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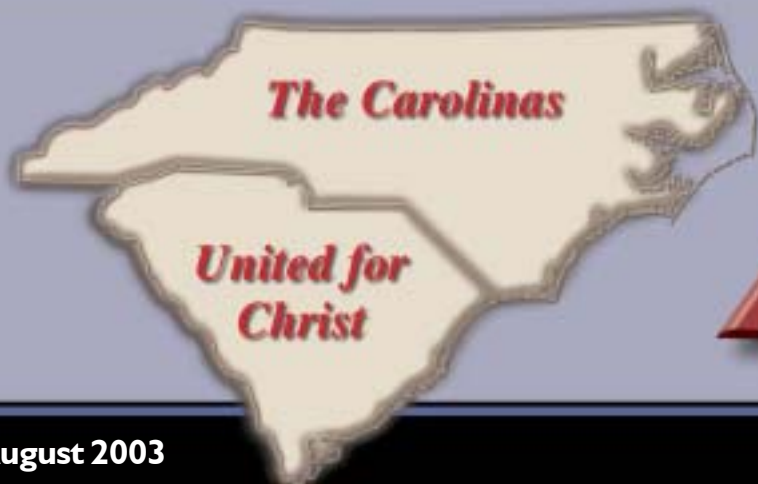
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Nosoca Pines Ranch 2003

From the President

Kenneth R. Coonley

Newsweek reporter, Arian Campoflores remembered seeing the devastation, rubble and twisted steel of the Twin Towers and commented, "I couldn't stop looking. It was like my eyes just weren't up to the task."



With the whirlwind of events that have taken place since that terrible day, it is not only our eyes, but our minds that are not up to the task of grasping all that is happening. Soon it will be the two-year anniversary of September 11. Quite a lot has happened since that day. Our nation has been in two wars; the Middle East crisis continues to escalate; we have willingly allowed many long held freedoms to be taken from us with the passage of new laws; and the economy has caused many to lose their life savings. The latter hopefully is only a paper loss that will be recovered when and if the market rebounds. Added to all this are the moral issues we now face that generations before us have never had to

Where do you go to find skiing, horseback riding, archery, swimming, boating and more . . . all in a Christian atmosphere? Why, Nosoca Pines Ranch, of course! Since 1974, Nosoca has been in operation as the Carolina Conference's camp and retreat facility, creating opportunities for all ages -- from the very young to the very old -- to have a time away in the great outdoors full of fun, family togetherness and spiritual refreshment.

This year was no exception. As

the new Youth Camp Director, Stanley Knight guided nearly 600 campers through their summer experience at Nosoca. And the kids weren't the only ones having a blast this summer! As one of the most sought-after places of employment for college-age Seventh-day Adventists in the Southern Union, Nosoca Pines employs a staff of over 70 energetic young people each year. These young adults truly provide a Christ-centered program for the kids in their charge.

But Nosoca is not just known for its summer camp. Each year numer-

ous events such as Family Camp, Pathfinder Work Bee, Adventurer Fun Day, Women's Retreat, Men's Retreat, Romance at the Ranch, Elders' Retreat, Young Adult Retreat, Lay Pastoral Training, Literature Evangelists' Retreat, Ministers' Meetings and more are held at the South Carolina facilities.

As a member of the Carolina Conference, you too are invited to share in the experience of Nosoca Pines Ranch. It's right in your back yard . . . come on over!

deal with.

One could easily be discouraged, if not for the words of scripture which make us wise to the events of the present and fill us with hope of God's everlasting presence with us. Matthew 24: 6-14 makes us aware that all we see today must come to pass, "but the end is not yet." Later in the same book Jesus tells us He will be with us until the "end of the age" 28: 18-20. So we have no reason to be discouraged. We understand about the future and we know the Faithful One who will see us through all that Satan unleashes on the earth.

Regardless of what may pass, I am

encouraged as I see the work of God moving forward in our vineyard of the Carolinas. When you receive this *Action* the year will be more than half gone. I want to encourage you with the good news about what is happening because you are faithful and trusting in God to keep His promise.

The Conference is growing at a faster pace than last year which was the best year in Carolina Conference history. Compared to 2002, in our latest report for 2003 we are accumulatively ahead by thirty-one souls won for Christ. Also, our tithes is the highest percentage of gain in the Southern Union, presently at 7.34%.

New church plantings and new church constructions are emerging at an unbelievable pace. We currently have six local congregations in various stages of construction; one just completed construction in June; and nine more projects are planned for the near future. Lay preachers actively involved in evangelism as well as with the Global Evangelism efforts of the Conference under the leadership of Elder Folkenberg, are witnessing the addition of several hundred thousand new souls for God's Kingdom. Our education program is challenged, but

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News Notes

Women in the Bible - Charlotte Sharon church Women's Ministries leader Barbara Williams and the Carolina Conference collaborated on a special weekend for ladies in the Charlotte area June 21. Invited guest speaker from Andrews University JoAnn Davidson spoke at the Sharon church and later that afternoon at the conference office addressed "Women in the Bible." Over 60 ladies, young ones included, enjoyed the delectables at the high tea dinner, the harp music of Kathy Russell and special musical numbers by the Charlotte Korean church ladies' choir. A grand finale capped off the evening with the musical talents of an Israeli folkdance group from Charlotte.

95 Years - Ima Woodell celebrated her 95th birthday on April 11. She married Claude Woodell, a fellow student at High Point school and they had a daughter, Jacqueline, born in 1928. They together owned the Dixie Cookie Co. in Columbia. Ima was very active in the church through the years. She now lives with her grand-

daughter, Debbie Peeples, and they open their home to a weekly Ladie's Bible Study. What a tremendous example of someone who loves the Lord and her church!!



Tri-City Quilts - MaryAnn Walden, a teacher at the Tri-City Junior Academy in the High Point, N.C. area, was made aware of a family in need this past December. With five boys in the family, they did not have enough blankets to keep the family warm through the winter. Walden's students decided to make quilts for the children. The kids gladly gave up play time and after school time to work on the project. With all their hard work the quilts were ready and given to the family by Christmas.

Walden says the quilts were not "perfect" but each and every stitch was sewn with Christian love. The students were thrilled to know that they had given that love to other young people whom they may never meet!

Schedule of Events

August

- 15-17 -- LE Convention. Nosoca.
- 23 -- Area Women's Mini Retreat. Hilton Head Church.
- 22-24 -- Pathfinder Leadership Convention. Nosoca.
- 28-Sept. 1 -- Family Vacation. Nosoca

September

- 5-7 -- Hispanic Women's Retreat. Nosoca.
- 12-14 -- Young Adult Retreat. Nosoca.
- 14-18 -- Retiree's Retreat. Nosoca.
- 19-21 -- Father/Son Retreat. Nosoca.
- 26-28 -- Eastern Carolina Camp Meeting. Oak Island.

October

- 2 -- Camp Mtg. Committee.
- 2-5 -- Carolina Pathfinder Camporee.
- 3-5 -- Lay Advisory Retreat. Nosoca.
- 17-19 -- Women's Retreat "Connected to the Vine" with Lynn Ortel and Dr. Richard Neil. Nosoca.

Obituaries

Brazell, Emily - Born in Columbia, S.C. 83 years ago, Emily Brazell passed away on February 13, 2003. She was a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist church and active with the Ladies Bible Study Class for over 50 years. She is survived by daughter Eleanor, son Ervin and two half sisters as well as several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by daughter Melinda, brother, Luster Phillips, Jr., and sister Evelyn Alexander.

Bryant, James Michael, 49, born Feb. 28, 1953 in Madison, TN, died Jan 20, 2003 in Walla Walla, WA. He was the son of Lane and Daisy Bryant of Charlotte. Bryant earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from WWC and a bachelors in pharmacy from UNC Chapel Hill. He was a member of the Eastgate Church in WA. He is remembered as a great intellectual with a great sense of humor, who enjoyed reading, studying, and playing chess. Survivors include his wife, Grace; his parents; a brother and sister-in-law, Steve and Dawn Bryant of Charlotte; and a niece and nephew.

Dr. Arthur A Pearson was born in Buchanan, Michigan, 91 years ago. After graduating from Buchanan High School in Michigan, he went on

to Madison College in Tennessee and Loma Linda University School of Medicine in California. The Lord led him through duty with the Army during WW II, returning to open a private practice in Hickory, North Carolina, and then general medical practice in Fletcher until his retirement. He was an active member of the Fletcher Church taking great interest in the Academy students as well as the Fletcher Hospital School of Nursing. He was preceded in death by wife, Mary Ellen Donovan Pearson in 1997. He is survived by his son, Gary, and two daughters, Marcia and Sharon, as well as several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Pender, Julia Mae "Penny" - Born in Forsyth County in 1925, Julia Mae "Penny" Pender was a graduate of Pisgah Institute and Sanatorium Hospital and spent most of her life as a nurse in UNC Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill. Retiring in 1987, she moved from the Durham area in 1988 to Kernersville to be closer to family. She was preceded in death by two brothers, James and Donald. She is survived by brothers Clay and Phillip of Kernersville and Arnold of Chapel Hill; also sisters, Marie and Barbara of Kernersville as

well as several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Frank Alexander Deaton, 76, of Charlotte, North Carolina, died on April 11, 2003, at his home after a courageous thirteen year battle with cancer. He was born on March 16, 1925, in Statesville, North Carolina, son of the late Frank Deaton and McBride Alexander Deaton. Mr. Deaton was a graduate of Statesville High School. He also earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest honor in Scouting. He went on to The Citadel where he spent one year before entering the US Naval Academy and graduated class of 1941. He was commissioned as an ensign, spent three years in the Navy, and was then recalled for the Korean War. He resigned from the Navy as a lieutenant Senior Grade. After his service in the Navy, he worked for Burlington Industries and later the Carolina Motor Company, a family owned business in Statesville, NC. In 1964, he began a career in the dry cleaning and laundry business with a one-hour martinizing franchise, and later grew his concern into Holiday Cleaners, which was the second largest dry cleaning operation in Charlotte. Mr. Deaton is survived by his loving wife of five years, Carolyn Smith Deaton; one son, Frank Deaton II; one daughter, Tonya Deaton Denning; two granddaughters; one brother; and two nephews.

Mrs. Johnnie Rogers Franklin

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Kicliter, 82, died Thursday, April 10, 2003, at her residence. A native of Madison County, she was born April 18, 1920, to the late John Robert and Maude Arrowood Rogers. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Jack and Scott Rogers. Mrs. Kicliter was a graduate of Swannanoa High School and Cecils Business College. She and her late husband, Carl Franklin, moved to Jacksonville, Fla., in 1955. During this time they built a home and were raising four children until his death in 1965. She worked for the State of Florida Insurance Commissioner's office, where she met her second husband, Earl Kicliter. After seven years of marriage he died of cancer in 1980. Johnnie completed 24 years of service to the State of Florida. Kicliter returned in 1991 to North Carolina, where she lived the remainder of her years. She was a member of the Upward S.D.A. Church. She is survived by her son, Carl Robert Franklin of Hendersonville; daughters, Francesa Golden-Dana and husband, Richard, of Flat Rock, Vivian Carla Franklin Tillman and husband, Gene, of Jacksonville, Fla.; and Catherine Elizabeth Franklin and husband, Larry, of Atlanta; sisters, Joy Bauman, Ruby Lowe and Robbie Mann; grandsons Glenn Golden, Bertram Forman III and Gene Tilman Jr.; and great-grandsons, Clint, Nick and Drew Golden.

The Power of the Holy Spirit

BY MICHAEL M. KULAKOV, JR.

A thunderstorm and power outage on Friday, May 2 did not deter the enthusiastic members of the Rock Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church from running the Voice of Prophecy speaks programs.

When visitors, friends and members of the Rock Hill Church arrived to the site Friday evening, the satellite equipment was dead due to the power outage. It was dark in the sanctuary and because the pump was not functioning there was no running water. It seemed there was nothing else to do but to lock the church and go home.

Yet, something wonderful happened instead. The music director Dana Bradford invited everyone present to join her in singing familiar songs in the foyer of the church. The foyer was lit with the rays of the setting sun. Soon there was no room in the foyer, requiring a move to the fellowship hall. Candles were lit on each table illuminating the many glowing faces - the fellowship hall was full.

Sabbath morning there was still no power, but that didn't stop people from attending. Everyone joined enthusiastically in the chorus, "I sing the Mighty Power of God." Saturday evening two members brought their generators, making it possible to enjoy Lonnie Melachenko's inspiring presentation by satellite from Columbia, South Carolina. Spanish-speaking guests were even able to enjoy the service using headsets for translation.

The power came back on Sunday, but the real power of God's Spirit was there all along with the Rock Hill church members and their guests.



David Beihl, far right, accepts a \$10,000 scholarship from AAA Travel for placing second in a national competition.

He Earned an AAA in Geography!

A member of the Columbia Church matched his geography and travel wits against students from across the nation and earned \$10,000 by being part of the second place team of three students in the first-ever national AAA Travel High School Challenge.

David Beihl, a home-school student, won the scholarship after his team successfully beat 44 other students in the national finals at Universal Orlando, Fla., May 9-12.

The competition began with a written elimination exam, followed by a series of round-robin, game show-style playoffs. The top two teams of three then competed in the final contest, with winning team members receiving \$25,000 scholarships and runners-up receiving

\$10,000 each.

"Students had to find countries like Tonga on a map," said David Parsons, president and CEO of AAA Carolinas, "and show their knowledge about capitals, culture and currency."

David, 18, won \$1,000 and a chaperoned trip to Orlando, Fla., after winning the state competition in April by placing among the top five scorers on an online exam, then besting the other finalists on a 40-question written, proctored exam.

The senior is a former National Geographic Bee winner, and so is his 15-year-old brother, Thomas, who also was a state finalist in the Travel Challenge.

"I really believe that God helped me to do so well," says Beihl. "The competition officials allowed me to

take the national test on Friday so I could still be in the competition without having to compete on Sabbath as everyone else did."

The contest seeks to raise students' interest in geography by focusing, in part, on two aspects that capture many students' interest: travel and tourist destinations.

As a leader in the travel industry, AAA depends on geography-savvy employees to serve its members and travel agency customers.

The AAA Travel High School Challenge awarded \$156,000 in scholarships courtesy of the Hogan Family Foundation, a non-profit organization that promotes the importance of travel and tourism. - adapted from AAA Travel News Release, May 12, 2003.



The first Durham/Lighthouse Final Four Pathfinder's to be invested as Guides, with their co-directors. (back row, left to right) Jeffrey Leader, Jason Rutkowske, Co-Director Randy Rutkowske. (front row, left to right) Co-Director Shari Leader, Tabitha Porter, and Jennifer Meyer.

Leading the Way

Final Four Pathfinder Guides Invested

BY JADE IRENE MEYER

On May 17, 2003, the Final Four Club in Durham, NC, had the honor of investing their first Pathfinder Guides.

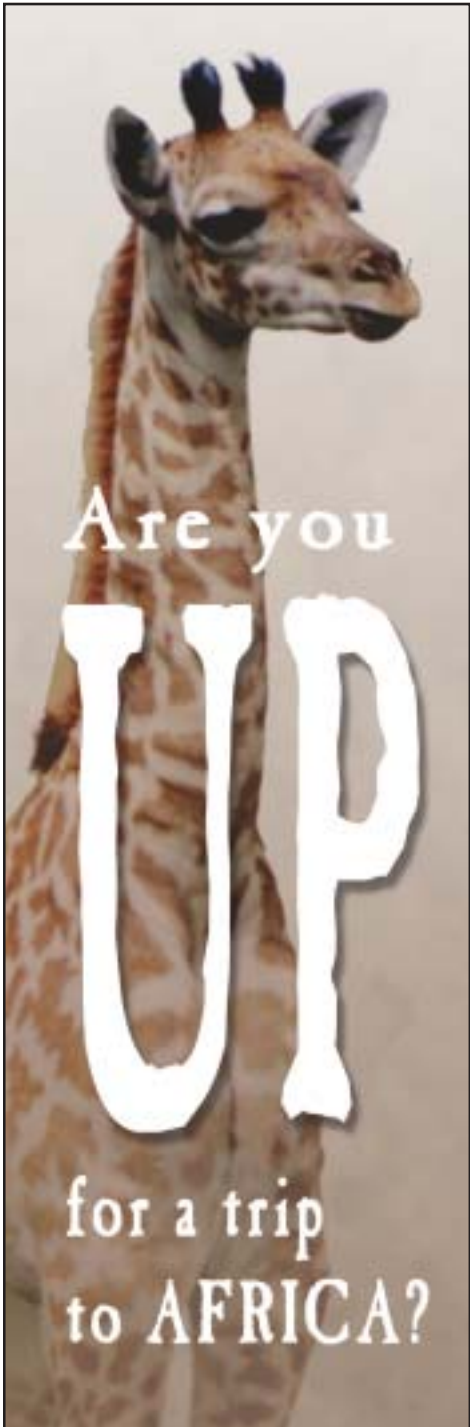
The Club is sponsored by two NC Triangle area churches —The Durham Five Oaks Church and the Lighthouse Fellowship. Randy Rutkowske of the Durham Church and Shari Leader of the Lighthouse Fellowship have been co-directing this group for six years.

The majority of club members have been with the group four or more years. The new Guides, who are original members, along with other

teens in the group, have been working on their Teen Leadership honor. On camping trips and group outings, the teens are given responsibilities for mentoring the younger and newer members of the Pathfinder family.

The Final Four Club continues to be very active in completing honors, and enjoys three major camping trips a year, as well as white water rafting, water skiing, and snow skiing trips.

If you have a Pathfinder and Adventurer Club at your church -- get involved. It can be an exciting and eternally rewarding experience for everyone who participates.



Are you
UP
for a trip
to AFRICA?

YOU have the unique opportunity to travel to the west side of Masai Mara Game Park near Kilgoris in Kenya, Africa, September 22 - October 7, 2003. There you will help build a much-needed medical clinic for the Masai people.

The trip is open to anyone ages 13 and up (ages 13-17 must be accompanied by an adult sponsor or parent). Cost is \$1800 per person (covers all travel expenses, housing, food, Kenya visa, and a 3-day/2 night safari).

Even if you are unable to participate, your donation of prayers and/or financial assistance will help tremendously. For more information or to apply, contact the Youth Department of the Carolina Conference.

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Desmond Doss, Medal of Honor recipient, along with Producer/Director Terry Benedict and his camera crew, pose for a picture with Elder Ken Mittlieder, retired GC vice-president and Doss committee member, at the Carolina camp meeting.

War Hero Visits Camp Meeting

For 50 years, Hollywood has wanted to tell the story of Desmond T. Doss. However, he has declined, wanting to live out his twilight years in quiet with his wife on their small farm. Producer/Director Terry Benedict has had a lifelong goal of sharing his childhood hero's story. With a promise to uphold the integrity of Desmond's convictions, Terry has been entrusted by Desmond to share this important piece of history. His tale is one of the most remarkable, perhaps miraculous, occurrences of World War II.

Documentary Synopsis: *The Conscientious Objector* will explore the nature of

Desmond's heroism and search out survivors of the 77th Infantry Division who were witness to Desmond's actions as well as those rescued by him. With a cinematic approach that captures heartwarming and inspiring interviews with Desmond Doss, his family, and the few remaining Veterans, their stories reveal the untold sacrifices that Desmond made. For the first time in 56 years, they reunite with their humble medic on the very soil of his amazing story, the Maeda Escarpment in Okinawa, Japan.

Produced and directed by Terry Benedict. Terry Benedict's 15-year background in the entertainment industry includes seven

years as an Assistant Director and Production Manager on various features and three years as a Production Supervisor.



Brenna Boulanger, member of the Lincolnton, NC, church, gets an autograph on her issue of the camp meeting newsletter from the war hero Desmond T. Doss.



The Lake Norman Company near Charlotte, NC, held their first Sabbath School and worship service July 12, 2003 with 15 people in attendance. Pastor Werner Gil of the Concord church gave a sermon entitled, "New Beginnings." All were richly blessed knowing this effort was God's leading. The group had been established

three are now actively involved in taking strides toward making this a thriving church in the Lake Norman community. After the service the new group met at a local park for a picnic lunch and a walk. They truly feel like a family -- all children of a wonderful Father!

New Beginnings in Lake Norman

BY JIM EZEKIEL

as a result of a lay-evangelistic effort led by Jim Ezekiel, Marvin Mosher, and Jim Burrell. These



Pastor Werner Gil and Marvin Mosher stand in front of the building where the new Lake Norman Company now meets for worship.



A Healthful Ministry ... Just Ask Barbara

and stocking her shelves with numerous vegetables, legumes and grains and avoiding meats and processed foods with added chemicals.

Since her cookbook has sold so well in the last few years, she is introducing a second cookbook, which sells at \$24.95 plus \$5.95 shipping and handling. Her very appropriate theme is *Changing the World One Bite at a Time*. Now, how is that for hoping to change the world? From a totally practical point of view, of course. Today Kerr runs her vibrant ministry from her home, conducts cooking schools, makes presentations at women's retreats and has regular appearances on the Three Angels Network. Besides that, she has authored two cookbooks. In addition to all the doors the Lord has opened for her to share her health knowledge, she has been able to use the profits from the sales of her first cookbook to help fund a church in India, aid in the translation of children's story books

into Romanian, and teach tens of thousands of people how to live healthfully. Most people could benefit from more information about foods that improve their health, she says. If you attend Camp Meeting 2004 at Lake Junaluska you will have the opportunity to see Kerr in action as a presenter. Just to see and hear her, you know it must be a miracle of God that she is enjoying a healthy life. God has blessed her experiences so that she may help others! Many are on the road to recovery because of what she has learned and shared. Even with a major change in diet, you can still say "Bon Appetit" with gusto. Just ask Barbara.

You can learn more about this ministry at www.tasteofhealth.net.

You're familiar with the verse in the Bible, in Genesis 50:20 that describes Joseph's long ordeal with his family. One of being sold into slavery by his own brothers and suffering alienation for years because of their antics. Scripture reminds us "that which the devil planned to use to destroy us, God can transform it into something good." This is certainly the case with Barbara Kerr, resident and church member in Columbia, S.C. In fact, she is a regular host on 3ABN and features gourmet recipes in her cookbook entitled *Taste of Health* to assist people with Crohn's Disease, Colitis or Lactose Intolerance.

Because of her own physical challenges and near death experiences a couple of times with Crohn's Disease in the early '90s, Kerr has a real

mission to help others who may be headed down that same road she traveled. Stricken with the disease at the age of 16, she struggled with the chronic inflammation of the digestive tract that kept her health in a constant uproar. After surgery in 1994 to remove her scarred large intestine, she launched a personal campaign to change her way of eating; in total, a complete life-style change, including no in-between meals and a high fiber diet. She advocates lots of nuts, especially almonds and focuses on the healing properties of many foods. In her television presentations, Kerr basically incorporates a teaching style that gives ideas on how to cook the types of foods she believes God intended us to eat. What could possibly be better? To her, that means eating many fruits,

From the President

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moving forward both at the elementary and secondary level. For an update on the boy's dorm see the report (right).

This information is just a small facet of a larger success report. I am aware that statistics may be seen as just so many numbers, but I believe what I have shared is a testimony to your spiritual health as a faithful child of God. He is to be praised for all that happens to advance His work on earth and He is pleased with your willingness to serve Him.

So in spite of all that is happening in the world around us, God is still pouring out His blessing. His command to the Angels to hold back the winds is providing us this opportunity to aggressively share the Gospel. Soon that opportunity will be gone. The Lamb-like beast will begin to speak like a dragon and persecute the people of God. While the Angels continue to hold, let us keep pressing forward.

In His Service,

Kenneth Coonley

Mount Pisgah Academy Boys Dorm Fundraising

Through July 18, 2003

Income

Individual Donation	\$ 200,000
Southern Union Appropriation	\$ 25,000
Church Fund Raising Projects:	
Pittsboro	\$ 4,000
Western NC Spanish	\$ 2,000
Kernersville	\$ 975
One Gift	\$ 5,000
One Gift by an MPA Supporter from Outside of the Carolina Conference	\$ 50,000
Four Gifts Between \$1,000 & \$2,500	\$ 6,000
Individual Gifts Under \$1,000	\$ 42,213
Donations Through Church Remittances	\$ 156,375
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 491,563

Expenses

Architecture and Engineering	\$ 286,715
Site Preparation	\$ 159,423
Promotional Materials	\$ 10,696
Survey and Lane Acquisition	\$ 18,507
Landscaping	\$ 4,725
Test Core Drilling for Geothermal HVAC	\$ 9,010
Miscellaneous	\$ 6,397
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$495,473
PROJECT DEFICIT	- \$3,910

MPA Boy's Dorm Project is temporarily on hold until more funds are raised. Please keep this project in your daily prayers.



A Good Investment

BY KENNETH WYNN

Spartanburg church hosted a special Investiture Sabbath for the Pathfinders, Adventurers and Eager Beavers on May 3, 2003. Stanley Knight, Carolina Conference youth director, spearheaded the festivities.

There was representation of all the clubs in the service. Eight Pathfinders collectively presented the sermon: Brandon Blake, Danielle Barbour, Christopher Rose, Sophia Cornish, Joshua Grant, Jennifer Bailey, Daniel Dawson, and Rachel Fehl. Their object was to convey what they could tell someone about Jesus "If They Had Just Three Minutes" to do so.

At this special event there were 43 Pathfinders and 36 Adventurers invested; a number of Eager Beavers, Busy Bees, Sun Beams, Builders, and Helping Hands were all recognized.

After the Fellowship Lunch, participants, parents, church members and friends gathered in the sanctuary for a viewing of the Pathfinders "Year in Review" film!

Praise the Lord for folks who are willing to lead out in the training and education of His young people!



Four Weeks and Sixteen Souls Later...

L.V. STAMP

During the weeks beginning March 8, 2003, and ending April 5, 2003, seeds of spiritual harvest were planted by John Earnhardt accompanied by his wife Crystal and the musical ministry of Kevin and Karen Pires. The result of this evangelistic harvest reaped eight new members into the Fayetteville Seventh-Day Adventist Church through baptism, and eight current members who rededicated their lives. Earnhardt, the first cousin of the infamous Dale Earnhardt, raced into our hearts with a powerful seminar on the book of Revelation that touched the souls of all who sought the word of God. We laughed, we cried, we praised the Lord.

Kevin and Karen Pires blessed us with their music ministry and blessed our community through their personal visits to homes of the guests attending the meetings. Mrs. Earnhardt's health talks were eye-openers. Eating habits of many were modified as a result of her insight.

The Fayetteville church family

strapped on their "let's get busy" belts and served as greeters, child care providers, parking lot attendants, musicians, choristers, soloists, and chefs. Pastor Huskins opened each meeting with prayer and was available to anyone needing more information about our church. Each church member is looking forward to the next time they will be able to sow the seeds of the gospel in whatever field of endeavor they may find.



John and CrystAal Earnhardt, along with Karen and Kevin Pires, led out in the meetings in Fayetteville.



Over 80 Happy Years

A big birthday celebration was held on April 19, 2003, after Sabbath worship to celebrate the birthdays of Mary A., 86, and D. H. "Ted" Burns, 84. Mary and Ted have been members of the Albemarle Seventh-day Adventist Church for the past 60 years. They are certainly an inspiration to their church family. May you have many more birthday celebrations in the years to come.

Share your Faith?

The *Adventist Review* is seeking short stories (approximately 300 words) of people who are sharing their faith. Each should be quite specific. Examples are the colporteur who always has a "What's an Adventist?" brochure in his pocket. Or the person who invites people to his home to see Amazing Facts videotapes. Or a person who has booklets in his car — perhaps the Sow 1 Billion tracts — and gives them out all the time. If you are or know of a person such as this, please write up your experience and send it in. *Stories are due September 19, 2003.*

Please email your stories to george.johnson@nad.adventist.org

Carolina Conference Church Clerk Workshop

Sunday, February 8, 2004
10 am - 4pm
Carolina Conference Office
Details will soon be mailed to all pastors and clerks



Metodi Ikononov demonstrates how to use the Segway transporter.

Career Day at Eddlemon

BY SONJA EBERHART

Students at Eddlemon Adventist School had the privilege of trying out a prototype of the new Segway, a two-wheeled personal transporter powered by a series of gyroscopes. Metodi Ikononov, who works as a mechanical engineer for Michelin, one of three companies working on the project, was a presenter at Eddlemon's annual career day fair on April 29. The Segway is designed for use in large cities where traffic is a problem.

Each year Eddlemon is host to lo-

cal professionals who set up display booths representing an array of different career opportunities. Students were encouraged to visit each booth and learn information about each career. The questions asked and the evident career planning in these children as young as 2nd and 3rd graders impressed presenters at the 2003 fair. Sergeant Ivy, an army recruiter, stated that most high school students he had met did not show as much planning or motivation for their future as these children displayed.



They Simply Love Their Teacher

Students at the Camden Adventist School simply love their teacher. This is evident due to the waiting list to enroll in this small school in South Carolina. Sherry Housley is one of several pilot teachers in the Southern Union who are involved in a program called the *Adventist EDGE*.

The *Adventist EDGE* is a new concept in education that utilizes the latest research about the learning process. The students in Camden have gained new learning skills, and because of this, parents and many church members have become enthusiastically involved in the program. Housley, who has been teaching for the past 25 years, stated, "With the *Adventist EDGE* program I feel like I'm more of a facilitator rather than a teacher. It has been extremely rewarding."

The objective is to provide excellence and motivation in Adventist education. The *Adventist EDGE* targets change in three critical areas: curriculum, instruction, and assessment. Teachers use the standards to develop relevant curriculum that makes meaningful connections to real life, taking care to integrate Seventh-day Adventist principles and philosophy. Students then apply what they have learned through service and community outreach.



A Time of Remembrance

If you came to the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Monroe on Easter weekend, you traveled back in time!

As you walked in the door, palm branches were spread before your feet. As you entered the darkened room you saw tables full of fruit, nuts and other delights, with candles highlighting each glowing face. You realize you have entered the upper room!

The twelve disciples are seated before you at a long table, and each of them takes a moment to tell their impressions of their last night with Jesus. Following that is an authentic Mediterranean meal of falafel and hummus, fresh fruits and vegetables. The service ends with the ordinance of humility and the holy act of com-

munion. What a blessing it is to catch a glimpse of what life would have been like in the presence of Jesus!

This special Agape feast has become a tradition in the Monroe church - A good one! Friends and neighbors who would normally not attend a regular church service look forward to this yearly event. It is certainly a great way to let people know who they are and what they are all about!



Kristine, Melody, Jessica and Addie Dorough enjoy dressing up for the annual agape feast at the Monroe Church.



Ben Kochenower interviewed Betty Wheeler and Susan Kochenower who were preparing to present evangelistic sermons on a trip to the Philippines in August.

Special Sabbaths in Spartanburg

BY KENNETH WYNN

July 19 was Women's Ministry Day in the Spartanburg Seventh-day Adventist Church. An abundance of talented women were involved in presenting an inspiring program. Melissa Evans was ordained as a church elder, followed by the scripture reading with Sheri Blake and her four year old daughter Ashley. A video with Mary Maxon, Women's Ministries leader for the North American Division, gave a brief outline of the development of Women's Ministries in the Church. The sermon, entitled "United by the Wonder of His Unlikely Grace," was presented by Leah Henry, Avadene Stutler, Phil Braithwaite, and Ye Liu. Following was a wonderful fellowship lunch served by the Ministering Women of the church. Led by Susan Kochenower and Patricia Davis, this Spartanburg ministry is involved in numerous projects such as Sunshine Bands, Operation Prayer, Secret Prayer Partners, and many more.

Sabbath July 26 was another special day for the Spartanburg Church. It was Education Day. The teachers from Eddlemon Adventist School presented the worship service. Pastor Jim Rochester had a special dedication of the teachers, while Associate Pastor Mike Hill had a special dedication of the students. Eddlemon's new princi-

pal Ms. Susan Bossenberry interviewed the mother of one of the students, neither of which were members of the Spartanburg church. Yet the student had been in Eddlemon since pre-K. The mother, Mrs Karen Thomas, explained that she had chosen to send her daughter Chloe to Eddlemon because she felt that it was superior not only spiritually, but aca-



Karen Thomas, mother of one of the students at Eddlemon Adventist School, poses with the school's new principal, Ms. Susan Bossenberry.

demically as well. She stated her satisfaction that her daughter was able to attend such a fine school. She regarded it a privilege to be able to have her here. What a wonderful testimony! The Spartanburg Church is proud of the educational system of the Adventist church and supports it wholeheartedly.

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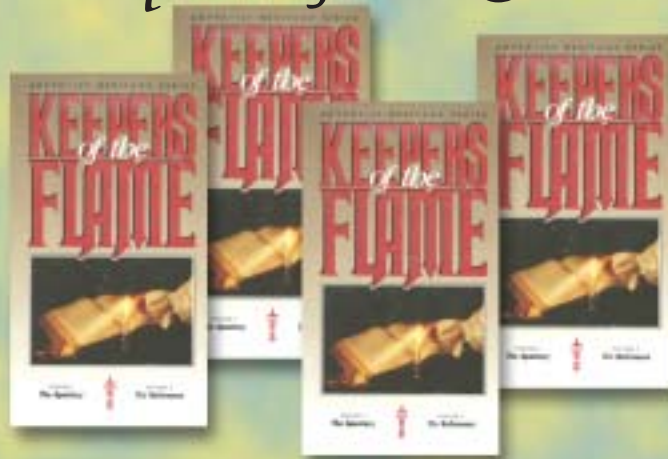


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(specify number of persons): Sub-Totals Totals
Friday _____ Sabbath _____ = Total _____ x \$32.00 (per person/night) \$ _____ 1

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TOTAL # ROOMS _____ **TOTAL LODGING** (Add lines 1 & 2) \$ _____ 3

MEALS

Adults/children ages 6 years and above: Sub-Totals
(specify # per day) \$5.50 \$6.50 \$7.50
Breakfast Lunch Dinner
Friday _____ N/A N/A _____ \$ _____ 4
Sabbath _____ N/A N/A _____ \$ _____ 5
Sunday _____ N/A N/A _____ \$ _____ 6
TOTAL ADULT MEALS (Add lines 4-6) \$ _____ 7

Children ages 5 years and under (Children under 2 are free):
(specify # per day) \$2.75 \$3.25 \$3.75
Breakfast Lunch Dinner
Friday _____ N/A N/A _____ \$ _____ 8
Sabbath _____ N/A N/A _____ \$ _____ 9
Sunday _____ N/A N/A _____ \$ _____ 10
TOTAL CHILD MEALS (Add lines 8-10) \$ _____ 11
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST (Add lines 3, 7, 11) \$ _____ 12
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