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“FOR WE KNOW WHO
HOLDS TOMORROW...”





The Times ... They Are A-Changing!

How the world has changed since I welcomed in the New Year with my last message to you!

Because of the COVID-19



pandemic crisis facing our conference, our church, our nation and our global community, I have

chosen to temporarily pause the series of messages I began in January 2019 titled “To Be a Seventh-day Adventist.”

You have probably been inundated with notifications from your church, your workplace, social media, e-mail and every form of news broadcast about cancellations and cautionary counsel regarding what we must do to cope with the present crisis, which seems to be changing

and aggressively advancing by the day.

A fire drill is used to prepare people for the reality of a fire, should it ever happen. As God’s remnant people, perhaps the COVID-19 calamity should be a wakeup call to remind us that this world is not our home. We’re just pilgrims passing through on our way to our real home.

What an opportunity for us to demonstrate our faith in God rather than fear for the future! Years ago I was asked to sing special music for the consecration of my high school graduation in Baltimore, Maryland. I chose Ira Stanphill’s song, “I Know Who Holds Tomorrow.”

The chorus goes like this:

*“Many things about tomorrow
I don’t seem to understand.
But I know who holds tomorrow,
And I know who holds my hand.”*

During this time of global uncertainty and economic unrest, let’s

- Take care of ourselves and our families by putting into diligent practice God’s principles

of healthful living;

- Spend time reading and meditating on God’s Word every day by saturating our souls with the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy;
- Devote time to persistent prayer, as did Daniel;
- Dedicate time to praying earnestly for others;
- Remember that prayer allows God to do something very real and concrete in each of our lives.

In the face of every trial, regardless of looming problems and overwhelming challenges, let’s take our burdens to God in prayer, all the while holding on to the One who has assured us: “Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand,” Isaiah 41:10, NKJV.

Your servant leader,

Leslie Louis
Carolina Conference President



FROM THE
PRESIDENT’S PEN



Not Just Another Marriage Retreat

On February 14-16, 2020, the annual Romance at the Ranch marriage encounter took place at Nosoca Pines Ranch with nearly 50 couples in attendance. Ruber and Ketty Leal, family ministries directors for the Texas Conference, were the featured speakers at this Hawaiian luau-themed retreat. Not only did the guests enjoy the Hawaiian décor, but also the stories and native songs played on the ukulele by Stanley Vera Cruz, who is originally from Hawaii.

The most memorable moment of the weekend occurred when wedding vows were exchanged and previous vows renewed. Jean and Dale had married in 2015, each having lost their previous spouses. They had planned to have a church

wedding but were involved in a terrible car crash just before the wedding. Because of Jean's injuries, they had to cancel the wedding and had a civil ceremony instead.

When Ruber learned that the couple had always dreamed of having a church wedding, he suggested that they have their wedding as part of the closing session. Ruber escorted Jean down the aisle, and Eric Bates, Carolina Conference family ministries director, officiated. As part of the ceremony, Bates asked the other couples in attendance to join by renewing their vows. Jean and Dale finally got their "church" wedding, which turned out to be a Hawaiian wedding!

Thank you to everyone who planned, participated in, or attended this relaxing, regenerating event. See you all next year!

—Deanette Mills and Eric Bates



Julie and Andrew Carter

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Dale and Jean

Photo by Ketty Leal



Eric and AnnMarie Bates (center) with weekend speakers, Ruber and Ketty Leal

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A small white church with a steeple and a cross on its front facade sits atop a golden, glowing hill. The sky is a deep, dark blue, suggesting dusk or dawn. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

We are facing difficult and uncertain times.

As I write this, the coronavirus known as COVID-19 is spreading rapidly and impacting both the health and financial well being of people all over the world. Our natural tendency in times like these is to lean into fear and anxiety.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, “Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?” Matthew 6:27, NKJV. If by worrying I could add to my height, I would likely be twelve feet tall by now! Yet, that is what most of us do when times are hard.

A little later in His sermon, Jesus says: “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you,” Matthew 6:31-33.

Charles Spurgeon, the well-known 19th century preacher, interpreted this text to mean: “Be wise and attend to obeying. Let Christ manage the providing.”

What if we chose not to worry, but instead to lean into this as an opportunity?

This virus has pushed the pause button on many of our lives. If you’ve been gifted with extra time, what will you do with it? While we’re on pause, we have an opportunity as a church and as individuals to seek His kingdom first and above all else. The natural re-

sponse in these circumstances is to worry, but worrying is a choice. We can instead choose faith and the pursuit of God’s kingdom. This better choice takes the opposite perspective of many of the voices we hear in the news reporting on the virus crisis. This perspective chooses faith over worry, prayer above anxiety, giving over hoarding, and service as opposed to self. When we make these choices, we cast a light on God’s church so that it shines like a city on a hill, bright for all to see, run toward, and find hope in Jesus through this crisis.

People in your community are seeking an answer of hope to the uncertainty and confusion that Satan is sowing during the spread of this virus. They need to see us making the choices mentioned above. They need to see us opening the gates of God’s kingdom so they can see Jesus.

How can you help your church take this opportunity?

- Seek a connection with God in your private devotional time.
- Call a friend or neighbor to offer assistance and the hope of the Gospel.
- Remain faithful in returning tithe and offerings.
- Pray for God to intervene in this crisis.

What an opportunity for the church to serve the world. Many are seeking the peace that our message contains. Let’s be the hands and feet of Jesus and serve as many people as we can during this crisis.

—Rick Russell
VP for Finance
Carolina Conference

THE CHURCH: A CITY ON A HILL

The Windows of Heaven

Pastor Franke Zollman needed \$6,000 to conduct an archeology seminar, but he didn't want to ask his church to donate the necessary funds. He wanted his church family to trust God to provide unexpected money as an indication of faith and trust in Him. Zollman came up with a plan called the Windows of Heaven, which was inspired by the verse in Malachi that talks about God opening the windows of heaven and pouring out a blessing.

Zollman made little magnetic tokens with this verse, Malachi 3:10, on them, and each one was valued at \$100. He would ask his church members to take as many tokens as they wanted, but they needed to understand the requirements about where this money was to come from. It had to be unexpected, it could not be earned from overtime, and it couldn't come from personal bank accounts. If, however, this unexpected money wasn't received, the church members were under no obligation to give the money.

As Zollman presented the Windows of Heaven plan to his congregation, he told them he was taking four tokens, one for each family member. One of his church members, Donna Wilkinson, reasoned that if Zollman could take four on a pastor's salary, surely she, a nurse, could take two: one for herself and the other for her daughter, Kelly, who was away at academy. The deacons passed the offering plates containing the tokens, and those who wanted to participate took out as many tokens as they wanted.

Donna planned to take two tokens, but since they were magnetic, they stuck together and she accidentally got three. She was too embarrassed to jump up and return one to the plate, so she reasoned that if God could give her \$200, He could certainly give her \$300. She immediately began to try to

figure out how God was going to give her \$300 and then realized it was silly to think she could figure out God's ways. Still, she thought she might help God out and decided that if she ever received at least \$300 of the \$11,000 a certain individual had owed her for years, she would give it to the Windows of Heaven offering. Later, as she looked back on the experience, she realized how foolish she was to think she could help God out.

When Kelly came home from school on home leave, she saw the tokens on the refrigerator and asked about them. Donna explained the program to her, and nothing more was said.

The two of them needed to do some shopping while Kelly was home, and as Kelly drove their car into the parking lot of the store, Donna spotted two green things floating down from the sky. She yelled for Kelly to stop the car. Jumping out of the car, Donna reached up and caught two \$50 bills! Mother and daughter stared at each other in amazement and then began to laugh hysterically. Kelly exclaimed, "This has got to be the first \$100 for the Windows of Heaven offering!"

Did God literally open up the heavens and send money down to them? Their hearts were warmed as they pictured God in heaven not only smiling but also having a really good belly laugh at how He surprised them. Since the Windows of Heaven offering was really about saving souls and not about actual money, Donna and Kelly decided that if someone had lost the money, then perhaps this person needed Jesus. It was their responsibility to find out if anyone had lost the money. There was absolutely no one else in the parking lot, so they went into the store and asked if anyone had reported that they were missing money. No one had, so they kept the money for the time being.

Donna even asked a policeman in

her church what would happen to the money if she turned it in to the police. He was sure it was God's Windows of Heaven money and that there was no need to report found money to the authorities.

A couple weeks later Donna needed to renew her landfill permit, which meant that she had to get her car registration out of the glove compartment. Can you imagine what she found? Wedged between the car manual and all the emissions paperwork was a bank envelope containing — you guessed it — \$200! Not \$201, not \$199, but exactly the \$200 needed for the Windows of Heaven offering. Donna honestly did not remember having any money in the glove compartment, and it was not like her to either keep money in the car or to lose track of her assets. God had definitely provided unexpectedly for her Windows of Heaven offering.

Donna has never forgotten this lesson of how much God loves to surprise and provide for us! It brings a smile to her face every time she remembers how she shared this experience with God and Kelly, and she can still envision God smiling too.

Incidentally, shortly after this experience, Donna received a check in the mail for the \$11,000 that had been owed to her for many years. What a lesson to her through all this of how God loves us and provides for us if we just let Him. We don't need to have all the answers. In fact, it's much better if we don't and just let Him work out His ways.

Donna has had the opportunity to share this story across the United States and even in Australia. She carries those tokens in her purse so that she's ready to tell the story whenever she finds herself in a position to share with others how great is our God.

—As told by Donna Wilkinson. Adapted by Tom Mills and JoAlyce Waugh.



KEEPING A FOCUS ON OUR 20/20 VISION

FOR THE CAROLINA CONFERENCE

VISION I: ESTABLISH NEW CHURCH PLANTS & GROW EXISTING ONES

PRAY AND COMMIT to a FAITH GOAL of raising at least 20 new church plants in South Carolina and 40 in North Carolina.

In addition, pray and commit to a faith goal of 90 total progressions or steps incongregational status: groups > companies > churches.

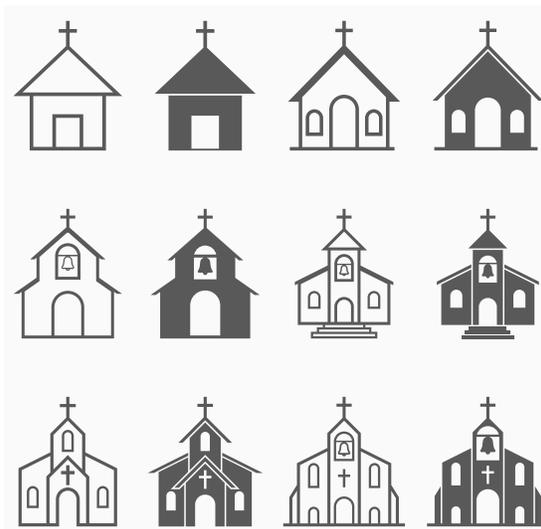
With all the guidelines and supporting structure that we have already developed with our Church Planting ministry, we began this quinquennial period (2016-2020) with the prayerful hope of making 90 steps of progression in establishing new groups, transitioning groups to organized companies, and eventually organizing companies as established churches in the Carolinas.

Never in the history of the Carolina Conference have we expanded the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church to encompass so many more communities with the message and mission of God's end-time church. We had a goal of 50 steps for the previous quinquennium (2011-2015), and we

were able to make 51. Are we reaching for the stars? Perhaps! I am reminded of the resounding words of God's messenger, Ellen White: "Higher than the highest human thought can reach is God's ideal for his children," *Education*, p. 18.

At our last constituency session in mid-2016, we had a total of 5 groups, 6 companies, and 35 churches in South Carolina, and 34 groups, 19 companies, and 90 churches in North Carolina.

As of the latest report (updated on February 18, 2020),



we have added a total of 26 new groups, 18 new companies, and 6 new churches that were organized in the Carolinas so far during this quinquennial period.

We had a goal of organizing 20 new church plants in South Carolina. We have added nine new plants.

We had a goal of organizing 40 new church plants in North

Carolina. We have added 17 new plants.

We had a goal of 90 steps of progression in planting mission groups from mother churches, transitioning those groups to companies and then from companies to churches. We have accomplished 76 of those steps.

We currently have a total of 166 companies and churches in the Carolina Conference (132 churches, 34 companies) compared to a total of 150 churches and companies in mid-2016.

In 1909 Ellen White received a vision in the night in which one with authority pointed her to a map picturing God's vineyard, which needed to be cultivated and nurtured. This vision is referenced in *Testimonies for the Church*, volume 9, where she states: "As light from heaven shone upon anyone, that one was to reflect the light to others. Lights were to be kindled in many places, and from these lights still other lights were to be kindled. ... I saw jets of light shining from cities and villages, and from the high places and the low places of the earth. God's word was obeyed, and as a result there were memorials for Him in every city and village. His truth was proclaimed throughout the world," pp. 28-29.

—Leslie D. Louis, president
A servant leader for the Lord

Making the Best of It:

Is there an upside to the coronavirus?

Fred Smith, a Christian businessman, and mentor for Zig Ziglar used to say: “Never miss the good in a bad situation.” He was simply paraphrasing Romans 8:28: “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose,” NKJV.

Really? ALL things? Does this apply to the COVID-19 virus too? Is this scripture just a trite, general saying designed to prop us up when things get a little uncomfortable, or is it an eternal truth? Does the validity of this promise change when things get serious?

I firmly believe that the validity of God’s Word is as unchanging as He is. Malachi 3:6 reminds us: “For I am the Lord, I do not change.” The psalmist declares in Psalm 119:160: “The entirety of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.” God’s Word is reliable and unchanging even when the circumstances of life are not. So what good could possibly come out of this coronavirus pandemic? Here are just a few possibilities:

A catalyst for new ministry avenues. Recently, because of the COVID-19 challenge, the church plant I’m part of conducted its first virtual Sabbath School and worship service via video conference. It went very well, and we now have experience that will aid us in utilizing this option in the future. The best part, however, is that two guests signed in and joined us for our virtual worship. These are folks we had been trying to get to come to church for many months without success. After joining us for our video worship, they told us they really like it and plan to continue. Perhaps virtual worship is a “safe” way for guests to try us out.

When crises place them in a position of powerlessness, many people become more aware of their need for God and for the family of God. This pandemic presents a unique opportunity to reach out to former and inac-

tive members. We can check in on them to ask about their health, family, and so on, and then invite them to a virtual church service – a safe way to venture back to God’s family.

A priority for prayer. Stuck indoors? Stick it to the devil! Storm hell’s door by praying like never before! We now have more time for prayer, and fewer excuses not to. Pray this coronavirus out of existence. Call shut-ins, the sick, the discouraged, and pray with them. We often tell people we’ll pray for them. Why not call and pray with them? Pray for the soon return of Jesus. Pray that God will use you to reach someone for Jesus. Join the Carolina Conference prayer line Monday nights and tap into the power of united intercession.* Being stuck inside can be a blessing that helps us develop a new priority for prayer in our lives that becomes a habit extending beyond COVID-19.

A time to study. Remember that Bible passage that’s been perplexing you, that new study on nutrition you’ve wanted to peruse, that commentary or Ellen White book your friend told you is a must read? Now’s the time! Don’t pass it up. You may gain a new insight during this downtime that may literally be life-changing.

A gathering of family. I believe it is not God, but the devil who causes sickness. However, it could be that God wants you to use this time away from others to draw you closer to those in your inner circle: your family. More time to talk and share concerns, listen, and play together can be very healing and can strengthen family ties.

An opportunity for growth. Instead of merely asking God to make your circumstances better, ask Him to use your circumstances to make you better. Times of adversity are



opportunities to grow closer to Christ and to grow spiritually. James 1:2-3 reminds us: “My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.” The choice to see life’s difficulties as learning opportunities can be very rewarding, and in some cases, life-changing, as we experience the power of Christ in our lives. This was the mindset of the Apostle Paul, who wrote these words in Philippians 4:11-13: “I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

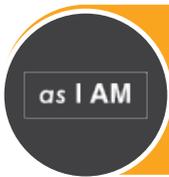
“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” What better life lesson could we learn through life’s adversities? Perhaps the quote from Fred Smith could be rephrased: Never miss the GOD in a bad situation.

—Gary Moyer, VP for Administration, Carolina Conference

*Carolina Conference Prayer Line: Monday nights at 7 p.m. (712) 770-4010, enter code 205023# when prompted.



REAL. HONEST. REFRESHING. ADVENTIST.



As I AM: This video/podcast series simply highlights individuals whose gripping testimonies prove that no matter who we are, we all have struggles, but through Christ we overcome. Series one focuses on our Carolina Conference leadership.



TINY CHAIR TALKS: This video series with hosts Ray Gray and Courtney Jimenez takes a head-on approach to “elephant in the room” subjects, but with a twist.



FORWARD: A blog—written in a relatable, fresh style by Ryan Hodgins—that will be a weekly must on the to-do list. Use it for a morning devotional, or as motivation when you feel you need to move Forward.



THE LOOP: A vlog about “adulting,” with “how-tos” that take the mystery out of tasks such as buying a car, dealing with insurance and creating a budget.



ECHO: A simultaneous podcast/video series, Echo brings together different viewpoints, but finds common ground on difficult topics. This series features Ryan Becker as host.



“WHAT IF?” VLOG: Using volunteers who like to vlog, this video series will chronicle what happens when one experiments with positive life choices. “What if I extend my prayer time?” or “What if I put off procrastinating?,” etc. Sign up on our website!

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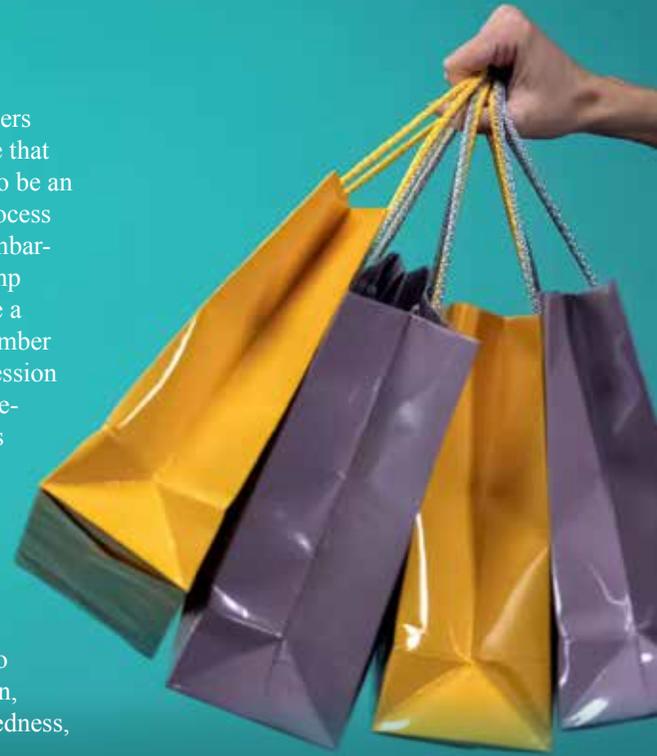
Have you ever had to exchange or return merchandise to a store? Perhaps you bought the wrong size or color. Maybe the product was defective or didn't perform as advertised. I'm always impressed when a store or company makes the return process very easy. It's so nice when they don't ask lots of questions, make you fill out lots of forms, or make you prove the product should be returned or exchanged. They just exchange it or accept the return and give you full credit or a refund as though it's a pleasure to do so. It's so refreshing when the process is easy; and when it is, it really encourages me to return and do business with that establishment again.

Statistics indicate that there are thousands of former or inactive Seventh-day Adventists right here in North and South Carolina. Many of them are ripe to return ... to the right environment. An important part of the process of reconnecting with and

reclaiming these former members of Jesus' family is making sure that when they return, they find it to be an extremely welcoming, easy process without lots of unnecessary, embarrassing questions, hoops to jump through, and so on. Yes, before a person becomes an official member again through baptism or profession of faith, their commitment to Jesus should be evident. But let's make the return process as smooth as possible. Perhaps our goal should be to make sure that when they return, they feel as if they have just returned to the embrace of Jesus, who lovingly offers to exchange their pain, sorrow, sin, regrets, loneliness, disconnectedness, anger, or resentment with joy.

My prayer is that your church will always be a welcoming "returns department" for God's kingdom.

—Gary Moyer, VP for Administration



I Am Here for a Reason

"I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing can be taken from it. God does it so that people will fear him," Ecclesiastes 3:14, NIV.

I am a freshman at Mount Pisgah



Photo Contributed

Academy (MPA) this year. MPA has been one of the best things that

ever happened to me. Even though I wanted to come here, I think God placed me here for a reason. Before I came here, I was almost sure I would have to attend a public school where I live in Charlotte. I didn't have the opportunity to attend Academy Days, which is when MPA gives out scholarships. Last summer I received an email from Mr. Worth, the business manager at MPA, asking which things I had wanted to try out for at Academy Days. I replied to the email and stated the things I had thought about doing. A couple weeks later I received a letter from Mr. Worth. In it was a scholarship for each organization I had wanted to try out for. I was overjoyed at the sight of the scholarships. Even though I had received scholarships from MPA, my parents still were not sure if they would be able to send me and my sister this year. God came through, though, and made it possible

for me to attend MPA this school year.

I am happy with my decision to come to MPA. This year I have met so many new people and made so many new friends. I love my classes and the staff, and I truly believe God has a plan for me here. I am planning to attend MPA for the remaining three years I have left in high school, and I will do so with a smile on my face. I love this campus, and I believe that Jesus truly does live at MPA. God has a purpose for everything in our lives, even if we do not realize it in the moment. I believe I am here for a reason, and I hope to fulfill the plans He has for me. I truly believe God answers every prayer and will continue to do so until the day He comes back to take us home with Him.

—Aaron Garcia-Osejo, Class of 2023.
Be on the lookout for the MPA Devotional, Volume 12, available this summer.

Carolina Obituaries

ARANY, BARBARA LEE, 76, born November 16, 1943, in Wisconsin, died December 1, 2019, in Hendersonville, NC. She was member of the Arden SDA Church. She is survived by her husband, Tom Arany; sister, Carol Meert; sons, Steve Arany and Ken Arany; and grandchildren Alex, Spencer, and Lydia Arany.

BARTLETT, JOAN "LORETTA," 83, born April 21, 1936, to the late Latimero and Inez Eileen King Pires in Bermuda, died December 29, 2019, in Asheville, NC. She was member of the Asheville North SDA church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Thomas "Tom" Bartlett Sr., and one brother, Richard Pires. She is survived by her son, Charles (Judy) Bartlett, Jr.; one brother, Michael Pires; and grandchildren Anna Marie, Emily Joan, and Charles Thomas Bartlett, III.

KEEFE, LOIS DODD, 98, born January 31, 1921, in Columbia, SC, to the late William and Viney Dodd, died June 26, 2019. She was an active member of Columbia First SDA Church for 70 years. She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Charles Edward Keefe. She is survived by her children, Van Stephen Keefe, Chuck (Charleen) Keefe, Kitty

(Sam Nunmaker) Keefe; brother, William (Sandra) Dodd Jr.; grandchildren Terry (Clay) Gains, Sherri (Matt) Campbell, and Dustin (Angie) Keefe; and four great-grandchildren.

KOPPEL, ALBERT CHARLES, 101, born November 26, 1918, to the late Karl and Katherine (Dontinulle) Koppel in Brooklyn, NY, died December 14, 2019, in Hendersonville, NC. Koppel was a member of the Fletcher SDA Church. He graduated from Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, VA, in 1935. While there he met his wife-to-be, Sarah Elizabeth (Betty) Adams. They were married in Atlanta, GA, in 1942. Dr. Koppel served two years in the United States Army during the Korean War and was stationed in Germany since he was fluent in German. The Koppels were instrumental in creating the Koppel Special Care Dentistry Center at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry. The Koppels retired to Fletcher Park Inn in Hendersonville, NC, in 2001. Dr. Koppel was preceded in death by his brothers, Ural & Lawrence Koppel; and his wife, Betty. He is survived by his daughters, Karla Rae (Jeff) Morrill and Marsha Fae (Lewis) Nagel; and his grandchildren, Kathy Burgess Corby and Andre Nagel.

MATCHIM, ALLISTER "AL" STEWART, 73, born April 22, 1946, in St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada, died February 22, 2020, after a 12-year battle with cancer. He married the love of his life, Donna, in 1966. In his mid-20s, he became a Seventh-day Adventist. He studied theology at Canadian Union College, now Burman University, and, after graduating in 1975, became a pastor. In 45 years of ministry, Al served as a youth pastor at several Adventist academies and led churches in the Kentucky-Tennessee and Carolina conferences. His graduate studies in family life at Andrews University served him well as he counseled church members and served with Donna as conference family life director. In 2013 Al and Donna retired to Florida, where he continued witnessing to everyone with whom he came in contact, preaching in local churches, and performing weddings and funerals for family and friends. Al is survived by his wife of 53 years, Donna, whom he sometimes affectionately introduced as his "first wife;" brothers, Clarke (Sharon), Gerald (Marilyn), and Neville (Rosalind); children, Trevor (Marsha) and Chris (Aiza); grandchildren Cassie (Chris) and Alec; and step-grandchildren, Bridget (Steven), Anthony, Christie, and Josh.



We are calling on all of our Carolina leaders and members to join us in Sabbaths of Fasting and Prayer beginning at sunset on Friday and ending at sunset on Sabbath, and continuing until the restrictions for gathering as churches are lifted from the Carolinas.

Until we can come together as God's people to worship Him as a family in Christ — in the beauty of His holiness — we will be in

earnest prayer for each one of you. May God in His gracious mercy soon lift the burden of this coronavirus plague from our midst.

When this storm is over, we will plan a time to rejoice as His people in a thanksgiving Sabbath of feasting and prayer, giving praise to the One who alone can deliver us from our distress (see Psalm 107:6).

—Leslie Louis, President, Carolina Conference

Carolina Conference Calendar

APRIL

Adventurer Fun Day—5 & 19. NPR.

CANCELLED

CORE Elder's Retreat—24-26. NPR.

CANCELLED.

MAY

***Summer Magabook Program**—15-Aug. 11. UNDER CONSIDERATION.

Lake Junaluska Camp Meeting—24-30. CANCELLED.

JUNE

***NPR Summer Camp Program**—June and July. UNDER CONSIDERATION.

JULY

***Revive Youth Rally**—31-Aug. 2. Charlotte.

**Please visit our website for updates on whether COVID-19 will negatively affect these events.*
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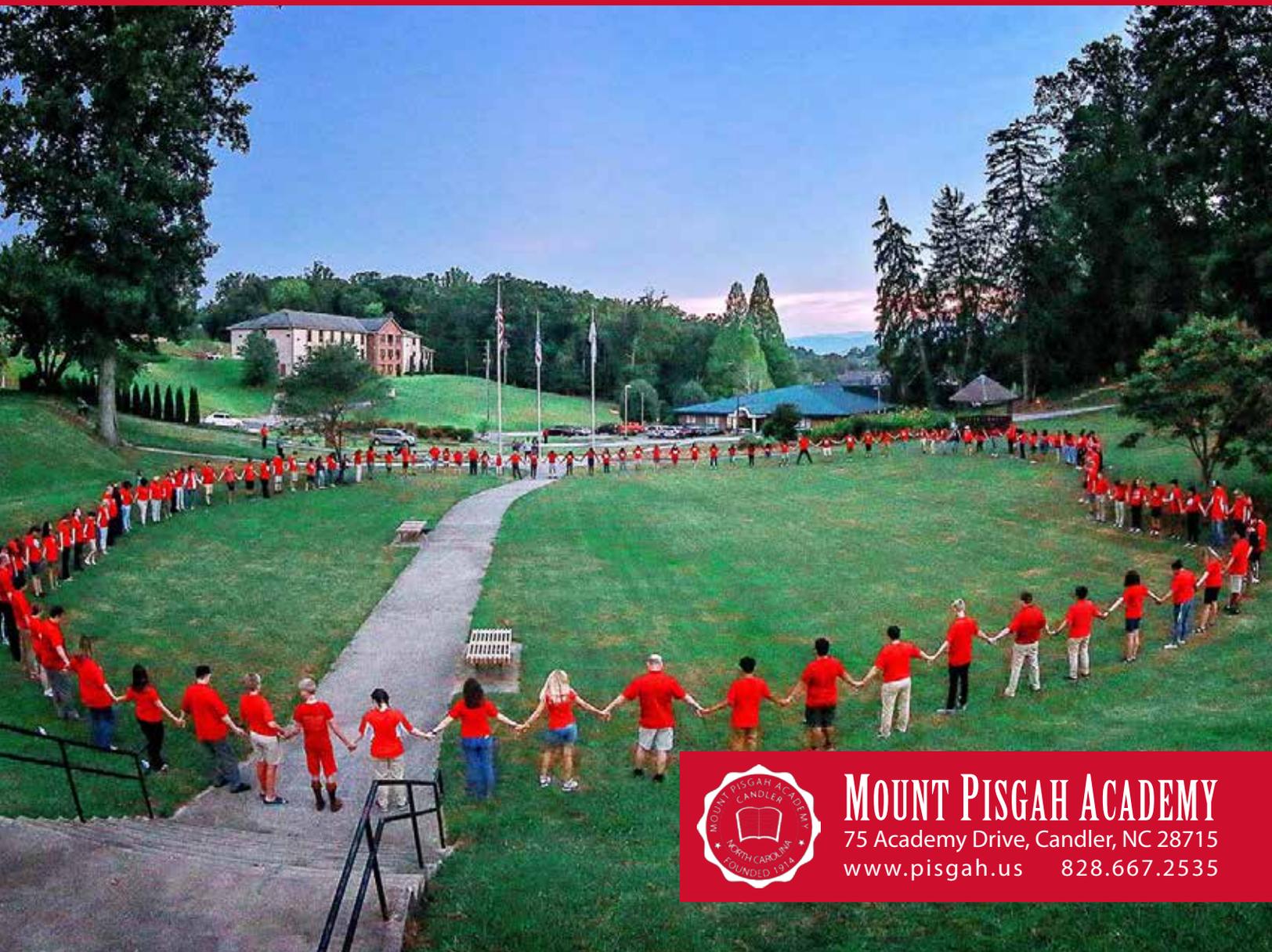
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SHARING HOPE IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

that this verse can also apply to circumstances far outside of our own control. It is easy during uncertain times to lose trust in God, but we want to encourage you to claim this verse each morning. Remember, even when things seem out of control, God ultimately is in control and will protect His children. During this time, we encourage you to trust in the Lord and turn your eyes to Him. If you would like more encouragement, we invite you to subscribe to our brand-new devotional emails by sending your email address to Abby King at abby.king@pisgah.us

At Mount Pisgah Academy, our school verse is Jeremiah 29:11, which says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord. "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Our students often claim this verse when struggling with friendships, or deciding which college to attend, but sometimes it is easy to forget



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