

January 2018

Carolina's 10,000 President's Prayer Partner Petitions & Praises

The 10,000 President's Prayer Partners is a fast-growing group of Carolina Conference constituents who take matters such as these to their knees. We invite you to join us, and make this monthly list a matter of prayer. Together we seek the Lord for His answers and provisions to every need we bring before Him.

1. PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH SCHOOLS



This is the third listing of our church schools for the 2017-2018 academic year. Our children are a heritage from the Lord (Psalm 127:3). During the next few issues of our *President's Prayer Partners*, let's spend some morning moments in praying for our excellent education team here at the conference office along with these dedicated Carolina educators and their assistants who are a valuable part of God's work in preparing the hearts of our children and youth to know Jesus, love Jesus, and serve Jesus as His faithful disciples:

Our Conference Education Team:

Elder Gary Rouse – Superintendent of Education
Rick Anderson – Associate Superintendent of Education
Renee Earle – Secretary of the Education Department
Anna Marie Doying – Early Childhood Liaison

William H. Johnson SDA School (Hickory, NC)

Jan Hefner – Head Teacher & Grades 5-8
Teresa Lehman – Grades 1-4

Mills River SDA School (Mills River, NC)

Sue Holt – Head Teacher & Grades 3-8)
Rebekah Pendleton (Grades K-2)

Myrtle Beach SDA Christian School (Myrtle Beach, SC)

Rebecca Cain – Head Teacher & Grades 1-8

Poplar Springs SDA School (Westminster, SC)

Cara Simonds – Head Teacher & Grades 1-8

Salisbury Adventist School (Salisbury, NC)

Misty Stein – Head Teacher & Grades 1-8

“These schools were intended to serve as a barrier against the wide-spreading corruption, to provide for the mental and spiritual welfare of the youth, and to promote the prosperity of the nation by furnishing it with men qualified to act in the fear of God as leaders and counselors.”

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2. A PRAYER FOR THIS NEW YEAR – 2018

We are one moment closer in time to the soon return of our Savior! We've begun this year with frigid temperatures and unanticipated weather patterns in various parts of the Carolinas as well much of our nation. Tensions abound in both the national and international arena with challenges to which Jesus alone can bring about a peaceful resolution. The words of that wonderful Southern gospel song resounds in my heart especially in times like these – “If we ever needed the Lord today, we sure do need him now!”

As we approach the closing moments of our time on earth and the nearness of Christ's soon return, it is time for us to be known as a people of prayer. Why not pray about making this year one in which we will make a priority in:

- Bible Study and Prayer Time as a faithful part of beginning each day with the Lord.
- Attending Prayer Meeting or Joining our Monday evening Prone Prayer session known as Circle Personal Carolina in Prayer – coordinated by Cindy Mercer, our Prayer Ministries Director.
- Do your part in making your church radiate as a recognized House of Prayer in your community.

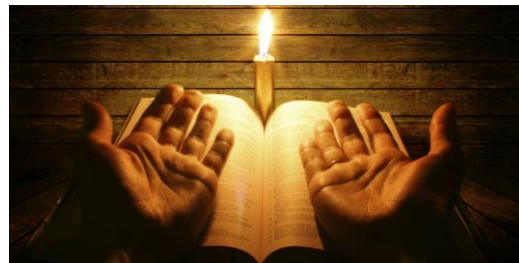


Next week all our Carolina Pastors and their families along with all the other pastors of the Southern Union Conference – representing over 1,500 pastors – will gather together in Orlando, Florida. This large gathering of our pastoral team takes place once every five years for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the southern part of God's vineyard in North America. As we focus on our theme on how the Gospel of Jesus changes everything in the lives of all whom we desire to reach for Heaven, please pray for these specific things as we begin this New Year of challenges and opportunities in our ministry for Christ:

- Pray for traveling mercies. We need God's angels beside every car and plane as we travel to and back from Orlando.
- Pray for the Spirit of the Living God to use the speakers, training seminars and plenary sessions to empower us with renewed zeal and passion for the salvation of souls for Christ and His Kingdom.
- Pray that this time will inspire within each of our churches a time of revival, reformation and recommitment to the mission that Jesus has entrusted to the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

3. PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH DISTRICTS & PASTORS

Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, these words of encouragement were penned for our churches: “Ask of me, and I will answer your requests. The promise is made on condition that the united prayers of the church are offered, and in answer to these prayers there may be expected a power greater than that which comes in answer to private prayer. The power given will be proportionate to the unity of the members and their love for God and for one another.” [9MR, 303]



Praying for our pastors is very important. They are serving God and the attacks of the enemy are relentless. They must be covered in prayer on a daily basis.

Our prayers should be personalized by saying the title of *pastor* along with their name since they hold a position of sacred trust for God’s remnant church.

Here’s a suggestion for this month: Why not pray for our pastors by name using these seven scriptural passages:

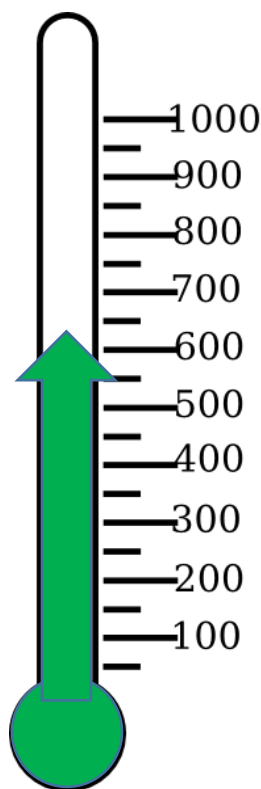
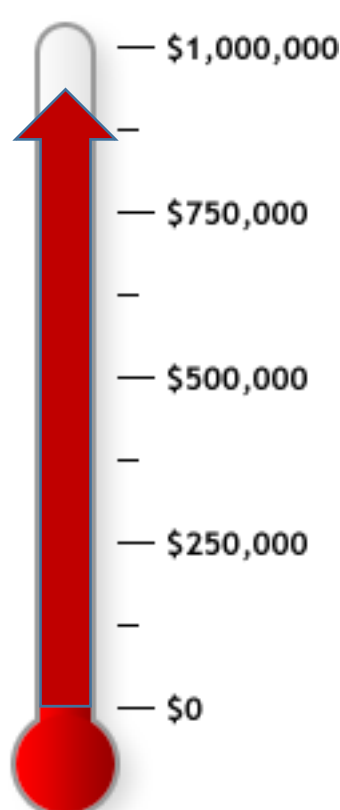
1. *Heb 12:24.....with the blood of Jesus.*
2. *Deut 28.....Sickness and disease shall in no way come near them,*
3. *Gal 3:13.....for they are redeemed from the curse of the law.*
4. *Isa 54:17.....I say that no weapon formed against them will prosper,*
5. *Isa 54:17.....and every tongue rising against them shall be shown to be in the wrong.*
6. *Cor 12:11.....Father, let the gifts and anointings on their lives come forth.*
7. *Luke 1:45.....Birth the things that You have spoken to them in their hearts,*

PASTOR	CHURCH(ES); COMPANIES & GROUPS
1. Mark Kim	<i>Pastor</i> Raleigh Korean SDA Company
2. Sung Kim	<i>Pastor</i> Greensboro Korean SDA Church
3. Ross Knight	<i>Pastor</i> Boone New Life SDA Church Banner Elk SDA Church
4. Jose Laporte, Jr.	<i>Pastor</i> Little Creek Adventist Fellowship Church Goldsboro SDA Church
5. Tony Laporte	<i>Pastor</i> Charleston SDA Church Lieber Correctional SDA Group

4. PRAY THAT AN EQUIVALENT OF 112 MORE CAROLINA ADVENTISTS CAME THOUGH IN DECEMBER TO COMMIT TO OUR MILLION DOLLAR EVANGELISM INITIATIVE!

Did we make it? Did we give the 2017 race a final surge? As we are receiving the final reports from our 154 churches, let's pray that we reached a second milestone for evangelism by reaching our million dollar goal for souls in 2017!

TO SEEK AND SAVE THE LOST!



In our GOALS FOR SOULS initiative of reaching 1000 precious lives with the beautiful message that God has blessed this church family, join me in praying that we will continue to have the resources needed to reach our goal of at least ONE MILLION DOLLARS that can be invested in the ministry of evangelism.

New plans for our 2018 GOALS FOR SOULS are being or have been developed by each of our churches. Join me in uplifting these plans for God's direction and blessing as we labor for the lives we seek to reach for Christ and His kingdom as we strive to reach our faith goal of 1000 souls for Christ's kingdom in His vineyard of the Carolinas. As of the end of November we have **631** precious new members that have been added to His remnant church in North and South Carolina. Although I am disappointed that this falls significantly short of where we were last year [**100 less in kingdom growth from 2016 at this same time**].

Although we don't have the final kingdom growth figures for the year through the month of December yet, I resume our shortfall may have been due to the significant number of pastoral and district changes that were necessary during the past year. Let's pray for two things – that we at least finish with a Heavenly harvest of souls close to what we ended in 2016, and that in this New Year we will witness an even more powerful outpouring of a Latter Rain of His Spirit as we continue our quest for praying for at least 1000 souls for Christ.

So how is it that we've come up with the needed number of 112 as noted on the previous page? As of the end of November, we had raised **\$887,992.82** for evangelism in 2017. We are still awaiting the December totals to see that's almost 888 giving units in Carolina of \$1,000 each! So we are praying that at least 112 more generous hearts came forward in December to help us realize our goal before the end of 2017. Our November totals indicate an increase in support for evangelism by more than \$53,000 in funds from what we had at this same time last year.



That's a 6.39% gain in Evangelism Funding. Praise the Lord!!

DID WE REACH THE TOP AND MEET OUR GOALS WITH THE REPORTS FROM OUR CHURCHES DURING THIS FINAL MONTH? LET'S PRAY AS WE TABULATE OUR FINAL RESULTS FOR 2107 AND STEP FORWARD TO A NEW YEAR OF REACHING HEARTS FOR HEAVEN IN 2018.

Now let's pray for an amazing victory in Carolina for evangelism in 2018...and let's keep praying for those victory goals for Jesus every year till we see His face and hear His voice resounding say – “Well done, good and faithful Carolinians!” **One Million Evangelism Dollars and One Thousand Precious Souls for Christ's Kingdom in the Carolinas!** Oh what glory that will be for HIM!

5. REMEMBERING AND KEEPING IN FOCUS OUR 2020 VISION

As we begin this New Year – 2018 – we start again by continuing the third cycle of repeating and remembering our seven-fold 2020 vision, and how the Lord is guiding us in our quest to accomplish these goals that we have asked for Heaven's blessing. This month we begin focus on our sixth vision of those seven.



1. VISION I: ESTABLISH NEW CHURCH PLANTS

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 in congregational status [**GROUPS** transitioning to **COMPANIES**; **COMPANIES** transitioning to become organized **CHURCHES**].

Here's the latest update on where we are in our prayerful quest to reach this goal:

CAROLINA CONFERENCE SDA

MISSION GROUP/COMPANY/MULTI-CAMPUS NINETY STEPS TO GROWTH 2016-2020 INFORMATION

Updated – December 12, 2017

TOTAL CHURCHES AND COMPANIES = 153

Carolina Conference Churches 128

Carolina Conference Companies 25

2016-2020 NINETY STEPS TO GROWTH INFORMATION FOR NEW STATUS 26 Total Steps

20 PLANTS in South Carolina; 40 PLANTS in North Carolina

(8 new plants in SC, 13 new plants in NC; total new plants = 21)

<u>MISSION GROUPS VOTED</u>	<u>DATE</u>
1) NE Columbia Spanish	03/17/2016
2) Columbia Karen	04/05/2016
3) New Bern Karen	04/05/2016
4) Raleigh Imani	04/05/2016
5) Lieber Correctional	06/16/2016
6) Myrtle Beach Spanish	09/15/2016
7) Irmo Fellowship	09/15/2016
8) Carthage (Sandhills)	10/20/2016
9) Fayetteville Korean	10/20/2016
10) West Charlotte Spanish	10/20/2016
11) Kannapolis	10/20/2016
12) Valdese	12/06/2016
13) Summerville Spanish	12/06/2016
14) Fuquay-Varina Spanish	01/10/2017
15) Boiling Springs Spanish	03/02/2017
16) Lumberton Spanish	08/24/2017
17) Greensboro Karen	10/26/2017
18) Arden Spanish	10/26/2017
19) Johns Island Spanish	12/12/2017
20) Mint Hill Community	12/12/2017

MULTI-CAMPUS GRP VOTED DATE

21) MPA Worship@Sonrise 04/05/2016

<u>COMPANIES VOTED</u>	<u>DATE</u>
1) Lexington Spanish	07/18/2016
2) Charlotte Unity	09/26/2016
3) Salisbury Spanish	09/26/2016
<u>CHURCHES VOTED</u>	<u>DATE</u>
1) Clemmons Fellowship	02/05/2017
2) Huntersville Lighthouse	09/25/2017

2017 AREA MINISTERIUM CHURCH PLANTING COORDINATORS

- Ryan Ashlock—Central Piedmont
- Jonathan Michael—Blue Ridge
- Christopher Rollins—Palmetto

<u>COMPANIES APPROVED</u>	<u>LAY LEADER</u>	<u>PASTOR</u>	<u>MOTHER CHURCH</u>	<u>VOTED</u>
1. Wilson Spanish	Martin Ayala	Jhonny Castro	N/A	09/29/1997

"Success in any line demands a definite aim. He who would achieve true success in life must keep steadily in view the aim worthy of his endeavor... The heaven-appointed purpose of giving the gospel to the world in this generation is the noblest that can appeal to any human being. It opens a field of effort to everyone whose heart Christ has touched."

6. SATURATED WITH THE WORD

As a *President's Prayer Partner*, we again invite you to truly be a people of the Word. As Seventh-day Adventists we embrace 28 Fundamental truths that are based on the Bible alone. During the coming months, we will focus on four passages of scripture each month that are foundational to each of our fundamental beliefs. Here's our next set of 4 memory passages for September to coincide with our twelfth fundamental belief as Adventists regarding what we believe about the church as God's ordained family of faithful believers. **Let's place His Word prayerfully in our hearts each day of this month.**



I carry a set of these passages with me in my car and repeat them aloud as I drive from place to place. My goal is to prayerfully say one verse at least five times a day for a week, thus embracing the promise of God's Word – *“Thy Word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against Thee.”* Psalm 119:11. Repeat these passages over and over till they become a part of your very being. Of course, you can always choose to do more. Prayerfully consider how you can saturate your soul and make His Word a part of your heart every day.

FUNDAMENTAL BELIEF # 12: The Church

The church is the community of believers who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. In continuity with the people of God in Old Testament times, we are called out from the world; and we join together for worship, for fellowship, for instruction in the Word, for the celebration of the Lord's Supper, for service to humanity, and for the worldwide proclamation of the gospel. The church derives its authority from Christ, who is the incarnate Word revealed in the Scriptures. The church is God's family; adopted by Him as children, its members live on the basis of the new covenant. The church is the body of Christ, a community of faith of which Christ Himself is the Head. The church is the bride for whom Christ died that He might sanctify and cleanse her. At His return in triumph, He will present her to Himself a glorious church, the faithful of all the ages, the purchase of His blood, not having spot or wrinkle, but holy and without blemish.

- A. **Exodus 19:5-6 (NKJV)** – *“Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. ⁶ And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”*
- B. **Ephesians 2:19-22 (NIV)** – *“Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.”*
- C. **1 Peter 2:9 (KJV)** – *“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”*

D. I John 1:7 (NKJV) - *“But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”*

7. GOD’S LEADERS IN THE NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY FOR THIS NEW YEAR OF 2018:



Be part of God’s praying church across North America for the leaders who guide God’s work in the following territories:

**G. Earl Knight, President
Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists**



G. Earl Knight

a.	December 31- January 6	Bermuda Conference	Kenneth Manders, President
b.	January 7-13	Greater New York Conference	Henry Beras, President
c.	January 14-20	New York Conference	Miguel Crespo, President
d.	January 21-27	Northeastern Conference	Daniel Honore, President
e.	January 28- February 3	Northern New England Conference Southern New England Conference	Bob Cundiff, President David Dennis, President

					
Kenneth Manders	Henry Beras	Miguel Crespo	Daniel Honore	Bob Cundiff	David Dennis



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