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From the President

Kenneth R. Coonley

First, I want thank all of you for the cards I received and your prayers for me during my recent medical challenges.



It all began with a herniated disk in my back complicated by a rupture in my colon. All this happened the week I turned 65. I hope this is not a portent for the future.

Two surgeries were to follow: one on my back and one on my colon; however, as a direct answer to all your prayers, it appears I will be able to avoid both surgeries. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

During my recovery days something happened which reminded me of some words of our Savior that are rarely mentioned in today's world. Jesus, speaking to His disciples, stressed the need for Christians to be servants not only to fellow Christians, but to everyone. He went so far as to say if you want to be known as great you must be a servant. His words are recorded in Matthew 20: 25-28, "Jesus called them together and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'"

What reminded me of these words was Hurricane Isabel. This storm came across the northeast corner of our Conference with great force. Though we have had no reports of damage to our churches or members homes, we did have damage to Winslow Memorial Home, our nursing home in Elizabeth City, NC.

Whether it is because of the location or the fact that it is a small town, I don't know, but we have never been able to get any Seventh-day Adventist nurses or CNA's to move to Elizabeth City. Therefore, we have no Seventh-day Adventists working there, even though

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Conference Evangelist, Dale Pollett, preaches to another packed auditorium. Both conference evangelists, Dale Pollett and John Earnhardt, stay busy as they're "on-the-road" preaching to thousands throughout the conference each year.

The layperson who conducts evangelistic meetings has the convenience of prepared sermons and graphics. These can be easily shown with the use of a computer, a software program called PowerPoint, and a video projector.



2004 The Year of World Evangelism

BY JOHN SWEIGART
MINISTERIAL DIRECTOR

Iraq and North Korea, SARS and AIDS, and firestorms in California – we are living in the last days. We also have the privilege of looking forward to and hastening the Lord's coming. The Year of World Evangelism is 2004. As Conference Evangelism Coordinator I have encouraged every pastor to have every church hold at least

one outreach event in '04 and send me their plans. I have also asked every pastor to submit their Carolina Breakthrough (CBT) budget requests for next year.

So far I have received requests for CBT funds to support 113 events for 2004. The amount requested totals \$678,400. Those funds will support 21

lay-led campaigns, 78 pastor-led campaigns, a field school with Southern Adventist University training four ministerial students to preach and conduct evangelistic campaigns, two guest It Is Written evangelists and 10 campaigns by our conference evangelists. (see Scheduled Events)

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Ministering to You . . .



A New Addition to Nosoca Pines Ranch

Nosoca Pines Ranch is now enjoying new management under Rick Faber. Rick and his wife Helen are the newest addition to the Carolina Conference and the Nosoca team of camp professionals. In addition to managing the year round camp operations, Rick will also be the director for summer camp ministries. Rick and Helen have a rich and successful 10 year experience in camp ministry at both Camp Kulaqua in the Florida Conference, and Camp Mohaven in Ohio. They have three children: Elise, Roxanne, and Alex.



New Leadership for Young Adult Ministry

Pastor Terry Clem is now the Young Adult & Secular Campus Ministries director for the Carolina Conference. He is a great resource for attracting and involving young adults in the mission of the church. He will also provide innovative leadership in creating and developing ministry on college and university campuses in the Carolina Conference. His wife, Kathy, is the chief of the Division of Emergency Medicine at Duke University. Terry will continue to pastor the New Life Church at Chapel Hill, NC. If you or someone you know is a young adult or college student and would like to know of upcoming events, email him at tclem@carolinasda.org.

Schedule of Events

December

- 7-11. ACBC Open House. Charlotte.
12-14. Hispanic Marriage Retreat. Nosoca.

January

- 2-4. Pathfinder Council. Nosoca.
4-7. Ministerial Workers Meeting. Nosoca.
16-18. High School Bible Conference. Nosoca.

February

- 13-15. Romance at the Ranch. Nosoca.
20-22. Lay Advisory Retreat. Nosoca.
26-Mar. 4. MPA Ski Trip. Colorado.

March

- 5-7. Women's Leadership Meeting. Nosoca.
12-14. Lay Pastoral Training. Nosoca.
12-14. Hispanic Pastoral Marriage Enrichment. Nosoca.
19-21. Pathfinder Work Bee. Nosoca.
26-28. Men's Retreat. Nosoca.
28-29. MPA Academy Days.

April

- 2-4. Hispanic Men's Retreat. Nosoca.
10-11. Adventurer Fun Day. Nosoca.
16-18. MPA Alumni Weekend.
16-18. Hispanic Camp Meeting I. Nosoca.
20-23. Outdoor Education. Nosoca.
23-24. Pathfinder Council. Charlotte.

Obituaries

Anderson, Fern Elaine, 74, born January 23, 1929, in Oldham, KY, died August 21, 2003, in Fletcher, NC. A retired registered nurse, she was a member of the Upward Seventh-day Adventist Church. She is survived by her husband, Gordon Anderson; one daughter, Susan Wood; one son, Lonnie Anderson; one sister, Iris Morgan; one brother, Gerald Wheeler; and three grandchildren, Kristy and Jim Anderson, and Eric Wood.

Evans, Keith Edward, 67, died quietly at his home in Hendersonville on Jan. 20, 2003. He was born March 14, 1935, in Montreal, Quebec. He served as an Army Medic 1960-62. He received his Nurse Anesthetist Certification from Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital in Hanover, N.H. He retired three years ago and moved from Lansing, Mich., to Hendersonville to be near his children. He enjoyed woodworking, Christian evangelism and was a fix-it enthusiast. Evans was a member of the Hendersonville Church. He is survived by his wife, Joyce; a daughter, Sherry; a son, Andy Evans and three grandchildren; two brothers, Derek Evans of Ontario and Allen Evans of British Columbia.

McKnight, Edith Marie, 93, of Charlotte, NC, died July 11, 2003. She was born on June 18, 1910, in Charlotte, the daughter of the late Robert Calvin and Ida Linker McKnight. She was a member of the Sharon Seventh-day Adventist Church in Charlotte. Survivors include

a sister-in-law, Helen McKnight; three nephews, Everett, Earl, and Edward McKnight; one niece, Eleanor Ward; and a number of great nieces and nephews.

Seifert, Gertrude Ellen Keck, 82, born April 9, 1921, in Waterloo, Iowa, died of complications from a blood infection on October 14, 2003, in Charlotte, NC. Known as "Grandma" to everyone, Gertrude was a true example of Christian faith and love, with a good dose of personality to top it off. Daughter of Loren C. and Gertrude Darland, she was given in adoption to her aunt and uncle, the Allgoods, six months after her mother died in childbirth. She later moved to Aurora, IL, where she met and married Dean Keck and had a daughter, Deanette. They moved to Clarksdale, MS, in the late 50's. Dean died in 1981, and Gertrude later married Russell Seifert. They lived in Aurora for several years, and then moved to Avon Park, FL. Russ died in 1995, at which time Gertrude moved to Monroe, NC, to be with Deanette and her family. A devoted Seventh-day Adventist, she helped plant two churches, one in Clarksdale and one in Monroe. She was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Monroe. Besides her devotion to her family and church, her hobbies were playing golf and cards, walking, talking to friends and strangers, and most of all, spending time with God. Gertrude was a beautiful person, and everyone she knew was completely devoted to her. She is survived

by her daughter Deanette (and Tom) Mills; three step-children, Pat (and Gene) Carpentier, Kathie (and Terrie) Mulligan, and Paul (and Marge) Seifert; one sister, Shirley Wingate; two granddaughters, Beth (and Tam) Adams and Becky (and Bobby) Carpenter; seven step-grandchildren, Danny Carpentier, Mike Carpentier, Karyn Bosse, Sue Mabrey, Beckie Schlacta, Brent Seifert and Brenda Seifert; and nine step-great-grandchildren.

Temples, Lorene Lucky, 85, born October 31, 1917, passed away July 31, 2003, in Hendersonville, NC. Mrs. Temples had been a resident of Henderson County, NC, for the past 26 years. She was married in 1938 to the late James W. Temples. They were sweethearts for 63 years until his death in December 2000. The Temples became members of the Seventh-day Adventist church in 1946 as a result of studying the Voice of Prophecy Bible course, and were baptized by Elder O. D. Cardey. Mr. Temple became a colporteur shortly after, and continued this work until the early 60's. Mrs. Temples was Dean of Women at Madison College, Mount Vernon Academy, and Georgia-Cumberland Academy. In 1978 they moved to Saluda, NC, to live near family, and were members of the Tryon church. In 1998 they moved to Fletcher Park Inn in Fletcher, NC. Mrs. Temples is survived by three daughters: Ruth Stanley, Margie Jennings and Patzi Temples; four brothers; three sisters; one sister-in-law; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren, and hundreds of "her girls."



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Wagner, Elder David E., 86, of Hendersonville, NC, died July 6, 2003, at his residence. He was born May 23, 1917, in Ashland, KY, and on Dec. 6, 1941, married Juanita Willis, who preceded him in death in November of 1996. He served his country in the Army during World War II as a medic in the Pacific Theater. He graduated from Southern Missionary College in 1950, after which he pastored Seventh-day Adventist churches in Florida and North Carolina for 32 years. He led out in the building of the Hendersonville church, which was completed before his retirement in 1982. He is survived by his wife, Julia Jones Wagner, whom he married in 1998; four daughters, Cheryl (and Jimmy) Dalton, Daveena (and Warren) Willey, Linda (and Dick) Ekkens, and Marcia (and Virgil) Allen; along with grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Spruth, Erwin Ronald, 58, died February 13, 2003. He was born January 15, 1945, in Wayne County, MI, to the late Maria Adriana DePauw Spruth and the late Erwin Carl Adolph Spruth. He graduated from Adeiphian Academy in 1963. He was a devoted witness for Jesus Christ most recently through the Hendersonville Church, moving from the Ft. Pierce Florida Church after 17 years. Ron blessed many through his compassion in rehab massage therapy and with his voice through song. He is missed by his wife Nancy Nichols Spruth and children Kimberly Clark, Christopher Davis and Mindy Combs, plus granddaughters Samantha Carter, Hope Carter and Kayla Clark.

News Notes

Disaster Warehouse - When the winds of Hurricane Isabel had finally subsided, a multi-agency warehouse managed by the Carolina Conference Disaster Relief Team opened in Greenville, NC, supplying agencies such as the Red Cross, Food Banks, Baptist Men, and the Salvation Army. As needs arose, the agencies came to the warehouse to get food, water, personal items, paper supplies, and cleaning supplies to take to the front lines. When trucks from donors such as Wal-Mart came in they were unloaded, separated and sorted. Phil Rosburg, Steve and Carla Stillwell, Diane Waddell and Jane Dendy were among those running the warehouse, as well as Ted Holland from South Carolina Emergency Management.

High Point Women's Ministries - The week before Sabbath, April 26, found much activity at the High Point church. The fellowship hall became a county fair booth with streamers running from the ceiling to tables. All this was in preparation for a Vegetarian Food Tasting Fair for the public, sponsored by the Women's Ministries. The fair was advertised in the newspaper and with flyers, with the most noticeable advertising done by Rick Stanley, who dressed as a bright red ripe tomato and paraded up and down the road to attract passing motorists. A total of 27 large pans of food were provided by volunteer cooks. Vegetarian recipes were available to the more than 50 tasters who stopped by, as well as cards to sign up for prayer groups, cooking classes and Bible studies.

Southeast Asia - Over the years the Carolina Conference, in conjunction with the Southern Union, has considered the Southeast Asia Union Mission as a sister Union, and as a result has assisted in



many ways. Most recently the Conference has funded the building of a new church in Nangern, Laos. Building a church in Laos is unlike here in the States. In Laos, the construction of a church cannot be done openly. To win favor with the government they will often build a Handicraft Center. The center is used to provide a way where young people can earn an income. In this way young people can go into business for themselves and not have to get involved in vice, such as prostitution. This on-going relationship with the Southeast Asia Union Mission has resulted in several things, including the construction of a medical clinic in Viet Nam, a church in Cambodia, assistance with mission projects and orphanages on the Thai/Burma border as well as providing speakers for events such as Week of Prayer.

In His Presence

Lake Junaluska Camp Meeting 2004 is coming up in May. You will not want to miss this inspiring week of spiritual refreshment.

May 30-June 5, 2004

This past September the Eastern Carolina encampment took place in the same location, just as it has for the past fourteen years, right there on the very tip of Oak Island. However, somehow this year was different — As you watched the sun set over the little harbor, with the lighthouse scanning the sea with its bright light, you had a sense that Eastern Carolina camp meeting is more than just a weekend “get-away” — it truly is what this year’s theme proclaimed . . . *In His Presence!* Make plans early for next year’s event on Oak Island — the dates are **October 29 - 31, 2004.**



From Around the World

BY DR. KENNETH WYNN

As members and guests arrived Sabbath morning, September 20, to the Spartanburg church they were greeted with “Shikamoo” and “Karibu,” which mean “good morning” and “welcome” in Swahili.

The foyer of the church had been decorated with an African theme. Flags from each of the world divisions of the Seventh-day Adventist church were brought in by various members, many of whom had personal connections with the division they represented. After the flags were presented, the reporters at the World Sabbath News desk gave

church news from around the world. Following that, the children from the lower divisions sang special music in Swahili!

After the services, the members and guests were treated to a fellowship lunch of authentic African foods -- coconut bean soup over rice, samp (like hominy) and black beans, and ugali, a type of corn meal mush rolled into small balls and eaten with the other food. For dessert there was a special coconut pudding! Everyone agreed that it was a most unusual fellowship meal!



Autumn in Spartanburg

When the Spartanburg Pathfinders go into the community to collect cans, it must be autumn. After a “Reformation Sabbath” service October 25, the Pathfinders performed their annual “can collection” project. All of this is in preparation to put together Thanksgiving baskets for the underprivileged citizens in Spartanburg.

The Pathfinders in Spartanburg stayed busy as they hosted the evening musical vespers program. The night’s offering will be used to assist other Pathfinders to participate in the International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Other fund-raising projects included a veggie hotdog supper, held in conjunction with the Adventist Book Center sale held at the church.



Rebecca Gallant, 15, (pictured here with her interpreter) was the youngest volunteer to conduct a series in Tanzania. She joined her aunt, Gail Bremner, in preaching. Rebecca's uncle, Douglas Bremner, held his own campaign at a nearby site.

Become a Global Evangelist

A Ministry of the Carolina Conference

BY RON QUICK

Have you ever thought about becoming an evangelist? Several folks in Carolina have done just that. As a matter of fact they've become global evangelists! As we look to 2004 being the year of "World Evangelism" you may want to consider looking into a global evangelism experience!

Think about this, over a quarter-of-a-million people have been baptized in the past couple of years as a result of **Global Evangelism**. This unique ministry provides an opportunity for pastors and lay members to experience the Holy Spirit working through them in public evangelism.

Most church members are convinced they are not capable of doing public evangelism and especially doing it in a place where everyone knows them. Global Evangelism, on the other hand, could be just the right way to begin experiencing the thrill of a dramatic encounter with the Holy Spirit.

Global Evangelism is designed to remove as many obstacles as possible. Here's how it works! First of all, Global Evangelism invites pastors and lay members, even church members who have

never before preached a sermon, to travel to a site somewhere in the world. Everything is ready and waiting for them. In other words, the local church members have already prepared interests for the campaign, and welcome the inexperienced evangelist with guidance and loving support. All of the sermon and graphic materials are provided, and through daily mentoring, the volunteer evangelist is given help to know just what to say. In addition, Elder Robert Folkenberg, the director of Global Evangelism, provides a one-day orientation for all the speakers and their support-team members just prior to the opening of the campaign.

In 2004, there will be 860 sites in Europe, Africa, India, the Philippines, and

the Inter-American Division. About 190 will be students from 18 colleges/universities in North America and Europe. How does one "sign up" or get further information? The easiest way is via the

Internet. Simply go to: www.global-evangelism.org. Click on the tabs titled "Information for Guest Teams" and "Campaign Schedule" for detailed information. Other tabs lead to application blanks for pastors, laymen, and support-team members.

Are You Willing?

Jesus said, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations" (Matt. 28:19). That "ye" includes everybody, the gifted and the fearful, the assertive and the humble, the articulate and the one who stammers. God promises to

calm fears, provide words to say, and accepts full responsibility for the results. He only asks us to be willing!



It's a little difficult, but you can even conduct a series with a broken arm. Tanzania was the third campaign for Mary Ann Roberts! From there the Greensboro Church member went to her fourth campaign site in Zimbabwe.

Interested?

You too can become a Global Evangelist
Visit: www.global-evangelism.org
Click on "Campaign schedule" (to the left)

There may be a global site waiting just for you!

These Southern Union volunteer Global Evangelists recently held evangelistic meetings in Tanzania. Most of them are from Dr. DeWayne Butcher's Sabbath School class in Arden, North Carolina. Pictured with them are several pastors in Tanzania along with on-site manager Elder David Dobias, second from right, front row.

From the President

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we have a church in that city. However, Winslow Memorial Home has the best reputation in the county and is highly respected as a Christian facility. It was what happened there that made the words of Jesus so relevant and the deeds so inspiring.

Isabel raged through Elizabeth City with winds of approximately 100 mph. During the worst of the storm, 83 of our staff came in to work -- some on their day off. With the winds whipping, tree branches coming through the roof and windows shattering, these dedicated employees stayed on through the night, with little or no sleep, to care for the residents and see that they were not harmed. Yes, they got paid, but it was not required that they abandon their own homes to care for our residents. They did it because of their deep concern and obligation to serve those who were helpless without them.

In addition to the hourly staff, George Wilkins, our administrator (a Baptist who holds up our standards as though he were a Seventh-day Adventist), and Dan Tullock, a member of our Winston Salem church who serves the home as a consultant, stayed through the storm.

As I reflected on this willingness to serve without thought of self, I was reminded that we are all called to serve those in need and regard others as more important than ourselves (Philippians 2:3). As a Seventh-day Adventist Church we profess to care for others. We have Community Service programs in our cities to assist in meeting almost every need. But it is in the service we as individuals give, even when it inconveniences us, that tells how the words of Jesus truly resinate within us. I have to ask myself, would I leave my home, not knowing what I might find when I return, to care for someone else? How would I feel about giving of myself, in crisis, for an organization who does not believe as I do? I would like to believe I would respond as Jesus did while here among His people.

Maybe we would be much more successful in sharing the Gospel if we, as individuals, were known for what we do for others. We all may not be able to make this ministry our chosen profession, but all of us should be willing to sacrifice of ourselves if we see a need. I have a strong conviction that our young people should be more involved in service. We plan to bring people to camp meeting 2004 whose life is totally one of service to others. I'm convinced that our future generations will find more to life than music, material things and the morals of the world if we model before them the true value of a life of service.

I would like to challenge all of us to be more involved in our communities, especially with those in need. Hopefully, we will not need another hurricane to remind us all of the words of Jesus and this comment in *Desire of Ages*, page 637, "When the nations are gathered before Him, there will be but two classes, and their eternal destiny will be determined by what they have done or have neglected to do for Him in the person of the poor and the suffering."



Dr. Randy Tryon is one of the many lay evangelists that have already held successful evangelistic campaigns in their home churches. There are 21 more lay pastors who have scheduled events for next year.

Our two full-time evangelists, Dale Pollett and John Earnhardt, are frequently on the road as they schedule evangelistic events throughout the conference. Their "traveling homes" double as mobile office and storage facilities as well as the family home. Pictured are John and Crystal Earnhardt with daughter Carrie.



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This response shows the pastors and members of the Carolina Conference are deeply committed to proclaiming the end time message of grace and warning. We have a strong lay, pastoral and evangelistic staff dedicated to making a special effort in 2004 so that everyone in the Carolinas has the opportunity to hear this everlasting Good News.

In 2003, CBT funds helped support 65 campaigns across the Carolinas. \$450,000 was budgeted for the entire year's efforts. These included the Net '03 meetings from Columbia, as well as lay and pastoral campaigns. More than \$475,000 in CBT funds was sent to the

churches to help cover the costs of these events. However, because every dollar dedicated to evangelism (and more) had been spent, another 15 events at the end of the year did not receive CBT funds.

I don't want that to happen in 2004. Your financial support will make sure it doesn't. The Lord has entrusted his wealth to each of us for the accomplishment of His purposes. At Junaluska Camp Meeting you gave a record \$90,000 for CBT in 2003. Spending it all produced an astounding number of baptisms. So far this year, our baptisms and professions of faith stand at 621.

We trust the Lord will do even greater things through his faithful people in the Carolinas in 2004.

In addition to the opportunity you have to support CBT by your offerings at Camp Meeting, you can give at church every week or month by marking your tithe envelope "CBT."

In addition to being ministerial director, John Sweigart also coordinates conference-wide evangelism.



World Evangelism

2004 Scheduled Events

Evangelist John Earnhardt:

Wilmington, NC
High Point, NC
Upward, NC
Burnsville, NC
Franklin, NC

Evangelist Dale Pollett:

Concord, NC
Tryon, NC
Greensboro, NC
Davidson, NC
Greenville, NC

Pastors/Lay Evangelists:

Fletcher Spanish
Spartanburg Spanish
Hickory Spanish
Rockingham Spanish
Asheville Spanish
Greenville, SC, Spanish
Winston Salem Spanish
Burlington Spanish
Hardeeville Spanish
Hilton Head Spanish

High Point Spanish
Raleigh Spanish
Durham Spanish
Sanford Spanish
Fayetteville Spanish
New Bern Spanish
Newport Spanish
Asheboro Spanish
Greenville, NC, Spanish
Mt. Olive Spanish
Wilson Spanish
Charlotte Spanish
Monroe Spanish
Greenwood
Orangeburg
W. Columbia
Greenville, NC
Blythewood
Rocky Mount
Greenwood
N. Raleigh Company
Union
University City
Charlotte Sharon
Rutherfordton

Arden youth
Delco
Boone/Banner Elk
Hickory
Spartanburg youth
Charleston
Wilkesboro
Elizabeth City
Fayetteville
Charlotte Korean
Concord
Davidson
Arden
Mills River
Erwin Hills
Fairview
N. Asheville
Mills River
Brevard
Gastonia
Marion
Wilmington
Lenoir
Myrtle Beach
Warrensville

Charleston
Camden
Columbia First
Rock Hill
Bryson City
Shelby
Monroe
Waynesville
Sylva
Durham
(80 churches and companies listed. Some are having more than one outreach event in 2004)

Total CBT Fund Requested for 2004:

Earnhardt	104,000
Pollett	125,000
Winter	60,300
Spring	168,800
Summer	88,000
Fall	132,300
Total	678,400

Please plan to give generously on the two special CBT offering dates of July 31st and October 30th in 2004.

Carolina Teachers

Laura Ashlock
Adventist Christian
Academy of Raleigh
Melissa Baggett
Adventist Christian
Academy of Raleigh
Kathy Bailey
Eddlemon Adventist School
Beth Belensky
Asheville-Pisgah
Church School
Jacqueline Bennett
Beaufort SDA School



Daniel Bodner
Charleston SDA School
Susan Bossenberry
Eddlemon Adventist School
Fred Brannon
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Church School
Cathy Carlton
Adventist Christian
Academy
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Adventist Christian
Academy



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Susan Earnest
William Johnson Elementary
Sonja Eberhart
Greenville SDA School
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Celebrating Life

The Thomasville Church recently honored their former pastor and his wife, **Stig and Helen Anderson**, on their 50th wedding anniversary. Besides serving in the Thomasville and Lexington churches in North Carolina, the Andersons have also served churches in New Hampshire and Vermont, as well as serving as a field representative for Trust Services in the state of Ohio. The couple shared this momentous occasion with their three sons and six grandchildren. May there be as much happiness in the next 50!



Mary and Ted Burris, members of the Albemarle Seventh-day Adventist church since 1939, celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary on October 26, 2003. They were married in Chesterfield, SC, on October 28, 1933. After Bible studies with their brother-in-law, U.D. Bowers, they decided to follow their Lord in baptism September 9, 1939. They subsequently worked in the colporteur ministry during World War II, and later in their home church, as the Lord directed. Having attained their eighth decade they have curtailed their church work to weekly Bible studies in their home, potluck lunches on Sabbath, Ingathering, and church building projects. They credit their longevity and long marriage to a healthy vegetarian diet, water, exercise, sunshine, and a large dose of trust and joy in the Lord. - Jo McGalliard



On August 29, 2003 **Harold and Elsie DeVore** celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary with family and friends. The DeVores are members of the Murphy, NC Adventist

Church and were honored by their church family with cards, flowers, gifts and a wedding cake. The couple have nine children, twenty-five grandchildren, twenty-four great grandchildren and two great, great grandchildren.

Edward F. Herzel, born May 1, 1915, began his work for Christ at the age of 15 doing colporteur work. He attended Washington Missionary College in Takoma Park, MD, from 1938 to 1942. He and his wife Mary Lee have four children, eight grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.



Elder Herzel served as a minister in Ohio from 1942 to 1954, in New Jersey from 1955 to 1963, in Michigan from 1967 to 1978, and then served as pastor in Morganton, NC, from 1979 to 1982 at both the Table Rock & Morganton churches. He retired in 1982, and before long he was again active in many capacities.

Herzel was interim pastor for a time at the Lenoir Church, did Trust work for the Carolina Conference from 1982 to 1985, served as Morganton church elder and treasurer for about 15 years, and held many other church offices. He assisted in cooking school programs, disaster relief, and was director of Morganton's community service department for about 25 years. During his long years of service, Mary Lee also worked as a hospital nurse's aide, substituted as church school teacher when needed, conducted cooking school programs and worked in community service, packing clothes for ADRA for 40 years.

The Herzels decided it was time to *really* retire and moved to the Fletcher Retirement Center in September. Morganton members, family and friends arranged a combination farewell and anniversary party on Sept. 6. They will miss this dedicated couple, but are glad the Herzels will be able to spend more time with family and get involved in ministries in their new home. - Helen L. Self



Rest and Renewal Weekend

BY BEV COOK

The Tryon Church recently concluded a memorable "Rest & Renewal" weekend retreat for twenty women of their congregation, Sept. 12-14. Women's Ministries Leader, Bev Cook, invited the ladies to her home in Mill Spring, where she operates a health/lifestyle center only 20 minutes from the church.

Friday evening began with orientation, a vegan dinner, and an after-dinner walk. Opening the Sabbath, an interesting video was shown on the Biblical record of creation. The Sabbath brought a balance of spiritual activities with music by Eleanor King, Bible study, health talks, country walks, fellowship and healthy meals. Stella Young led out in an enlightening study on the "Love of the Father's Heart" during worship. During the afternoon, both Bev Cook and Becky Faircloth shared two inspiring testimonies, which exalted God's power of transformation from deteriorating lifestyles. This was followed by a convicting health talk from Linda Vaughn of Hallelujah Acres, a health ministry out of Shelby, NC. The evening brought a presentation by Bev Cook on the first chapter of Daniel, followed by a social time.

Sunday morning Kim Eckman gave tips on planning and organization. Later, many of the women were able to pick bowls of berries and figs from the Cook's property. They were combined with other vegan dishes including mango and strawberry pies, artichoke salad, vegan pizza and an array of raw food dishes.

By Sunday afternoon the ladies felt rested and fully fortified with delicious food and information to help them have a richer walk with the Lord. Many realized a renewed conviction on the health message and excitement about the possibilities provided by the Lord.

Judging Amy

Arden Youth featured in Hendersonville Time-News



What if you were put on trial because of your belief in Christianity? Would there be enough evidence to convict you? A teenager finds the answer to this question and many others when the youth of Arden Seventh-day Adventist Church presents Judging Amy, a drama conceived and written by the young people of the church under the direction of youth Sabbath School teacher Kevin Saye. The drama was in the church sanctuary as a fund-raiser for a youth tent revival to be held in the spring.

The tent revival, planned for late April, will be an outreach ministry by the youth of the church. The youngsters were hesitant about the idea at first, but now are excited. To make it a reality, the youth need to raise money to pay for expenses.

For the past year and a half, the youth of the church and Saye have worked planning

scenes and writing and rewriting the script. "Everything has come from their ideas," Saye said. "I wrote the script but they came up with the concept. We had to make sure it stayed biblical. The senior pastor and youth pastor both looked at it to make sure it was OK." As the work progressed, the students became more excited about the project. They stayed after church services acting out scenes making sure they would work.

"It's neat to see them with fire and desire," Saye said. "And this is the beautiful part: they learned biblical concepts."

Saye believes young people are more passionate about their faith and more willing to share it when they can claim it as their own and not just something their elders have expected them to believe. "They would say 'it would be cool to do it this way' and we'd say 'but the Bible doesn't say that,'" Saye explained. "They were able to let go and make it more biblical. They've been flexible about the changes and still kept ownership of the play."

Katie Stier, a 16-year-old junior at Mt.

Pisgah Academy, stars as Amy. She thought the idea was "awesome" and knew the youth could pull it off. "Playing Amy has made me draw closer to the Lord," Stier said. "Being put in the spot of judgment — it's hard to put into words — it's made me think more about what I do every day, and more concerned about my witness to other people."

The cast also included Becca Gallant, Richard Hodges, Max Hammonds, Douglas Bremner, Jim Hakes, John Boehmer, Alicia Evans, Casey Herbert, Linnsey Stier and John Boehmer.

Witnessing to other teens is the concept behind the planned tent revival. The meetings will include drama, music and testimony, all from teens. "Everything will be done by teens for teens," Saye said. "We plan to focus on the local high schools."

Each evening's message focused on a characteristic of Christ by looking at His interaction with people He met during His ministry and discovering what aspect of his character was revealed during that encounter.

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Parade Float Takes First Place For Hendersonville Youth

The King Apple Festival Parade in Hendersonville had a new entry in this year's parade. Youth from the Hendersonville Church took "A Bite of History" to the community when they participated in the Annual Apple Festival parade with their award winning float. The unique float not only earned the church exposure to the community, but they also took home the first place trophy in the nonprofit category.

The winning float featured two large apple slices on top of a merry-go-round. Each apple section held a scene from the nation's past history — the Pilgrims and their Indian friends, the Revolutionary era complete with Betsy Ross, the Civil War, and then the expansion into the West. Perched on top of the apple was

Johnny Appleseed. Also featured on the float were Abe Lincoln and the Statue of Liberty.

The youth's float was also featured in the *Hendersonville Times-News*, complete with picture and caption that read, "Seventh-day Adventist youth won first place for their 'A Bite of History' float." Church member Dianne Wagner came up with the concept of this year's float. Wagner's husband David, along with the youth from the church, constructed and decorated the award winning float.

Youth participating on the float were: Jillionna Bailey, Josianne Bailey, Laricia Crabtree, Nathan Crabtree, David Allen Wagner, Jonathan Wagner, Dianne Michelle Wagner, Benjamin Wagner, Sara Izquierdo, Julia Izquierdo, Steven Williams, Matthew Hadley, Jence Grinley, Annelise Grinley and Marita Grinley.



Student Bakers Share the Goods

Students at the Salisbury Adventist School have learned something -- when they bake cookies they learn more than merely read'n and write'n. The K-7th grade students baked cookies to share with several home-bound members and with kids at the Nazareth Children's home.

The students discovered that by making 32 dozen cookies they were developing both their math and reading skills. However, the most important lessons for these young bakers was the fact that when you work with someone else in mind the tasks of this life can be joyful.

Gregg Iverson and his class took the decorated bags of cookies, along with bookmarks that other students made for this project, to the children's home and home-bound members.





Women "connect to the vine" as they lay their crushed roses at the feet of Mt. Calvary.

Connecting to the Vine

BY DEBBIE RAPP

It's mind-boggling – how a weekend with perfect weather could also be such a perfect time to fill our hearts and souls with the Lord's overflowing goodness.

Each year women from the Carolinas and other nearby states make a sojourn to enjoy the spiritual festivities at Nosoca Pines Ranch. From the lighting of the Sabbath candles in the cafeteria to the "crushing of the rose" service in the gym, our theme centered around our "Connecting to the Vine."

Over 340 women made the trek to hear the first ever featured male speaker. It was none other than Dr. Richard Neil from Loma Linda, California. Through the years he has gained many incredibly wise perspectives regarding women and their Lord as well as women and their other relationships. "You could tell 'Doc Neil' is certainly a man who walks with His Lord," one young woman observed. He and Lynn Ortel, a woman greatly loved and revered by her fellow members, instantly connected with the women there

and brought along with them an intense focus on Coming to Christ, Dying to Christ, Connecting to Christ, Leaving Behind Shame and Guilt and ended with connecting wholistically to our Lord. Having spiritually connected between buggy rides; horseback and pontoon rides; featured mission reports from Arden and Spartanburg churches; oxygen breaks and body massages; singing with and hearing the very talented voices of Message of Mercy; the ladies who attended left feeling invigorated. Without a doubt, it was God's moving, motivating, refreshing Spirit among us. October 17-19, 2003, will definitely be a date remembered by the ladies who traveled to the camp on a crisp, fall day, hardly expecting the harvest of memories they would take home with them at the close of the weekend.



Lynn Ortel



A special musical concert and praise ensembles were presented throughout the weekend by MESSAGE OF MERCY, a popular musical team at women's retreats and churches. They have worked together for several years in and around the Collegedale, TN area. They truly filled the hearts of those who attended with worshipful music and praise for our Saviour and Lord.



Dr. Richard Neil



"Vessels that God can use" was the theme at this year's Hispanic Women's Ministries meeting, attended by over 150 ladies from around the Conference. Presenting gifts to the lucky "first-time visitors" are Elizabeth Pryce, Mary Romero and Gloria Ceballos. Ceballos was the featured speaker for this retreat, which was held the weekend of September 5.



Evangelism in Woodruff

The first evangelistic meetings in almost ten years got underway in Woodruff, SC, recently, opening to a packed house of over 90 people as Pastor Jeff Donaldson presented Prophecy of Hope 2003. Attendance has dwarfed previous events, and given this congregation of around 30 members a real boost in morale.

"I believe our success is due to God's power. People desire to know the truth and it has been quite awhile since this community has had any meetings like this," Pastor Donaldson said. "Even though it may be old hat to the rest of us, there are a lot of people who don't understand prophecy or know Jesus."

Along with recognizing God's working within the church, there are several other factors that contribute to a successful evangelistic series. Having a good location for the meetings is key, which may be one of the biggest differences in this effort and those held in past years. The current Woodruff church is only three years old. All previous meetings were held in other rented facilities or churches.

Once the congregation moved into their new home in 2000, many other positive changes began to fall into place. This summer, four "Welcome"

road signs with the church's logo and address were installed around town, helping people recognize the church name and feel comfortable coming through their doors.

"There are so many promotional things we've done as a church in the past few years, all contributing to the success we're having right now," said Lucas Patterson, the church's communications secretary. "The internet site (see sidebar), the street signs, community gospel singings, mass mailings, billboards and newspaper ads all served specific roles in getting our name out around town. It's incredibly rewarding to finally see a return on the time and energy our members have invested in cultivating church growth and spreading its message."

For the purposes of advertising Prophecy of Hope, the Woodruff church mailed over 32,000 brochures, put up two billboards, and ran an ad in the local weekly newspaper. Historically, mailings have proven the most effective way to reach people regarding seminars, but Woodruff chose to supplement them with billboards after learning that non-profit groups often receive a discounted price. They ended up paying roughly the same price for two 12x24 billboards that

display for a month as they would have paid for a single full-page ad in the weekly newspaper.

Though excited by the website, street signs, and billboard, Woodruff members know that nothing beats one-on-one communication as a means of witnessing. Pastor Donaldson points out the necessity of this kind of seed-sowing in the success of any evangelistic endeavor.

"I think it is important we remember that our members have faithfully demonstrated the love of Jesus to the people of this area over the years," Pastor Donaldson said, "and we believe God is moving."

While Pastor Donaldson praises the work of his congregation, the affection is equally reciprocated. For many of the original Woodruff members like Helen Neal, who helped start the church nearly 20 years ago, watching these meetings succeed is an almost surreal experience.

"It is not possible to describe my feelings on opening night ... to see family, friends and neighbors in a packed sanctuary," Neal said. "There is no doubt that Pastor Jeff is called of God and has been sent here to give the Three Angels Message. Our prayers have been answered."

If You Build It, They Will Come

One aspect of the Woodruff church's growth involves their presence on the World Wide Web. Almost two years ago www.woodruffadventist.com became a silent witness for Adventism everywhere. But specifically, it began directing people to 915 East Georgia St. in a small community located between Greenville and Spartanburg, SC.

Tom Hughes had been studying Doug Batchelor's "Storacles of Prophecy" series and began using his computer to search for a local church so he could learn more. He found www.woodruffadventist.com. One Sabbath morning Tom and his family followed the computer-generated directions to the church. A few weeks later, he was baptized. His wife and children followed Tom's example and are currently doing Bible studies with Pastor Jeff Donaldson.

Another individual came to the opening night of Prophecy of Hope 2003. While signing in, he commented that he had already communicated with the pastor via e-mail through the website. He had seen the site's page about the Adventist health message and used the corresponding e-mail address to ask additional questions.

Aside from ministering to non-Adventists, the church website has also been useful for helping former members keep in touch. One of the founding members who had moved away many years ago did a search using both "Woodruff" and "Adventist" as keywords. After viewing the church's site and seeing pictures of a new facility and being impressed with the overall site makeup, he sent a monetary donation in the mail along with words of encouragement.

New members, seminar attendees and old friends keeping in touch: What more could you ask from a website?

While internet exposure and electronic evangelism are nothing new, they remain largely a function of bigger churches. Perhaps the Woodruff church's success with their website will help prompt other small churches to look into investing in an internet site of their own. TAGnet is a solid place to start. They offer help for getting your church's site up and running even if you know little to nothing about building a website. For more information, visit <http://services.tagnet.org/websitebuilder.html>.

To see what other Seventh-day Adventist churches are doing with their websites, visit <http://mcdonald.southern.edu/churches/seusa.html>.



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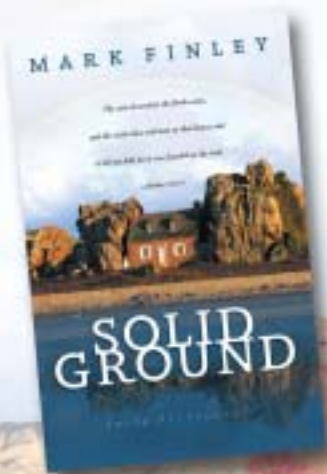
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