In 1969 they retired in Hot Springs, Ark., and purchased Town & Country Heating and Air, which he operated until the age of 85, spending the final, and in his words, most enjoyable decade of his professional life working alongside his son, Derrick. His greatest source of fulfillment was found in the lifelong relationships he developed with his customers, many of whom became close friends; the joy in raising his children and grandchildren, and most of all, his devotion to his "honey," Wanda, with whom he leaves a legacy of family, faith, hard work, and love. John was preceded in death by his daughter, Rita Telles. Survivors: wife, Wanda Telles; son, Derrick Telles and his wife, Betty; stepson, Rick Conrad and his wife, Lucy; daughter, Alice Franco, and her husband, Joe; son, Art Telles;

two sisters, Frances Franco and Elisa Arenas; and seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

TELLES, Rita G., born April 26, 1963, in Hot Springs, Ark., and died January 31, 2016, in Hot Springs, Ark. She was a member of the Hot Springs church. Survivors: mother, Wanda Telles, of Royal, Ark.; daughter and son-in-law, Briana and Ariel Casali, of Hot Springs; brother and sister-in-law, Derrick and Betty Telles of Hot Springs; and brother, Rick Conrad.

THOMAS, Linda Brownlee, born August 22, 1954, in Madison, Tenn., and died March 6, 2016 in Baton Rouge, La., She was a member of the Baton Rouge church. Survivors: husband, Alvin Thomas; mother, Betty Jo Brownlee; daughter, Cheryl Thomas; two sisters, Diana Lucas and Susan Zito; brother, Jerry Brownlee; and two granddaughters.

SABBATH SUNSET CALENDAR						
	Jul 1	Jul 8	Jul 15	Jul 22	Jul 29	Aug 5
Abilene, TX	8:50	8:49	8:47	8:44	8:39	8:34
Albuquerque, NM	8:25	8:24	8:21	8:18	8:12	8:06
Amarillo, TX	9:06	9:05	9:02	8:59	8:53	8:47
Brownsville, TX	8:26	8:25	8:24	8:22	8:18	8:14
Dallas, TX	8:39	8:38	8:36	8:33	8:28	8:22
El Paso, TX	8:15	8:15	8:13	8:09	8:05	7:59
Fort Worth/Keene, TX	8:41	8:41	8:38	8:35	8:30	8:25
Gallup, NM	8:34	8:33	8:31	8:27	8:22	8:15
Galveston/Houston, TX	8:26	8:26	8:24	8:21	8:17	8:12
Gentry, AR	8:39	8:38	8:36	8:32	8:26	8:20
Little Rock, AR	8:27	8:26	8:23	8:20	8:15	8:08
Muskogee, OK	8:41	8:40	8:38	8:34	8:29	8:22
New Orleans, LA	8:05	8:05	8:03	8:00	7:56	7:51
Oklahoma City, OK	8:49	8:48	8:46	8:42	8:37	8:30
Roswell, NM	8:12	8:11	8:09	8:05	8:00	7:55
San Antonio, TX	8:38	8:37	8:36	8:33	8:29	8:24
Shreveport, LA	8:26	8:26	8:24	8:20	8:16	8:10
Tulsa, OK	8:45	8:44	8:41	8:37	8:32	8:25



On the Record »

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Thank You, Adventist Teachers

MY EXPERIENCE WITH ADVENTIST EDUCATION began in Linda Aalborg's Kindergarten class at Ozark Adventist Elementary School in Gentry, Arkansas. After graduating from OAES, I attended Ozark Adventist Academy, and then Southwestern Adventist University. Looking back at the years I spent in Adventist education, I remember pivotal moments—events, actions, and words—which stay with me today. Many of those pivotal moments happened in the classroom with an Adventist teacher. Those teachers' thoughtful guidance, academic challenges, and kind actions—big and small—have shaped my life.

In the obituary section of this issue of the *Record*, you will find the obituary for Jerry Dean McHenry. He passed away April 7 at the age of 67. He was a science teacher at Ozark Adventist Academy for nearly 20 years. He was a kind and gracious man who I will always remember for the fantastic stories he told us about his childhood in between teaching us about chemical bonds, as well as for the personal interest he took in our academic success. Adventist education provides an environment for teachers like him to share in

their students' lives both academically and spiritually. Adventist education allows teachers to become mentors and friends.

As I think back on those pivotal moments I experienced, I'd like to thank Adventist teachers for the many roles they play in the lives of children.

I missed the opportunity to thank Jerry McHenry for his gracious spirit with chemistry students who wanted to hear his life stories rather than do chemical equations. I also missed the opportunity to thank Leslie Bailey, the English teacher

who mentored me and set me on a career path that I follow today. I look forward to that resurrection day when I can tell them how much I appreciated their dedication.

Thank you, Linda Aalborg, for helping a frightened Kindergartener understand that Jesus cares about all worries, big and small, including scary noises in the bathroom.

Thank you, Doug Fisher, for your hands-on approach to teaching math and physics. It was your physics class that introduced me to a love of science that has stayed with me.

Thank you, Louis Roehl, for challenging me in a religion class to think for myself, to try to understand all sides in an argument, and to have a more meaningful relationship with God.

These are just a handful of the many who made an impact on my life through Adventist education, and I am grateful.

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