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## Carolina Olympic Pathfinder Camporee

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Photos by Ruben Casabona





# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

## Join the P5 Ministry! "We do not know what to do, but we are looking to you for help," 2 Chronicles 20:12 NLT.

Ever been there? That was part of a prayerful plea made by desperate, godly King Jehoshaphat, the great-great-grandson of King Solomon when he faced a challenge he could not overcome in his own ability. In God's perfect timing the Spirit of the Lord came on a man named Jahaziel to deliver a message of hope and encouragement to the king: "Do not be afraid. Don't be discouraged ... for the battle is not yours, but God's" (verse 17).

Oh, the amazing power of prayer! Just consider these precious promises from the sacred pages of Scripture:

"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective," James 5:16, NIV.

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours," Mark 11:24, NIV.

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him," 1 John 5:14-15, NIV.

Steps to Christ is truly one of my favorite personal devotional readings. I have highlighted and underlined several passages from this book as I've read through it numerous times. Last year (2017) marked the 125th anniversary of its publication in 1892. I read through it again and was so blessed by its Christ-centered message. It is certainly the most widely read book

by Ellen White and has been printed in more than 150 languages worldwide. These beautiful words from page 100 touch my heart every time I read them:

"Keep your wants, your joys, your sorrows, your cares, and your fears before God. You cannot burden Him; you cannot weary Him. He who numbers the hairs of your head is not indifferent to the wants of His children. 'The Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.' James 5:11. His heart of love is touched by our sorrows and even by our utterances of them. Take to Him everything that perplexes the mind. Nothing is too great for Him to bear, for He holds up worlds, He rules over all the affairs of the universe. Nothing that in any way concerns our peace is too small for Him to notice. There is no chapter in our experience too dark for Him to read; there is no perplexity too difficult for Him to unravel. No calamity can befall the least of His children, no anxiety harass the soul, no joy cheer, no sincere prayer escape the lips, of which our heavenly Father is unobservant, or in which He takes no immediate interest. 'He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.' Psalm 147:3. The relations between God and each soul are as distinct and full as though there were not another soul upon the earth to share His watchcare, not another soul for whom He gave His beloved Son."

Soon after I accepted the sacred mantle of being your servant leader for the Lord on December 21, 2011, it was my desire to establish a prayer ministry in partnership with our Carolina family. Since October 2012, I have

published a list of seven items every month, now known as the President's Prayer Partner Petition & Praises (aka P5 Ministry), that serves as the objective of our collective prayers. My prayer is that one day this prayer circle will include 10,000 members in the Carolinas who will take matters to God on their knees.

This beloved hymn says it well:  
*What a friend we have in Jesus  
All our sins and griefs to bear  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer  
O what peace we often forfeit*

*O what needless pain  
we bear  
All because we do not  
carry  
Everything to God in  
prayer*

May I invite you to join the P5 Ministry? Below are three ways to begin partnering with me in this prayer ministry.

God has given us a special promise regarding the power of united prayer: "Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall

be done for them of my Father who is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them," Matthew 18:19-20, ASV.

United in prayer, let's experience Heaven's blessings across the Carolinas.

Your servant leader,

Leslie Louis  
Carolina Conference President

  
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# Over 1,000 young people and counselors attend the 2018 CAROLINA PATHFINDER CAMPOREE

The town of New London, NC, didn't know what hit it when 1,028 Pathfinders and counselors descended on Camp Barnhardt for the Carolina Olympic Pathfinder Camporee on March 15-18, 2018. The young pioneers bravely pitched their tents in the windy, cold weather (some of them in the dark) and settled in for a fun, energetic weekend.

And when we say energetic, there was truly never a dull moment. Stanley Knight, Carolina Conference youth director, was kept hopping from one event to another, overseeing the never-ending duties associated with such a huge gathering of kids. He and his Pathfinder Council planned three days of activities and honors designed to cause every young body to drop into its sleeping bag with an exhausted sigh at the end of the day.

Friday was Olympic activity day,

which included canoeing, zip lining, relays and something called "Gaga Ball," a fast-paced, high-energy version of dodgeball played in an octagonal pit. Everywhere you looked there were kids flying, jumping and running. On Saturday night, gold, silver and bronze awards were given for the 19 Olympic events held on Friday.

Ryan Hodgins, associate pastor at the Charlotte Sharon church, was the devotional speaker for the Camporee. His main message was how to get through adversity to attain the goal. When he shared his testimony with the young people, they were riveted to the story.

On Sabbath afternoon the Pathfinders worked on their honors. There were lessons on knot tying, fire building (the kids got to use a real hatchet to chop wood, supervised carefully, of course), and other important survival

skills. There was also a replica of the Israelite sanctuary to explore. Camp Barnhardt is a large, sprawling camp owned by the Boy Scouts, but the long treks between events didn't deter the youth from getting involved in everything they could.

Attitudes were positive and spirits were high throughout the event, and when everyone packed up to leave on Sunday morning, they were already looking forward to next year's Camporee. This Camporee had the highest attendance yet, even with some of our clubs unable to come. We would love to see all obstacles removed so that next year we can have 100% participation. Please contact your Pathfinder leaders to see what you can do to make that happen.

—by Becky Carpenter



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Are you compassionate? This is a great question that is easy to answer affirmatively without stopping to think about the true answer. This question was the theme of the third annual Evangelism IMPACT weekend held January 25-28, 2018, in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Ty Gibson, one of the founders of Light Bearers, was the keynote

speaker this year. Gibson's messages focused on discovering where you are connecting with others and whether you are living each day for yourself or to serve others — are you compassionate? Each message was refreshing and straight from the heart. Presentations by other top-notch speakers such as Lynell LaMountain, Richie Halvorsen, and Sung Kwon rounded out the weekend.

This year was the first time the IMPACT team ran out of translation equipment for our Hispanic brothers and sisters. The remedy was to provide closed circuit projection in an adjoining room with translation delivered through a sound system. This is definitely a problem to be excited about because it shows how eager our Hispanic community is to reach their neighbors for Christ.

Each year the attendee list for this weekend event increases by more than 100 from the previous year. Why the increase of interest every year? Could it be that church members want

to see their congregations grow? Is it because each year the Ministerial Department brings in superb speakers and presenters? Might it be that the event is held at the beach during the winter months? The answer could easily be any one of these; however, the more likely answer is that people are hungry to find new and effective ways to reach more souls before Christ returns and introduce them to His transformative power.

Because attendance keeps increasing each year, IMPACT'19 will be held at a different location, which is just half a mile down the road from the previous venue. The new facility has larger meeting spaces, so more church members and non-members can attend. Because of the change in location, the dates also changed because of availability at the new facility. Mark your calendars for February 7-10, 2019, and stay tuned for more information.

—by Courtney Herod



# EVANGELISM

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## VISION VII: Expand Our Publishing Ministry

Our seventh 20/20 Visionary Goal is to pray and commit to expanding the work of our publishing ministry in the distribution of truth-filled literature by:

- Promoting a visible display of a GLOW tract rack in every Carolina church for members to utilize in sharing seeds of truth in every church community across North and South Carolina;
- Developing the Magabook program to include a growing number of students from the church schools and academies in our territory in conjunction with an annual rate of increased sales;
- Supporting the work of our dedicated full-time literature evangelists by adding a full-time field district leader.

At our constituency session in August 2016, seven broad visionary goals were unveiled by your leadership team for God’s work in the Carolinas for the next five years. In each of the past six issues of *Carolina Action*, we highlighted one of the objectives we have dedicated our efforts to praying for and uniting our efforts with God’s blessing to accomplish.

In this issue we wish to share with you how the Lord has blessed our publishing ministry. In 2012 and 2013, the publishing ministry primarily focused on the work of our literature evangelists (LEs). Across the North American Division (NAD) this work has diminished significantly. Of the 59 conferences across the NAD, only four sister conferences (Georgia-Cumberland, Carolina, Kentucky-Tennessee, and



# KEEPING A FOCUS ON OUR 20/20 VISION

## FOR THE CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Gulf States) have formed a relational alliance to broaden the scope of publishing by:

- Supporting and nurturing the work of our LEs (formerly referred to as colporteurs);
- Encouraging the faithful witness of a GLOW tract ministry in all 154 churches and companies of the Carolina Conference;
- Expanding the Magabook ministry to include more students and youth from the Carolinas for the work in the Carolinas.

I am truly grateful for the leadership of Publishing Director Lance Morrison and our newly elected associate director, Rubi Pimentel, in this vital ministry of the Carolinas. Together with our LEs, they are flooding our field with truth-filled literature that will serve as seeds of truth to reach more hearts for Heaven. So how

has our publishing ministry done during the past two years (2016 & 2017)?

- 13 Conference LEs (nine of whom are dedicated to full time literature ministry) have sold more than \$336,000 of truth-filled literature.
- 13 baptisms have resulted from this ministry.
- 10,800 pieces of free literature have been distributed across the Carolinas.
- 2,066 noted prayers have been offered in the homes visited through this ministry.
- Thousands of non-Seventh-day Adventists are being witnessed to every year by our LEs.

GLOW is an acronym for Giving Light to Our World. The work of our

publishing department has expanded significantly and can involve all members as witnesses who sow seeds of truth in their communities. GLOW tract racks are now being placed in prominent places in the lobbies of our churches. When we began this initiative to have GLOW tract racks in every church, we ended up with:

- 47 GLOW tract racks in our churches by the end of 2016,
- 93 GLOW tract racks in our churches by the end of 2017, and
- 103 projected GLOW tract racks in our churches by the end of 2018.

The goal of our Magabook ministry is to provide quality witnessing materials at the best possible prices, provide students with opportunities and experiences that impact the lives of others and strengthen their own relationships



with Christ, and offer our youth and young adults a Christ-centered employment opportunity that can be a blessing while funding their Adventist education.

Let’s continue to uplift and pray for these soldiers of the cross who are God’s boots on the ground. As they knock on doors and follow up on lead cards, make personal contacts with Heaven’s smile on their faces, and sow seeds of truth across the expanse of the Carolinas with our publications of truths centered in Christ, may they sense the presence of holy angels and experience the power of the Holy Spirit.

—by Leslie Louis, Carolina Conference President

Magabook Program	2016	2017	2018
Students Involved	12	24	45
Carolina Students Involved	0	4	10
Scholarships Earned/Anticipated	\$58,000	\$120,000	\$150,000

## Lenoir Children Share Love With Local Police



Some time back, the Lenoir Seventh-day Adventist Church received a letter from the chaplain at the local police department. He was contacting area churches, asking them to send cards of appreciation and encouragement to the police officers and staff on their birthdays. The idea sounded interesting to Betty Mahaffey, and she was impressed to lead out in this ministry.

Seven other church members joined the police ministry team, and on the first Sabbath in February 2018, the children of the church joined the team for lunch and an afternoon of making Valentines. All 83 police officers and staff at the Lenoir Police Department received a Valentine made with love.

—by Betty Mahaffey

## Stacey Ashmore Honored

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Gamma Gamma Lambda Chapter at Furman University in Greenville, SC, recently honored Stacey Ashmore as the Martin Luther King Jr. Citizen of the Year for 2017. Ashmore is a member of the Greenville South Seventh-day Adventist Church

where he serves as community services director, deacon, and member of the youth council. He works for Greenville Family Partnership where he teaches life skills to individuals and groups at schools, in the juvenile detention center, and in many other instances.

—by Gerald Mobley



## Let Freedom Ring! Students Attend MLK Parade



Although most students were out of school on January 15, 2018, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the students at Myrtle Beach Seventh-day Adventist Christian School were braving below-freezing temperatures as they held up posters at the annual Martin Luther King Jr. parade in downtown Myrtle Beach, SC. The posters featured words such as faith, love, hope, equality, and freedom—words found in or relating to Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous “I Have a Dream” speech. The students looked up Bible verses that corresponded to each of these key words and printed

them on their posters in hopes that people who saw their posters would know there is faith, love, hope, equality, and freedom in Jesus. Many of the spectators and participants stopped to take pictures of our students proudly displaying their posters, unashamed to proclaim Jesus to their community. Myrtle Beach Seventh-day Adventist Christian School put Matthew 28:19-20 into action by going into their community to preach the gospel. This is truly the essence of Adventist education.

—by Becky Cain, Myrtle Beach SDA Christian School



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## Refugees Brave the Cold for Fellowship

Just three days after Greensboro, NC, was buried under 6-8 inches of snow that cancelled flights and closed schools, 170 refugees from six language groups braved the winter conditions to gather at the Greensboro Seventh-day Adventist Church for what they called a Refugee Families Thanksgiving Worship. After a rousing song service by the Karen (pronounced “Ka-REN”) youth and opening prayer by prolific cross-cultural church planter, Fabian Reid, the event opened with a parade of nations. Groups included Nepali-speaking refugees from Bhutan and their leader from Nepal; Burmese,

Karen, and Karenni-speaking refugees from Myanmar; Montagnard refugees from Vietnam; and Kinyarwanda/Kirundi-speaking refugees from the Rwanda, Burundi, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Each group shared a brief group history and special music. Guests participating in this third annual fellowship event included a local Karenni Baptist congregation. Carolina Conference president, Elder Leslie Louis, was the featured speaker for the event, topped off by a musical selection by Elder Louis and his wife, Carol.

Event organizer, Pastor Jimmy Shwe, who serves as pastor of the five Karen congregations in the Conference, and North American Division church planting consultant for the Karen language group, hopes to have 200 in attendance next year. “I [would like to] encourage other groups also to do it for their language groups,” Shwe says. “It doesn’t matter what religion. Just invite them, and eat with them, and pray with them. Build relationships with them.”

—by Terri Saelee, Coordinator, Adventist Refugee & Immigrant Ministries, North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists





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# A NEW BUS for MPA



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We have a wonderful group of young people at Mount Pisgah Academy (MPA) and a dedicated, Christ-centered staff who desire to lead our students in a closer walk with Jesus. I know because I have been there on a number of occasions. I was on the campus earlier this year to have the evening worship for our students and had a delightful time sharing a meal with a few of the students.

In January, several of our students attended a prayer conference at Camp Kulaqua in Florida. Stanley Knight, Conference youth director, spoke of how proud he was of our students, who were always on time and present at each of the meetings. An unfortunate occurrence took place, however, when the students were ready to return home. The bus broke down. I am most grateful it did not break down on the side of the road, especially since the we had been experiencing frigid temperatures during much of January. Thankfully, arrangements were made to use Fletcher Academy's bus and transpor-

tation from Camp Kulaqua to get all our students safely back to the MPA campus.

There are times when we pray about small things. Then there are times we pray over large items. But nothing is too small or too big for the God you and I worship! We truly need a reliable bus for our academy. Will you partner with me and pray about this need? If the Lord convicts you to send \$1, \$10, \$100, \$1,000, \$10,000, or more, this can be your part in fulfilling a major need at our academy

this year. By God's grace and with His blessing, this prayer wish can become an answered prayer by the end of this year.

Of course, we need some large donations to accomplish raising almost \$200,000 for this newer coach bus. Let's not minimize even the small gift, though. I am reminded of two well-known tidbits of motherly advice I heard during my childhood: "Leslie,

little drops of water make a mighty ocean," and "Leslie, a penny saved is a penny earned."

When we all pray together and commit to a task, God can do amazing things far beyond our imagination!

I'll keep you posted about the MPA Bus Fund as prayers go up and funds come in. If the Lord impresses you to do so, please make a contribution. Every dollar makes a difference, so we thank you so much for your thoughtful

gifts to make this dream a reality this year!

—Leslie Louis, Carolina Conference President

## To Donate

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# PLANTING APPLE TREES

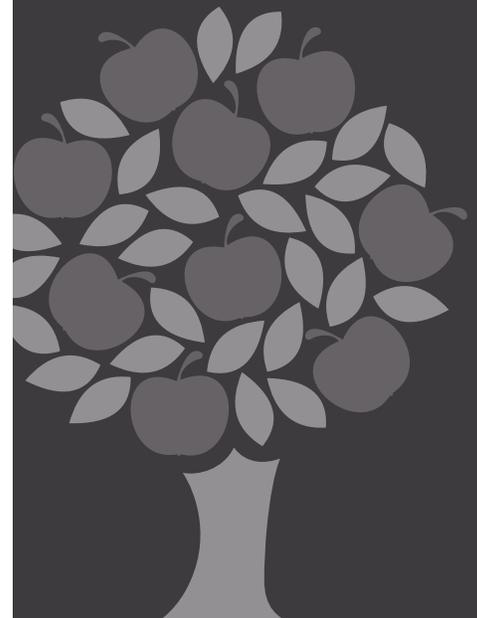
"Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree." — Martin Luther

We all know that on some tomorrow in the not-too-distant future, this world will go to pieces. Even so, our church is planting apple trees today. You may ask, "How are we planting apple trees?" Here's how:

- We are nurturing our children through Adventist Christian education, Sabbath School, Adventurers, Pathfinders, and by involving them in worship and outreach.
- We are connecting with our community through acts of service and compassion and through evangelism in its many forms.
- We are encouraging each other through intercessory prayer and in our shared goals for mission and service.
- We are supporting the mission by returning an honest tithe and giving an offering of thanks to God for local church needs.

Planting these trees takes unity, teamwork, sacrifice, and generosity. These are God-sized goals. How will God use you in the fulfillment of these dreams? As you ponder this question, consider something else that Martin Luther said:

"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess." —Martin Luther  
—by Rick Russell



# WALKING FREE: Faithful Living for Young Men

Why is it so hard to engage our young men with church, or for that matter, religion in general? This question haunts most men's ministries leaders across the North American Division (NAD). When Seventh-day Adventist Millennial males are asked, they give several reasons for their lack of participation. One is that the material presented isn't interesting or isn't what they really want to discuss. Another is that they see men's groups as being a pancake breakfast or maybe a building project, but they don't want to sit around a campfire sharing their feelings and singing "Kumbaya."

According to Marty Miller, co-founder of Blueprint for Men, a men's ministry based in Chattanooga, TN, "Trees grow taller, stronger and straighter in a forest than on their own

in the middle of a field." Men need each other in order to grow strong spiritually. On their own, they are likely to have a rather "wind-twisted" lives.



*Walking Free can be downloaded from iTunes, Google Play and Stitcher.*

Courtney Herod, associate communication director for the Carolina Conference, began looking at podcasts as a way to reach out to this demographic. A trend in secular podcasts for young men is to deal with topics they are struggling with in a straightforward manner. However, these popular podcasts are missing a biblical, or even spiritual, foundation. Young

men in our churches are dealing with the same issues, but often their pain is ignored or dismissed.

This urgent need sparked the idea to create a men's podcast show with a spiritual emphasis, which would be relevant to the unchurched as well.

The director of men's ministries

for the Conference, Tony LaPorte, jumped on board. The next step was finding a young man to host the show who could connect with Millennials and Gen Z'ers, see the vision for the show, and run with it. The associate pastor of the Arden Church, Evan Bujeker, was invited and came on board with lots of ideas.

Thus was born Walking Free, a weekly podcast talk show. Bujeker has lined up guests from all walks of life — pastors, young people, businessmen, church administration, and media personalities — who have dealt with the same difficult issues that plague our young people. Together, Bujeker and his guests are skillfully navigating these tough topics.

As this project continues moving forward, we solicit your prayers that these podcasts reach the young men who need to hear what is being shared. Our youth and young adults are not just the future of our church — they are the NOW.

—by Courtney Herod

Don't miss the new podcast show for young men—by young men—brought to you by the Carolina Conference Men's Ministry Department.

**WALKING FREE**  
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# IMAGINE

IMAGINE A TIME when young people no longer attend church, are bored with religion, and begin leaving behind the beliefs of their parents.

IMAGINE A TIME when entertainment comes in a box or electronic gadget, instead of from the awe-inspiring nature God created.

IMAGINE A TIME when Adventist education is suffering for lack of enrollment, leaving our children with no option but a public education, devoid of God.

Could that time be near? Sadly, in some cases, it is already here.

This is why the Carolina

Youth offering exists:

- To generate a renewed interest in God's love through church programs such as Pathfinders and Adventurers.
- To create an appreciation for nature and God's majesty through summer camp at Nosoca Pines Ranch.

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*Kathy's Kids Storytime can be downloaded from iTunes, Google Play and Stitcher.*

When the Carolina Conference Communication Department began looking for ways to increase the Conference's podcast presence, they noticed there was a type of programming missing in that medium: Christian stories for kids.

Our current podcast channels have allowed the Conference to reach listeners in countries all over the world. In September 2017, channel analytics showed there were more than 24,000 listeners worldwide. This is definitely an avenue for outreach we felt needed to be utilized more.

Kathy Russell, director of children's ministries, was brought on board, and Kathy's Kids Storytime was born. These short weekly podcasts are for kids ages 3-12 (or the child within you) in which "Miss Kathy" shares stories that convey life lessons and teach Christian values.

Since launching the new channel, there has been a steady increase in subscribers. After listening to all the stories recorded so far, one eight-year-old told her mother, "Children are going to LOVE these, Mommy!"

We solicit your prayers that this channel not only blesses our Conference members but also will be shared with others, touching the heart of every child who listens.

—by Courtney Herod

# Our New Podcast for Children



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## Carolina Obituaries

**BRADLEY, GARY FURMAN SR,** 79, born July 28, 1938, in Asheville, NC, died Jan. 21, 2018, in Hendersonville, NC. He was a member of the Fletcher church. Gary enjoyed racing in his youth and working on race cars. He served in the Army for two years. He was also an inventor and many of his patented inventions are being used today. Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Carl Furman and Robbie Laughter Bradley, and his three siblings: Ann Krupp, Ronald Bradley and Shirley Snyder. Gary is survived by his wife, Ruth, of Hendersonville, NC; his son Gary Jr. (Stella) of Candler, NC; a daughter, Amy Jean Larrabee (Clark) of Hendersonville, NC; three grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

**WYKLE, DEBORAH (DEE) COLLINS,** 69, born in Boston, MA, died Jan. 24, 2018, in Franklin, NC. She was a member of the Franklin Church. She was the adopted daughter of the late Laura and Joe Mosley. She served for 41 years in Pathfinder Club leadership. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, William B. Wykle; a son, Anthony Wykle (Janet) of Franklin, NC; two adopted sisters, Evelyn and Betty; a granddaughter; three step-grandchildren; and several step-great-grandchildren.

**MARLEY, ARLINE BRACEBRIDGE,** 83, born in Jan. 5, 1934, in Saginaw, MI, died Dec. 22, 2017, in Lexington, SC. She was a lifelong member of the Adventist Church and served her faith community in a variety of roles—from kindergarten teacher to choir director to deaconess. Arline was predeceased by her parents, Clyde and Mildred Hendrick; a brother, Jack; and her loving husband of 37 years, Clarence “Bud” Bracebridge, who died in 1991. Subsequently she was married to Pastor Horace Ace Redding in 2001. Horace passed away in 2006. In 2010, she married Pastor Everett Marley, who was laid to rest in 2013. She is survived by her sister, Dottie Tebo of St. Charles, MI; a brother, Roger Hendrick of Madison, TN; a son, Ronald Bracebridge (Anita); two daughters, Rhonda Bracebridge of Lexington, SC, and Rachele Bracebridge Bussell (Mark) of Redlands, CA. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

**LLEWELLYN, JOHN MORGAN,** 80, born Nov. 8, 1937, in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada, died Jan. 10, 2018, in Fairview, NC. He was a member of the Fletcher church and also served as a deacon for many years. John graduated from Atlantic Union College with a B.A. in 1963 and taught elementary school for nine years in Maine, Michigan and North Carolina. In 1972, he took an apprenticeship to learn heating/cooling, water treatment and hospital maintenance at Wytheville

Adventist Hospital. While in college he worked in literature evangelism to pay for his tuition. In 1977, he moved his family to Fletcher, NC, where he worked at Mountain San/Park Ridge Hospital in the maintenance and grounds department for 23 years. He enjoyed mentoring Fletcher Academy students at work. In retirement John used his time to serve many needy people with maintenance of their homes and yards.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Beatrice Llewellyn, and a brother, Keith Llewellyn. He is survived by his wife, Clara Sharam Llewellyn of Hendersonville, NC; a brother, David Llewellyn of Ontario, Canada; two daughters, Lin Llewellyn of Asheville, NC, and Kim Llewellyn, of Hendersonville, NC; two granddaughters; four great-grandchildren; and two nephews.

**HOFFMANN, CAROL JEANNE,** 89, born Oct. 15, 1928, in Chicago, IL, died Jan. 27, 2018, in Hendersonville, NC. She was a member of the Fletcher Church. She was employed by the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a registrar and elementary education teacher for 25 years. Her husband's and her work moved them around the country: Illinois Conference and Broadview Academy (1949-1958); Sandia View Academy in New Mexico (1958-1962); Lynwood Academy in California (1962-1966); Maplewood Academy in Minnesota (1966-1969); Sheyenne River Academy in North Dakota (1969-1973, now Dakota Adventist Academy); Union Springs Academy in New York (1973-1976); Georgia Cumberland Academy in Georgia (1976-1979); Athens Elementary School in Georgia (1979-1989); and Fletcher Academy in North Carolina (1989-1991). In 1991, she taught elementary school at the Taiwan Adventist College for a year. For 23 years she volunteered with the Park Ridge Hospital Auxiliary and was involved with the Fletcher Adventist Church as a deaconess and elder and with outreach ministry. Hoffmann was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Raymond Hoffmann. She is survived by her daughters, Linda Connell (Peter) of Marston Mills, MA, and Janet Novak (Tim) of Hendersonville, NC; one granddaughter; three adopted granddaughters; and two great-grandchildren.

**BUCHANAN, WILLIAM ALBERT,** 21, born July 21, 1996, in Raleigh, NC, died Feb. 16, 2018, in Minot, ND. William joined the United States Air Force after high school to serve his country. William served as a Security Forces Specialist with the 91st Security Forces Group, 791st Missile Security Forces Squadron, at Minot AFB, ND. He had a passion for writing and wanted to be a gaming script writer one day. William

graduated from Fletcher Academy in 2014 and was a member of the Fletcher Church. He is survived by his mother and father, Terri and Charles Buchanan of Ivor, VA; his sister, Gayle Buchanan of Petaluma, CA; his maternal grandparents, Ann Luthy and Richard Luthy of Newport, NC; paternal grandparents, Dave and Elaine Buchanan of Raleigh, NC; two aunts; one uncle; and seven cousins.

## Carolina Conference Calendar

### APRIL

Hispanic Camp Mtg .....20-22. NPR.  
MPA Alumni Weekend ....20-22. MPA.  
Elders' Certification..27-28. Carolina  
Conference Office.  
Spring Women's Retreat ..... 27-28.  
Kernersville, NC.  
MPA Academy Days .....27-29. MPA.  
Adventurer Fun Day 2 .....29. NPR.

### MAY

Elders' Retreat ..... 11-12. NPR.  
Graduation Weekend.....18-20. MPA.  
ACBC Closed for Camp Meeting.....  
18-June 4.  
Lake Junaluska Camp Meeting .....  
27-June 2. Lake Junaluska, NC.  
Magabook Program ..... 27-Aug. 5.

### JUNE

Young Adult ShareHim Trip .....  
11-27. Africa. Learn more at [www.sharehim.org](http://www.sharehim.org).  
Summer Camp .....17-July 8. NPR.  
Register at [www.nosoca.org](http://www.nosoca.org).

### JULY

Family Camp .....9-13. NPR.  
Carolina Prayer Summit..... 20-22.  
Ridgecrest, NC. Register at [www.carolinasda.org](http://www.carolinasda.org).

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