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Extending a Hand
TO THE NEXT GENERATION

In his 1960 inaugural speech, as one of the youngest elected presidents of the United States of America, John F. Kennedy, heralded this proclamation:

“Let the word go forth from this time and place, to friend and foe alike, that the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans.”

Thirty years later in His 1990 inaugural Sabbath message, Robert S. Folkenberg, recent president of the Carolina Conference and newly elected president of the world church at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, challenged members by saying, “Give young people a piece of the pie and maybe they will stay for dinner.”

Unfortunately, one of the heartaches we bear as a church is a reality that many young adults are either dropping their connection to the church or are disengaged with its message and mission. This is happening throughout Christendom, and it has impacted us as well. Our Church in North America is facing a crisis. We have become an aging church, with a median age of 51.

The administration of the Carolina Conference, in partnership with our Youth and Young Adult Ministries Department, has initiated an intentional effort to establish a better connection with and insure the retention and engagement of our young adults. We generally regard those in their 20’s or 30’s as young adults, and often refer to them as Millennials (or Gen Y) or the more recent Gen Z. In August, at our 43rd Constituency Session, we hope to confirm this plan to reverse the current trend in this age range, and embark on a movement in our young members much like the one that helped pioneer the Adventist church and its mission.

Last year (2021), the four officers of the Carolina Conference, along with our youth director, Hector Gonza-

lez, scheduled the first Young Adult Summits—a total of four per year—in a variety of host locations across the Carolinas. The purpose of these summits was to listen to our young adults and discover how they see themselves in relation to the church and its mission.

Our focus between 2022 and 2026 will be to work toward the realization of the following goals:

- Continue holding four Young Adult Summit (YAS) meetings every year.
- Encourage our pastors and churches to give young adults a “seat at the table” on our church boards and as leaders in the church.
- Intentionally add young adult pastors who will help guide the

The greatest want of the world is the want of men and women—Young adults who will not be bought or sold, those who in their inmost souls are true and honest, those who do not fear to call sin by its right name, those whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, those who will stand for the right though the heavens fall.

Adapted by Elder Leslie D. Louis from the words of Ellen G. White in Messages to Young People

ministry of Christ’s churches in the Carolinas.

- Add young adults to the executive committee of the Carolina Conference.
- Continue to hold young adult retreats like Awaken to continue the dialogue, inspire leadership development, and equip for the journey of person spiritual revival, worship and outreach.
- Reignite the Project Refresh media ministry, a collaboration between the Communication Department and the Youth and Young Adult Department, as a digital bridge be-

tween the Adventist Church and its young adults. The video programs and podcasts they produce are designed to answer difficult questions about God and the church, and to let young people know that their church is listening and genuinely cares about the matters of their hearts.

- Focus the ShareHim ministry on using young adults in international evangelism, helping them embrace the global outreach of the church’s mission and message.
- Employ a full-time assistant director in the Youth and Young Adult Department primarily to: 1. Plan and implement conference-wide events for young adults. 2. Attend and support youth department programs. 3. Implement the Growing Young Initiative in the Carolina Conference. 4. Advance and nurture the public campus ministry program for Adventist students attending non-Adventist colleges in our conference. 5. Develop programs that address the results of our Young Adult Summit meetings.

Our hope and prayer is to hold on to these dear and precious lives in the Seventh-day Adventist

Church. This will require our earnest prayers, research, focus teams, and a variety of resources. With God’s help and a conscious emphasis of true spirituality and spiritual development, we can see the tide turn in this holy goal of engaging, empowering, and enabling the young adults of our church.

Your servant leader,



Leslie Louis
Carolina Conference President



FROM THE
PRESIDENT’S PEN



MPA Launches New App

A continual challenge for boarding high schools is to improve communication with parents and students. Mount Pisgah Academy strives to keep parents in the loop through weekend schedules (This Week at MPA), email communications, text alerts, and more. To foster its link with parents, MPA has partnered with RenWeb to develop an application for the school. The new MPA app includes easy access to the school calendar, website, and weekly newsletter. Additionally, parents who download the app can make tuition payments directly from their cellphones with ease. Parents can also check their student's grades, attendance, behavior, and class schedule.

Students can quickly sign up for homeleave transportation through the app, as well. Although many of the app's features are geared toward current parents and students, options such as the calendar and Skyliner newsletter are useful to anyone with an interest in the school. The application is easily updated by the marketing department to fit the needs of the MPA family. All parents and students are encouraged to download the app to improve communication.

The application can be downloaded through either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store for free, or can be downloaded by scanning the QR code below.

As you begin using the application, contact Abby Ackerman at abby.king@pisgah.us with suggestions for how to improve the app. MPA wants to hear from you so they can continue to support your family throughout your child's high school experience.

—by Abby Ackerman, Marketing Director



TOURING SABBATHS

Touring Sabbaths take place once a month when everyone in the student body is split up into groups. Most of these groups are MPA's organizations: Acrosports, Choir, Handbells, and Symphony Orchestra. Everyone else who is not in an organization will go out with a staff member to another church. These groups are called Circuit Riders.

Touring is a lot of fun when it comes down to the traveling experience, visiting churches, and performing for others on Sabbaths. It is a cool thing to be a part of, and you get many memories from different visits. When going out, it is a great experience because you are with your friends most of the

day and you get to go off campus.

Recently, students have had the opportunity to take overnight trips. It is definitely different when it comes to travel. It is a longer ride to the church; however, we get to spend a lot of time bonding when we are all staying in the same place and doing little things together when we

are not performing.

Touring Sabbaths are incredibly rewarding for organization members. It is a wonderful experience to share our hard work and talents with churches around the Carolina Conference. If you ever get to see MPA perform at your church, you will not be disappointed.

—by Alex Boughman, '24



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AWAKEN “FORWARD”

Young Adult Conference

Right from the beginning it really seemed like God wanted something powerful to happen.

It’s been two years since the last Awaken Young Adult conference. Previously held at a Charlotte hotel, this year, in order to work more closely with the Carolina Conference, organizers decided to host the event at Nosoca Pines Ranch. Hector Gonzales, youth and young adult department director for the Carolina Conference, Pastor Julio Flores, and Pastor Ryan Hodgins collaborated to plan the event.

Normally it takes 9-12 months to plan an event like this, but with Covid creating uncertainty about in-person gatherings, leaders weren’t able to begin planning details until November, 2021. It seemed rushed, but God has a way of stepping in if you let Him.

Sam Leonor from Advent Health in California was chosen as speaker for the general sessions. Sam has always had a heart for young adults, and seemed the perfect choice. “Forward” was chosen as the theme, with the idea of moving spiritually forward, both in-

dividually and as a church. The eight breakout sessions were designed to train and equip young professionals to be active in ministry in their churches. Every one of the presenters—including the main speaker—all agreed to come. This alone was a miracle. To have all of these excellent speakers still available just two months from an event was unheard of.

But then, heartbreak. Pastor Sam’s father passed away, and in the pain of that loss, he had to step down from the weekend. Though grieving for Sam and his family, after much prayer the team decided to ask Pastor Tim Gillespie from Crosswalk Church if he could come and speak. He said yes.

Even though things were coming together, as leaders set up for the weekend it seemed like the Devil was attacking left and right. One of the breakout session speakers couldn’t make it, a trailer blew a tire, etc. But God stepped in, and the weekend was powerful.

The worship team from Pursuit in Charlotte, along with Rick Anderson Jr. (who led a breakout on leading in-

worship) pulled together an excellent worship experience. Pastors Tim Gillespie and Bryan Arvelo, associate pastor of the Charlotte Spanish church, brought powerful messages through the weekend, reminding listeners that God is calling us to actively move forward.

Those attending were blessed by the community service sessions and the breakouts on leading better Sabbath School groups for young adults. Other breakouts focused on equipping individuals to be ready for service.

It is the goal of Awaken to move our young adults closer to Christ, with Him at the center of our faith, and to equip them to be actively involved in spreading the Gospel.

We are excited about next year and hope to see you there.

—Ryan Hodgins, Assoc. pastor of the Charlotte Sharon church, leader of Pursuit, and director of Awaken.

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Photo by Beal Osejo



Photo by Becca Carpenter

The people sing
The people sing



Photos by Courtney Herod



“ALIVE” IS REVIVED Youth Gather at 14th Annual Event

On March 5, youth groups and individual teen registrants throughout the Carolinas gathered in the Spartanburg Church’s gymnasium for the 14th annual Alive Youth Rally. In March of 2020, approximately 500 teens were able to gather and attend the youth rally just weeks before pandemic gripped the nation in a lockdown. In 2021, the Alive Youth Rally became a

virtual event, and while impactful for those who participated, it was always the hope and prayer of leadership for the rally that it could once again meet in person in 2022. The Lord blessed, and with low COVID-19 numbers in the region, the rally was planned at half capacity with a live-stream option for those unable to attend.

The theme for the event was “Scarred,” highlighting speaker and former professional wake skater Matt Manzari’s incredible testimony of surviving two death-defying accidents. The second of these accidents, being electrocuted with the equivalent voltage of six electric chairs, left much of his body severely scarred from burns and skin grafts.

In his three sessions, Matt shared his testimony of God’s goodness in his life and his experience of healing both his physical and emotional scars. Matt challenged listeners to embrace their own stories and emphasized that no wound or

scar was too big or too small for God to heal. Between sessions, participants enjoyed meals, Bible-themed field activities, and the ever-popular catching of Alive t-shirts, which were shot into the field with potato cannons. Music was provided by Southern Adventist University’s Engage Ministries.

Many students attended from Mount Pisgah Academy. Youth leaders shared feedback that they and their kids had been challenged and blessed throughout the event.

The greatest part of the day was witnessing 17 teenagers come forward and surrender their lives to Jesus.

Plans are already underway for the next Alive Youth Rally on March 4, 2023, with associate youth director of the NAD, Armando Miranda Jr.

—Ross Knight, Associate pastor for youth & young adults, Spartanburg Church





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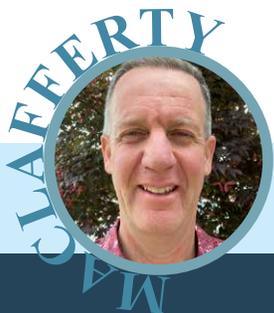
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JUNIORS: Joslen Lache
EARLITEENS: Tam Adams
YOUTH: Justin Kim
ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL: David Wright/Charles Ferguson

Note: We have been informed that meal tickets for the Terrace Hotel must be purchased by May 6. Visit www.carolinasda.org for more information.

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Operation Caleb “Christ Home”

During the week of March 5-12, the project Operation Caleb “Christ Home” was carried out in the Central Spanish Church of Charlotte. It was organized by the Maranatha Pathfinder Club, with the support of the Personal Ministry department (small groups).

The week consisted of seven preachers—that is seven “Calebs”—with seven different messages in seven different places. For six nights, six members opened their homes for the Pathfinders to share the good news of salvation with songs and group activities. On Friday, each unit counselor, along with the home hosts, prepared delicious meals for the Pathfinders. The seventh day culminated in the church with our “Mayor

Caleb,” Pastor Julio Flores, who spoke of Caleb’s faith and like him, having confidence without wavering in the promises of our God.



Photos contributed

Every night members were involved, especially the parents of the Pathfinders and the unit counselors. The Pathfinders experienced development, confidence, perseverance and encouragement by putting their talents in the hands of God. The Spirit of God was evident in the exposition



each youngster gave on his or her theme.

These Pathfinders accepted the challenge like Caleb—who searched after Jehovah and fulfilled the mission of carrying the Message of Hope—in the neighborhoods of Charlotte.

Author’s Note: As Director of the Maranatha Club, I feel that expectations were exceed for this week of Operation Caleb “Christ Home.” It was time invested that paid for itself 100%. Serving in this ministry of the Pathfinder Club, it is always a rewarding experience to see the growth and development of our youngsters, as well as to observe that their faith is strengthened. This is why I invite you to keep these words from Numbers 14:9, “...Do not fear the people of this land ...with us is Jehovah.”

—by Marilu Rodriguez, Charlotte Spanish Pathfinder Club director



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UPWARD SCHOOL Gives Bibles to Inmates

Nine-year-old Victoria is an active, energetic third grader who loves her school and church family very much. Recently, Victoria and her school classmates at the Upward Adventist School in Flat Rock, NC, organized a special community service project where they collected Bibles for prisoners. This project is very near and dear to Victoria and her classmates because several students, including herself, have a parent who is incarcerated.

The idea began in November of 2021 during a routine Friday morning worship time. The speaker presented a devotional thought on the parable of the talents found in Matthew 25:14-30. Students were encouraged to share their talents with others and were given \$100 to start an outreach project.

While deciding how the \$100 would be used, Victoria shared how her moth-

er, currently in prison, had received a Bible from an inmate who was being released. She was so happy that her mother was now able to study the Word of God. The other two classmates with incarcerated parents agreed that they would love for their parents to have a Bible, and the project took off.

It wasn't long before the students had the members of the Upward Adventist Church involved. Soon that \$100 turned into just over \$900, and the students were able to collect and purchase 336 Bibles! With the help of Jim Wetmore, Carolina Conference prison ministries coordinator, the Bibles were donated to the Blue Ridge Prison and Jail Ministries of Hendersonville, NC, to be distributed to inmates.

Blue Ridge Prison and Jail Ministries is a local, non-profit organization that provides services to inmates and their families in Henderson County,

NC, including Bibles, Bible studies, counseling, uplifting reading material, and support events for children of inmates. This ministry also works with organizations that recycle used Bibles, turning Bible pages into packing material that can be shipped into countries where owning or a reading a Bible is illegal.

Victoria and her classmates were excited to deliver the Bibles to the Blue Ridge Prison and Jail Ministries office in person. It is the prayer of Victoria and her classmates at the Upward Adventist School that many lives will be changed by receiving these Bibles.

If you would like more information about this project please contact Jenn Watson, principal of the Upward Adventist School, at 828-388-5952 or jwatson@carolinasda.org.

—by Jennifer Watson, Upward Principal

Carolina Obituaries

ANDERSON, Elizabeth Ann Weaver, 89, born July 21, 1932, in Nashville, TN, died on Jan. 13, 2022, in Hendersonville, NC. She was the daughter of George and Mary Weaver. She graduated from Hume-Fogg High School in Nashville where she met and later married Paul E. Anderson Sr. in Aug. 1950. Elizabeth was an executive secretary and moved often with her Adventist-minister husband with his employment—from Tennessee to Michigan, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, North Carolina, South Carolina, back to Tennessee, and then a final return to North Carolina. Elizabeth was a talented musician who loved playing the piano and organ and was found most Sabbaths playing at church. Elizabeth was preceded in death by her husband of 70 years, Paul E. Anderson Sr.; her daughter, Tammy Sanderson; a brother, Allen Weaver; and two sisters, Mildred Reed and Martha Grace Randalls. Surviving are her children, Paul Anderson, Jr (Amanda) of Nashville, TN; Cheryl Griffin of Columbus, NC; four grandchildren, Chelsea Anderson, P.J Anderson, Ricky Owen, and Sheri Gordon; eight great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

CLARKE, Betty, 78, born Feb. 6, 1943, died Sept. 6, 2021. Betty was a member of the North Anderson, SC, church since 2001. She had assisted at the church school, and sent bulletins and notes to missing members and shut-ins. She was always looking to help someone, was eternally cheerful and loved it when you called her “Betty Boop.” She was one of 10 children, with six brothers and three sisters. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob Clarke; her parents, Solomon Israel Hatcher and Lessie Deene Kinzer Hatcher, and her brother, Fred. She is survived by a daughter, Missey; and three grandsons.

GARRICK, Jr., George Walter, 81, born Dec. 3, 1939, in Mount Pleasant, PA, died Oct. 25, 2021, in Rutherfordton, NC. George is resting after years of dedicated, faithful service to his Lord and Savior. He was born to the late Margaret Kathryn Allison Garrick and George Walter Garrick. George’s love of evangelism started at an early age and continued until his death. He and his father were literature evangelists during summers when he was young. He graduated from Mt. Pisgah Academy and went on to Collegedale, TN, and studied X-ray technology. He became a successful business entrepreneur, owning two medical labs in North Carolina. He also bought and sold medical equipment. He and his wife, Charlotte, spread God’s word by giving Bible studies, community concerts, and helping plant numerous churches in the Carolina Conference. He and Charlotte were invited to help with the Bill Waters’ evangelistic team for two years and the Harmon Brownlow evangelistic

team for two years. They were able to travel to Moldova in 1992 with the Brownlows after the Soviet Union fell presenting the gospel to many who had never heard the truth. He served with Ron Halverson’s evangelism team for 12 years. In addition, he also worked with Mark Finley and Shawn Boonstra. George often said, “Once you feel the joy of evangelism, you will never want to do anything else.” He served in two churches in the Arizona Conference for 12 years. During this time, he was ordained to the gospel ministry in June of 2007. Once he retired and moved back to North Carolina, he was a member of the Lenoir, NC, church, served as an ambassador for Adventist World Radio, conducted evangelistic meetings in several locations in western North Carolina, and regularly preaching in small multi-church districts. George was preceded in death by his wife, Charlotte Brown Garrick; a daughter, Lorie Rice; and a brother, John Garrick. Surviving is his wife, Judith Ann Smith Garrick; a daughter, Vickie Klumb (Steve) of Hendersonville, NC; four siblings, Carolyn Landrum, Mary Link, Mareen Woodard, and Mark Garrick; two grandchildren; two step-children, Renata Ballard of Loma Linda, CA, and Paula Howerton; and five step-grandchildren.

JIMENEZ, Alejandro (Alex), 82, born June 14, 1939, in Los Angeles, CA, died Jan. 12, 2021, in Anderson, SC. He was a member of the North Anderson Church. He and his wife, Mary Ann, were married on October 8, 1972. He was a gourmet cook, an enthusiastic traveler (especially to Mexico), avid sports fan (especially his Raiders), World War II buff and he loved his dog, Elliott. He was a literature evangelist in Arizona and California (didn’t sell many books, but with his message and engaging personality, many will be in the Kingdom). Alex is preceded in death by his parents, Concha Ocequerre and Alejandro R. Jimenez; three brothers, Alejandro R. Jimenez, Jr., Joe Jimenez, Frank Jimenez; and five sisters, Esther Navarro, Alice Uribe, Angie Nieto, Nellie Cervantes, and Connie Calderon. His youngest sister, Hortie Gurgien, died February 19, 2022. He leaves behind his loving wife, Mary Ann Thomas Jimenez; three children from his first marriage, Rhonda, Richard, and Steve; four grandchildren, Jennifer, Jane, Juan Jr., and Joanna; five great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and one sister, Ruth Esquer.

LOMBARD, R Elizabeth, MD, 100, born Feb. 21, 1921, in Macon County, NC, to the late Oly Ernest Lombard and Beulah Dillard Lombard, died Jan. 26, 2022, in Kannapolis, NC. Dr. Lombard graduated from Walhalla High School in South Carolina in 1937 and from Baroness Erlanger School of Nursing in Chattanooga, TN in 1940. She then graduated from Washington Missionary College, in 1949

with her pre-med degree, and from Loma Linda University with her Doctor of Medicine. Dr. Lombard worked as a family practitioner with Dr. J.A. Oliver in Rockwell from 1954 until she retired in 2005. She was a member of the Salisbury church, Rowan County Medical Society, NC State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, as well as the American Academy of Family Practitioners. Dr. Lombard enjoyed her work and patients, her family and her church. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her siblings, William Oly Lombard, Jack Lombard, Lewis Leon Lombard, Ruth Oliver, Dorothy Yates and Kathryn Vielle; and 49 nieces and nephews.

NIELSEN, Ruth Thøger, 96, born May 28, 1925, in Copenhagen, Denmark, died Feb. 18, 2022, in Candler, NC. She was raised in Copenhagen, the oldest of four girls. She attended the Danish Adventist high school, Vejlebjerg, where she worked her way through school and graduated in 1944. While attending a summer camp to learn about literature evangelism, a young man, Louis Christian Nielsen, caught her eye. On May 6, 1946, they were married in Stockholm, Sweden, spending their first year of married life canvassing the countryside. Soon they returned to Denmark where Ruth settled into life as a pastor’s wife. In 1952, to fulfill a dream, they immigrated to the United States where she worked in a local hospital and Louis earned his B.A. and M.Div. degrees. In 1958, they accepted a call to be missionaries to West Africa. Together, they served in Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone, ministering through pastoring and education. They returned to Andrews University in 1965 so that Ruth and their four young children could receive an American education. Ruth earned a BA in Home Economics from AU in 1968, and a master’s degree in Human Environment and Design, Textiles and Clothing from Michigan State in 1974. Ruth became an instructor in the Home Economics Department at Andrews University from 1968-69 and was an assistant professor from 1970-77. She was acting chair of the department her last year. During her tenure she led several home economics tours to Europe. In 1977, Ruth and Louis returned to Denmark and served at Skodsborg Sanitarium. Ruth was the director for the chef’s school and sanatorium hostess. In 1981, they returned to Africa where they built and established a mission school in Gambia. Soon they were called to serve at Bugema College, Uganda. Ruth and Louis later operated an orphanage (Les Esperance) on the shores of Lake Victoria, Uganda for AIDS children. Finally, in 1994, they moved back to the United States and retired in Candler, NC, becoming members of the Mt. Pisgah Academy Church. Ruth, in partnership with Louis, developed a botanical garden and a 5-acre animal farm for their

grandkids and the youth of the church. She is survived by her three sisters in Scandinavia; her children, Jan Nielsen of Savannah, GA, Anita Grandy of Candler, NC, Arne Nielsen of Silver Spring, MD, Frank Nielsen of Seattle, WA; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

THOMPSON, Dorothy Janet (Jan) Roberson, 79, born April 2, 1942, died Feb. 12, 2022, in Greensboro, NC. She was adopted by William and Lydia Langley. Known as Janet, she attended school at Smithfield Elementary, Middle and High Schools, graduating in 1960. She attended Southern Missionary College, obtaining an A.S. degree in business in 1964. On June 26, 1966, she married her sweetheart, Jerry Grant Thompson. Their daughter, Heidi, was born in 1969. Jan was employed by fellow church member Dr. David Roberts, in Gibsonville, NC. She loved traveling and assisted with ShareHim in Togo and Guyana. Jan was an active member of the Greensboro, NC, church as deaconess, Sabbath School teacher, church board member and school board member. She was involved with the Guilford Battle Chapter DAR and Jan Grafton's Animal Rescue. Jan is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jerry; two sisters, Joyce Bales and Peggy Roberson; and two brothers, Donald Ray and John D. Lynch. She is survived by her daughter, Heidi Marie Amash (Jim); two sisters, Betty O'Neal and Deb Thompson; brothers-in-law Bill O'Neal, Teddy Griffin, and John Thompson; 27 nieces and nephews; and extended family.

RAMEY, Clayton, 80, born Mar. 13, 1941, died Dec. 9, 2021, in SC. He drove the Carolina Conference truck from 1969-1972, moving ministers and teachers, and the Southern California Conference truck from 1972-1974. He also drove a truck for Versitron Industries in California delivering food and supplies to Adventist schools and hospitals. Later he worked at hospitals and nursing homes as a maintenance and grounds caretaker. His last years before retirement, Clayton was employed with Walmart. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Anne Deerwester Ramey; a son, Rodney (Celia) Ramey; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two children, Rita and Rickey.

WEIMER, Edwin (Ed) Quinby, 91, born Sept. 18, 1930, in Alliance, OH, died Oct. 16, 2021, in Hendersonville, NC. Ed was born to Robert Edwin and Helen Irene (Makinson) Weimer. Ed attended school in Maryland, and graduated from high school in 1946 at the age of 16. Ed went to Mount Union College where he studied chemistry, graduating with a B.S. in chemistry in

1952. He worked part time for Babcock & Wilcox while attending college, and began working there full time after graduating. Ed was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1952 and was stationed at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. until he was released from active duty in 1954. He then served in the U.S. Army Reserve until he was honorably discharged in 1961. Ed returned to work at Babcock & Wilcox and then moved back to Maryland in 1957 to attend graduate school at University of Maryland. After a recommendation from one of his professors, Ed began working at the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in Washington, D.C. in 1958. Ed married Gwendolyn Louise Corbett in 1962. His work took them to Miami, FL, where their two children, Robert Edwin and Lori Ann, were born. Later his work took them to Athens, Greece, and Frankfurt, Germany. Ed and Louise purchased property in Laurel, MD, and built a home there. They became members of the Beltsville Adventist church where Ed served deacon and was active in Pathfinder ministry. Ed retired from the CIA in 1990 after 32 years and was awarded the Career Intelligence Medal. He then worked as a contractor, teaching classes for another 15 years. In 2000, Ed and Louise moved to Fletcher Park Inn in Hendersonville, NC, and became members of the Fletcher church. Ed was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Louise Weimer. He is survived by his children, Robert Weimer and Lori Weimer; his sister, Mary Adair; a niece and nephew.

WIER, Fred Eugene, MD, 74, born Oct. 4, 1947, in San Antonio, TX, died Jan. 18, 2022, in Hickory, NC. He was the son of the late Dr. Vernon St. Clair Wier and Lucy Schultz Wier. After graduating from Union College with a B.A. in chemistry, Dr. Wier received his medical degree from Loma Linda School of Medicine and completed a general surgery residency at Kettering Medical Center. Dr. Wier began his surgery practice in Columbus, NC, relocated to Troy, NC, for eight years before finally settling in Roanoke Rapids, NC, where he practiced for 30 years. Dr. Wier founded Roanoke Valley Surgical Associates. While at Halifax Regional Medical Center, now Vidant North, Dr. Wier served as Chief of Surgery and later as Chief of the Medical Staff. Dr. Wier proudly supported the educational system and the local emergency medical service by serving 12 years on the Roanoke Rapids Graded School District Board of Trustees and serving two years on the Halifax Emergency Medical Services Board. Dr. Wier enjoyed nothing more than spending time with his family. He was preceded in death by his stillborn daughter, Marissa Dani-

elle Wier. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Rhonda Walker Wier; two daughters, Heather Wier Weese (Dan) of Franklin, TN, Laura Ashlock Wensell (Max) of Midway, TN; three sons, Justin Wier (Kendall) of Colorado Springs, CO, Jason Wier (Erin) of Wilmington, NC, and Ryan Ashlock (Laura) of Hendersonville, NC; grandchildren, Katherine, Lia, and Madeline Ashlock, James and Eli Wensell, and Grayson Weese; four siblings, Carol Wier, Alice Zabudsky, Vernon Wier, Jr., and Rick Wier; and several nieces and nephews.

Carolina Conference Session.

Notice is hereby given that the 43rd regular session of the Carolina Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Inc. will be held in the auditorium at Nosoca Pines Ranch in Liberty Hill, South Carolina.

The first meeting is called for 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 18, 2022. The session will continue through Sunday, August 21, 2022. The session is called for the purpose of electing officers and formulating plans for the next quinquennium, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the session.

Leslie D. Louis, President

Gary D. Moyer, VP for Administration

Carolina Conference Calendar

APRIL

MPA Alumni Weekend—8-9.

Adventurer Fun Day—10. Nosoca.

MAY

Hispanic Camp Meeting I—13-14.

Nosoca.

MPA Graduation—20-22.

Summer Magabook Program—22-
August 17.

Lake Junaluska Camp Meeting—29-
June 4. Lake Junaluska, NC.

JUNE

Summer Camp—12-July 17. Camps available for all ages. Visit www.nosoca.org for information and registration.

JULY

Revive Youth Rally—29-30. Charlotte.

AUGUST

VLP Training—5-7. Nosoca.

49th Constituency Session—18-21.
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