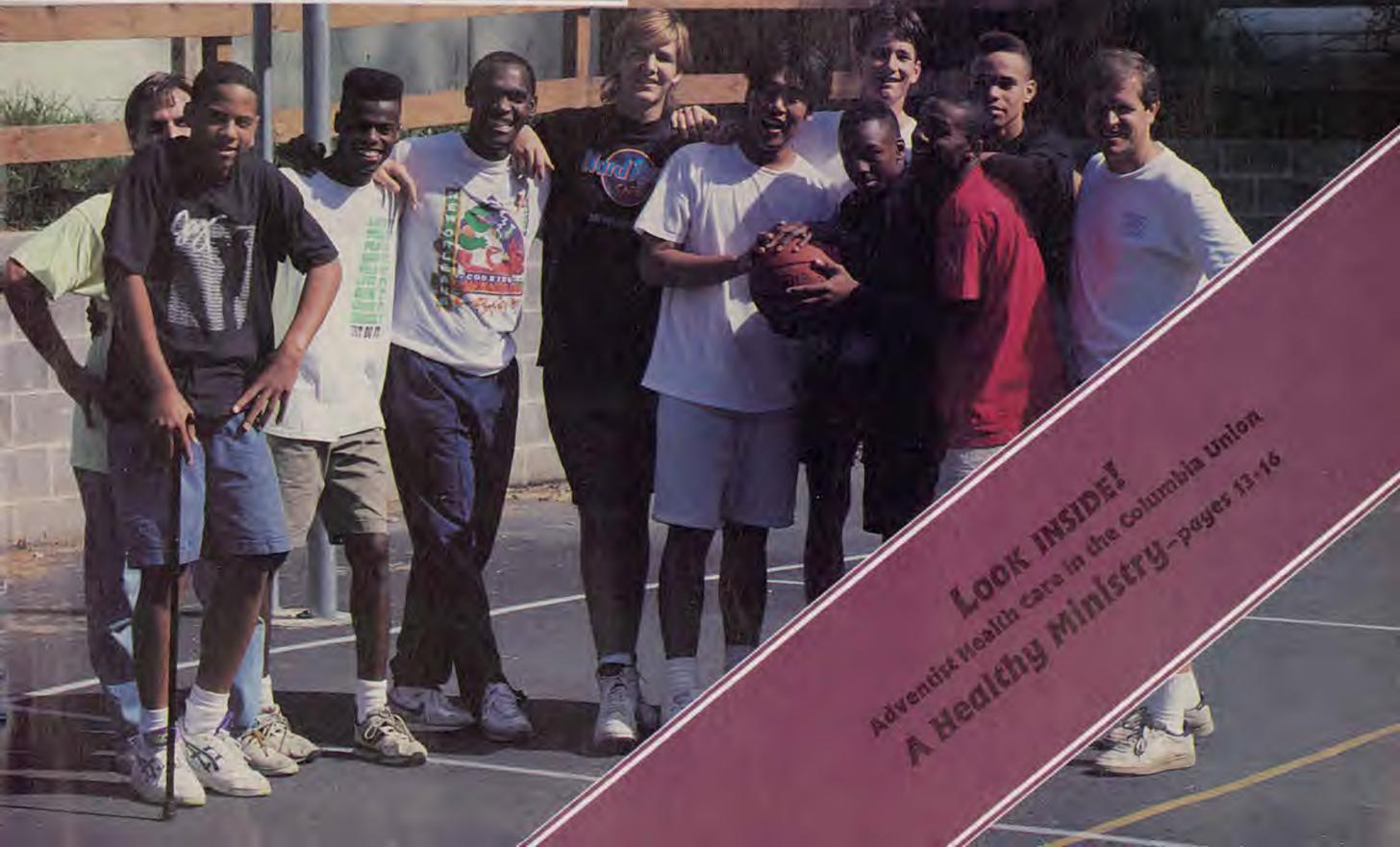


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**CHARLOTTE PEDERSEN COE**  
Managing Editor

**Y**ou're holding a fuller, fatter *Visitor*. But that's not the only thing different about this issue. Within its pages is a new monthly newsletter about Adventist health care in the Columbia Union, a good reason for the first issue of the month to be 24 pages instead of 16.

You may already be acquainted with a regular feature begun September 15 under the heading "Spotlight on Living the Vision," which focuses on life issues facing young adults. Although this piece is mainly written for ages 20-45, it will be of multi-generational interest. This feature is written by Editor Dick Duerksen and appears on page 4.

Since this past February, conference newsletters have been a regular part of the *Visitor*, and that will continue. For many readers, that will be every month, including those who receive *Potomac People*, which has eight pages monthly, *Chesapeake Challenge* and *Mission Ohio*. *Dateline New Jersey* appears 10 months a year. Mountain View's *Meeting the Challenge* and the *Allegheny East Exposé* run six times a year—every other month. And appearing quarterly or more often are Allegheny West's *Catch the Vision* and Pennsylvania's newsletters, *Conference Penn* or *Penn Notes*. The *Adventist Review* is inserted in the second issue of the month, dated the 15th.

The new newsletter in the *Visitor* this month, *A Healthy Ministry*, is compiled by the very talented public relations directors of hospitals and their affiliates, which are members of Adventist Health-care Mid-Atlantic. *A Healthy Ministry* will report news about hospitals, but it will also go much further. There will be features about healthy lifestyle and hospitals ministering in their communities. Another new feature for Pennsylvania members will begin in the December 1 *Visitor*. The *Blue Mountain Academy Communiqué*, a four-page newsletter, will run on pages 9-12 or follow the Pennsylvania newsletter when it is published.

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# VISION 2000

## Vision 1:

The local church will be the central focus and driving force of the denomination.

## Vision 2:

The joy and celebration of worship will attract people to our churches, allowing the Sabbath to become a major evangelistic tool.

## Vision 3:

Church fellowship will be so vibrant that member retention will improve and conflict over lifestyle issues will decrease.

## Costumed carolers find fellowship

Imagine a church in which members love Ingathering. Imagine a church where Ingathering helps build a spirit of fellowship among members. Imagine the Chesapeake Conference's Triadelphia church in Clarksville, Maryland.

"Our church members love Ingathering like this because it is fun and we have a good time. It gives us the Christmas spirit," said Jerry Cullum, a member and former accountant at the Columbia Union office.

Triadelphia members dress in top hats and Victorian dresses and go in small groups to sing at the doors of homes in their community. Gary Sunderland said that the program is successful because it "involves the church members working together as a team."

"Working together as a team is what the third vision of Vision 2000 is all about," said Columbia Union President Ron M. Wisbey. "When members work together, their church spends less time arguing about petty issues."

Sunderland said that this special approach to Ingathering has helped the church focus on "the interaction between us and the community more than on the funds received. Cullum stated, "The real joy is in watching the reactions of the people. We know they enjoy it."

But the Triadelphia program also generates money. "It's not uncommon for us to receive \$25 and \$50 checks," Sunderland added. One man is ready now; he came to the door this past year with a check made out to "The Carolers."

## FACE TO FACE: Profiles of newly baptized people



**Malvin Cerdas**, Trenton Spanish, New Jersey. Malvin wanted to be a Catholic priest until he accepted the Adventist message and was baptized by Pastor Jose Cortes in June of 1991.



**Kristyn Bronson**, Sligo, Potomac. April of 1991 was when 11-year-old Kristyn was baptized by Associate Pastor Norma Osborn "because Jesus is my Saviour, and I want to walk with Him."



**Flossie Davis**, Marietta, Ohio. Bible studies with son Dale Goddard and his wife, Vicky, led Flossie to be baptized with her best friend, Mary Allender, by Pastor Robert Snyder in May of 1991.



**Mary Allender**, Marietta, Ohio. Ever since Mary was baptized with her best friend, Flossie Davis, in May of 1991, she has been sharing the Bible knowledge she gained with her daughter.



**John Elliott Jr.**, Carter Memorial, Potomac. After John attended a Revelation Seminar with his wife, Kay, they chose to "take up our crosses" and were baptized in June of 1991.



**Kay Elliott**, Carter Memorial, Potomac. Kay was baptized with her husband, John Jr., during June of 1991 because "I wanted to begin a long and happy walk in Jesus Christ's footsteps."



**Grady Herring**, Philadelphia Boulevard, Pennsylvania. Attending a series of prophecy lectures with his mother, who was already an Adventist, led Grady to be baptized during June of 1991.

## Sometimes I forget

DICK DUERKSEN

A few weeks ago I had the privilege of skin diving in Hawaii. It was totally wonderful! Joedy and Darrell took me along the coast of Oahu toward Waianae, to the cliffs beside a giant power plant.

Multicolored coral stretched for miles beyond the cliff on Darrell's favorite portion of the beach. Huge red corals created living lava waterfalls between pillars of yellow and white antler coral. Polka-dotted through the reef were giant grey and orange brain coral covered with Christmas tree anemones. And in between were at least 25 other colors and shapes of living rocks, each serving as home for hundreds of happy Hawaiian fish.

As I floated above the display, I felt a growing peace flooding calmly through my joy.

Joedy's favorite part of the beach was not beautiful at all. In fact, it was sterile. No coral and no fish, just heavy swells of lukewarm salt water. But he promised me that it would be well worth the swim. We snorkeled through the breakers, past a couple of buoys to a massive man-made reef. Piled high on the empty sand were ugly boulders, broken pieces of concrete and chunks of rusting iron.

Joedy motioned for me to follow him out toward even deeper water. He pointed out the barnacles that were growing on the concrete and the multihued anemones fluttering from under the corners of the boulders. I quickly realized that this part of the coast wasn't sterile at all, but its beauty was vastly different from Darrell's coral gardens.

Then we started to see the fish, thousands of them, swimming merrily in the ever-warmer waters offshore from the power plant.

Tang, barracudas, puffers, raccoon-faced tang, trumpet fish (even bright yellow ones!) and dozens of others

with Hawaiian names I can't even begin to pronounce swam by.

Then Joedy waved, "Follow me, fast!"

We dove down 16 feet to the edge of the reef. Then Joedy disappeared over the cliff into a turbulent rush of hot water. I followed. Over the edge I dropped, directly into the exhaust pipe from the power plant.

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***It's too easy to become self-sighted, to pass by the joyful gifts He has placed all around for my renewal.***

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Hot water seemed to explode all around me propelling me down, forward, past the amazed barracudas, deeper and then suddenly up, straight up toward the blue Hawaiian sky. I was thrust, gasping for air, through the surface like a shuttle being launched at Canaveral. Even my knees shot above the roiling waters of Hawaii. Too much fun!

We went back many times. Smiling, shouting, laughing, playing like a couple of porpoises on a sunny day.

Finally, we just hung above the giant exhaust pipes, watching and listening as the fish flashed back and forth nibbling at the barnacles beneath us. And again I knew peace, this time combined with the special joy that comes only from joining in play with His creation.

Sometimes I forget to play. I get so involved, so tied up in the necessary stuff of life that I lose touch with the love, joy and peace that the Creator is giving me to enjoy. It's too easy to become self-sighted, to pass by the joyful gifts He has placed all around for my renewal.

So this month I've decided to remember to play. In fact, I'm taking time for some daily peace-producing activities.

1. I'm keeping a kite in the car. It's time to take advantage of the wind.

2. I'm planning to play more catch with my kids, and with a couple of the neighbor children also.

3. I'm stopping to look at the leaves as they change. And pressing one beautiful orange or yellow autumn masterpiece in my Bible each week.

4. I'm dedicating 10 minutes each day to that great book I bought this past year.

5. During my commute time I'm turning off the radio and just watching the trees, birds and weather. Somehow that brings more peace than news and traffic reports!

6. I'm taking more pictures of my children.

7. I'm daydreaming more, remembering some of the great play times from the past. I can dive in the coral even while creeping along I-95.

8. I'm stopping by Randy's office more often, just to laugh with his latest "great story." One of my wife's favorite slogans is "laugh more and love more." I like it.

Sometimes I forget how much fun it can be to live as a Christian. Sometimes life grows so serious that there is no time for laughter and play. Yet, when I choose to take time to relax and play a bit, I feel His peace beginning to seep back in again.

By the way, I'm also learning that His peace comes fully only when I am comfortably enjoying Him as my play partner.

Sometimes I remember, and then life is full.

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*Dick Duerksen is editor of the Columbia Union Visitor.*

# Academy students hone spiritual, leadership skills

**RICHARD OSBORN**

The top 70 student leaders from senior academies in the Columbia Union received special leadership training at Camp Blue Ridge in Montebello, Virginia, during the annual union-sponsored Academy Leadership Conference.

"Pass, Set, Crush" formed the theme for the weekend as Chaplain Brennan Francois from Spring Valley Academy in Centerville, Ohio, challenged the students to "dig" to their knees in prayer as a volleyball player might go to his knees to return a hard-hit ball.

He concluded his messages with a specific call of rededication to the Lord, followed by prayer groups of students from each academy in a circle praying for their campuses.

Dick Duerksen, Columbia Union vice president for communication, marketing and creative ministries, utilized his background as an academy principal to present a seminar on leadership skills.

He included strategies on how to change the attitudes of various school constituencies to get better cooperation. He also emphasized the need for student leaders to serve as role models of Jesus for their fellow students on each campus.

The academy leaders also had many opportunities to exhibit their own leadership qualities throughout the weekend. One session divided the leaders by officer group with various

student council, class, girls' and boys' club officer groups meeting separately to share ideas and "network" with each other.

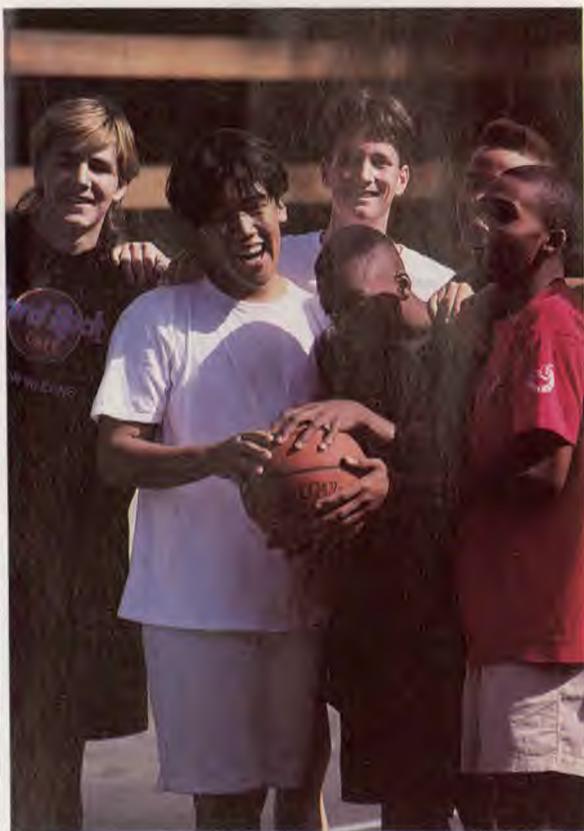
On Sabbath morning, youth from the host school, Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, Virginia, presented Sabbath school with small group discussion on ways to get students more interested in participating in spiritual activities. In the afternoon, the focus shifted to each academy group sharing service projects planned to begin during the current school year. Throughout the weekend, student leaders and administrators from Columbia Union College in Takoma, Park, Maryland, also provided resource help.

A traditional time of fun for academy students of many generations provided further training on Saturday night. Youth from each academy had the group play their favorite game. As a concluding activity, each academy presented its school song. All the young people made creative productions out of their performances.

By the end of the retreat, the student leaders had not only gained new ideas and skills, they had also made friends with students from other schools. Some of their free time was spent playing basketball or volleyball, canoeing, hiking, visiting or singing favorite songs as they walked around the lake.

The Columbia Union office of education sponsors this activity to help bolster the training of academy student leaders as they serve, not as the church's leaders of tomorrow, but today.

*Richard Osborn is vice president for education for the Columbia Union Conference.*



Student leaders from Columbia Union academies practiced leadership skills and played together at Camp Blue Ridge during the annual Academy Leadership Conference. Photo by Dick Duerksen.

There are times when a family needs  
to talk frankly.

RON M. WISBEY



## On becoming a Consistent Steward

Recently I had the opportunity to meet with leaders of the North American Division for our annual budget-planning meeting. This is always a very critical meeting, but this year it was compounded by a decision of the General Conference that all division base appropriations will be four to five and one-half percent less for 1992, including North America.

The General Conference did not do this arbitrarily; the officers have reacted appropriately to what is happening in the national economy as well as in the church. During the past several years tithe fund gains within North America have consistently decreased; consequently, the entire world church has less money to work with in its budget planning.

Our General Conference leaders acted correctly in committing to a balanced budget by the year 1994. After the General Conference session in 1990, major reductions were made in staff, services and programs. The cuts continue with larger numbers of staff and services being currently reduced to live with reduced income.

*"The earth is  
the Lord's and  
everything in  
it, the world,  
and all who  
live in it."*

—Psalm 24:1

All administrative units of the church, such as conference and union offices, have reduced staff and services over the past several years. We need to maintain efficient administrative functions, but increased work loads and additional responsibilities have compromised many of our departmental directors and staff.

Every entity of the church is attempting to economize so that more resources may be provided to the local church and educational institutions.

Current income trends in North America bring us great and exciting challenges. Their success demands, however, that we must work together in trust.

Our church has historically worked in harmony, utilizing principles provided from our founders through a careful understanding of the biblical principles of stewardship. These unchanging principles have provided a binding influence that has kept us together all over the world like no other religious denomination.

During the past number of years there have been several major business failures that affected entities of the corporate church. Investments or operational decisions were made by committees that are well-balanced with experienced employees and lay business people. The decisions were not made maliciously, but at times brought less than desirable results. These experiences have taught us several lessons and have resulted in new guidelines and operational procedures.

An unfortunate result of these problems is a vacuum in trust. There are church members who have determined that the church and its leaders are no longer trustworthy. Some have chosen to forget the "storehouse principle" and determine personally where to send tithes and offerings. Others have stepped in and said, "Send us your funds; we can use them directly with no overhead costs;" or, "We can be trusted!" Still others have chosen to make issues over certain doctrinal or operational concerns, placing the church and its leaders in a less than positive posture.

The church has always had difficulty in defending itself from spurious

comments and insinuations. When large organizations respond to allegations or innuendos, some tend to believe the organization is beating up on the "little guy." Consequently, the church has not named certain independent ministries or self-supporting institutions as less than desirable places for our members to place their resources. Most of these "independent organizations" are never audited, as are all denominational institutions, yet they continue to cry aloud, "We can be trusted!"

Americans, by nature, are independent. We like to do things ourselves, and we like to make things happen. During conference constituency meetings, actions are taken in support of conference or education programs that require the support of the entire conference family. Affirmative votes are tallied and plans are put into motion, only to be jeopardized because some decide they do not like the way "the program" is going and decide to send their resources elsewhere.

Money is not the problem. This is a wealthy church. There are sufficient resources to provide for all the needs of mission and global strategy, both at home and overseas. In his book, *Money for Ministries*, Wesley Willmer says, "Stewardship is not a matter of strategies to get, but of remembering to give. God calls us to give responsibly and places much significance on our stewardship."

We have a tremendous swing philosophically and culturally in North America that is destructive. Unfortunately, we attempt to place such discussions in a theological perspective, and end up taking "right" or "wrong" sides. This often ends up with some members sending their resources to some who are preaching a so-called "correct" message.

Even more sobering is the result that many of our younger members determine that they will not become embroiled in these kinds of discussions and simply leave.

The point is, we can all find fault with the church; that is easy and takes little skill. The difficult part is to become an active participant and make a difference.

We are peopled in our church with the largest percentage of educated and gifted people in any denomination, but sometimes we tend to follow after the latest rumor or false story. Too often we throw dirt at the organized church while placing our resources where we think they will be better used.

Consider "body theology." Just because the hand does work for us, we do not attempt to feed only the hand. We feed the entire body. We must feed the church body and exercise good stewardship. We must provide resources for the programs and missions of the church. When body theology is followed, there are sufficient resources for worldwide advancement.

The Bible tells us that the church is the apple of God's eye (Zechariah 2:8). Ellen White reminds us of that by saying, "The church of Christ, enfeebled and defective as it may be, is the only object on earth on which He bestows His supreme regard,"—*Testimonies to Ministers*, page 15.

With believers giving out of heartfelt thanks, glad obedience and real concern, the work will move forward successfully. Please understand that I am not concerned about money or resources. Those belong to God, and He will make certain that His work has adequate funding.

I am concerned, however, about what happens down the stream of time if the current patterns of mistrust and disloyalty continue.

I grew up when we all fully expected the Lord to come—soon! I still believe that when we are regularly confronted with the reality of the soon-coming Saviour, we will think and act positively about the allocation of the resources that He has entrusted to us.

With rapid events taking place all around the world, surely the Day of the Lord cannot be far off. Generation gaps must be bridged and philosophical differences placed aside in love. This is the time, my friends, to pull together.

This is not the time to be cutting back. It is time to lay aside the perceived ills of the past, to abandon our dissensions and move aggressively by faith into the future.

The church is like a family. A family stays together and communicates, no matter what the circumstances. Distance, differences of opinion, or whatever issues arise, a Christian family bridges those differences with love and protects each other. We cannot afford to treat our family—the church—differently than we do our own individual family units.

I invite you, as a family of faith, to experience the blessings of trusting stewardship, of an involved, active, participatory fellowship with a local congregation. You, together with the Lord, can make the differences that must be the hallmark of the Seventh-day Adventist Church today.

If I have spoken too frankly, please understand my love and concern for you and for our church. I deeply desire for all of us to be united regarding the soon coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

I would enjoy hearing from you regarding positive ways that we can work together to hasten the "great gettin' up mornin'!"

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*Ron M. Wisbey is president of the Columbia Union Conference.*

A dream of excellence inspires the ministry of music at the Spencerville church. "As each person creates, he or she reflects the creative God to others," said John Lintner, minister of music at the 900-member church in Silver Spring, Maryland.

This philosophy motivates the congregation's musical organizations, including the choir, brass choir and string ensemble, to create exceptional music that reveals the Creator.

"A few years ago, we reached the point where we realized a superior organ was needed to keep this ministry growing and challenging to both performer and worshiper" said Lintner. Church leaders dreamed of an organ—not just any organ, but one that would give the ministry room to grow for years to come.

Upon hearing of this dream, a friend of the Spencerville church, who wished to remain anonymous, donated funds specifically earmarked for the purchase of an exceptional pipe organ. The century-old M.P. Moller Company of Hagerstown, Maryland, the oldest organ maker in the United States and largest in the world, was approached and agreed to build the organ.

In an effort to be responsible stewards of this wonderful gift and to en-



Senior Pastor Rob Vandeman stands at the base of the new pipe organ donated to the Spencerville church. Photo by Jeff Taylor of The Montgomery Journal.

## New Spencerville organ ranks among best in Washington

hance their commitment to worship, the congregation began an extensive renovation project, including coating the sanctuary's ceiling with sound-reflective materials and replacing the carpet with a slate floor. Construction of the organ began in September 1990 and was completed this past July.

The result was the largest organ in Montgomery County and one of the largest in the metropolitan Washington area. It contains 4,600 pipes, the largest of which is over 25 feet long and weighs 200 pounds. The smallest pipe is less than half an inch high.

The organ contains 30 miles of wiring and a computer system for controlling its numerous keyboards and stops. The console has four manuals,

### WAYNE HALL

or keyboards, and more than 300 stops and other controls.

Church leaders invited Simon Preston, a world-renowned organist, to give two inaugural recitals. Preston recently left a successful career as organist and master of the choristers at Westminster Abbey in London to devote himself to concert performances. In 1986, Preston planned and executed the music for the wedding of Great Britain's Prince Andrew to Sarah Ferguson.

Works by Bach, Mozart, Tourne-mire and Durufle were chosen for the recitals. When free tickets for both recitals were gone within 48 hours, the church asked Preston to give a third performance. An estimated 1,800 peo-

ple, including musical experts from across the country and persons from the community, came out to hear a dream of music come true at the Spencerville church.

The weekend kicked off the congregation's Evensong series, which will feature performances by musicians like the Paul Hill Chorale and include other organ concerts.

"The wonderful thing about music is that it gets better the more people you share it with," said Lintner. "And sharing the creative God is what the Spencerville church is all about."

Wayne Hall is publications manager for the public relations department of Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville, Maryland. He is a member of the Spencerville church and serves on its choir and music committee.

# Little children bring spark to Triadelphia

DARLEEN SANFORD

Prayer changes things! That's how members of the Triadelphia church in Clarksville, Maryland, look at the growth and excitement in their suburban Washington congregation.

In the summer of 1990, when Vikki and Randy Jacobson brought their three little girls to the church down the street from their new home, they found no children's Sabbath school, no plans for Vacation Bible School and not one child in regular attendance. Several members were at the General Conference session in Indianapolis, so Vikki offered to prepare a program for her own girls, members' visiting grandchildren and other youngsters who might come.

Members began to pray earnestly for more young families. Pastor Ernie Runge, his wife, Marion, and others pledged an offering to Sabbath School Investment for every visitor and new member. It was a happy day when Cindy, Zaver and little Nicholas Gramkow moved into the area and began assisting with Sabbath school leadership.

Vikki became Vacation Bible School leader for 1991. She was thrilled at the enthusiastic support of older and prospective members who found that their talents were needed and welcome at Triadelphia. Twenty-six children, about equally divided between Adventists and friends from the community, attended the one-week session. A tiny tots class was created for 3- to 4-year-olds. A parent or grandparent was invited to stay with each little one. Since the VBS was conducted, one mother has returned to attend Sabbath school with her two children.

The children's department has grown too large for just one room. There are now two children's departments, each with an attendance of 10 to 12, occasionally more. Pathfinders met for the first time in many years on August 21 under the direction of Zaver Gramkow.

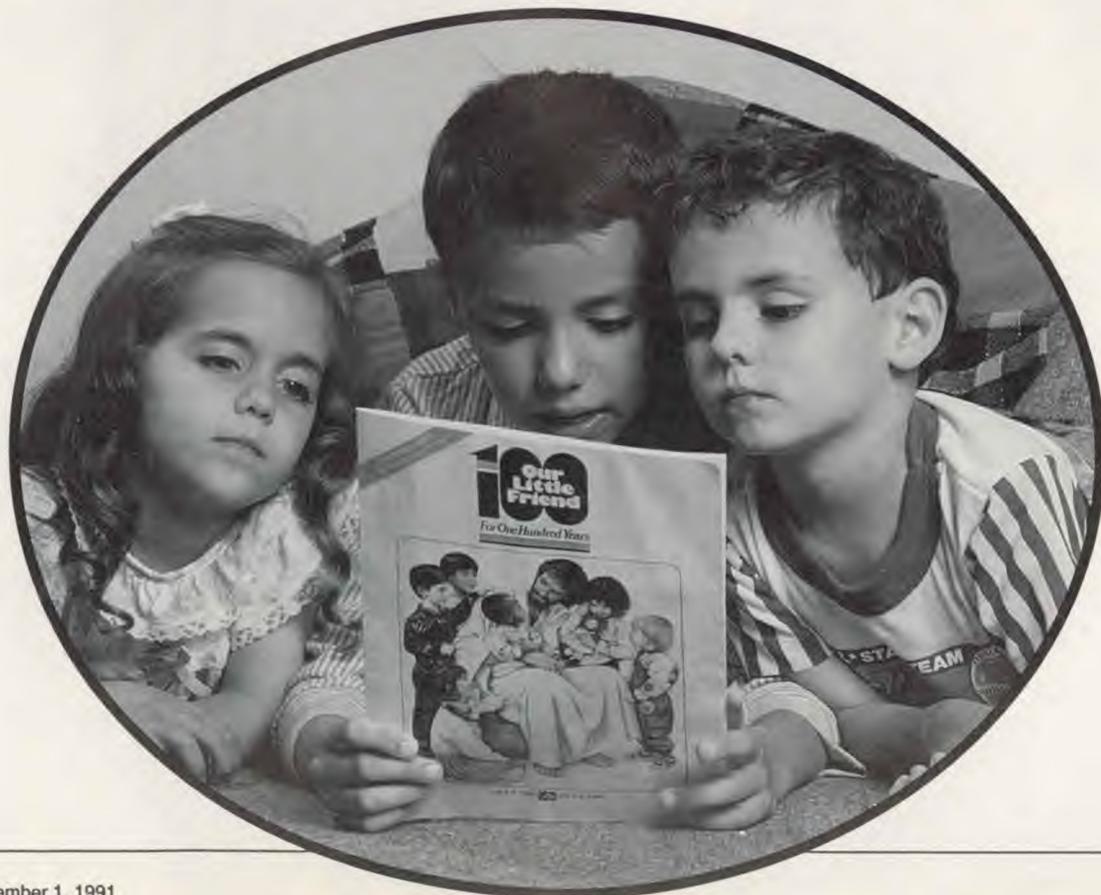
On October 26, a new monthly children's church for ages 3 to 12 began during the adult worship time. The program is designed to enhance a child's concept of "church" and is especially enriching for children who do not attend denominational schools.

Children have the opportunity to participate in regular church activities. Older ones develop leadership while acting as good role models for the little ones. Since parents participate on a rotating basis, from time to time they have a chance to enjoy the adult sermon without the distraction of little ones. Following the services, members and visitors of all ages stay for a fellowship luncheon.

Thirteen people transferred their membership to Triadelphia during the first six months of 1991. More are coming, and there is plenty of room.

A special homecoming is scheduled for December 21 with a musical program following Sabbath school, the worship service and a fellowship dinner.

*Darleen Sanford is communication secretary for the Triadelphia church in Clarksville, Maryland.*



MARC ROTT

## Summer at

Summer at Camp Blue Ridge is a place where lives are changed, a place where both young people and young adults have opportunities to do things they may never experience anywhere else. But

what is summer camp really all about? What takes place during camp? Is summer camp a place where our conference should be investing their money and time? These are questions only you can answer; though as you read through the rest of this article I hope you will see Camp Blue Ridge as a place where our young people belong!

Challenging summer camp myths:

**Myth #1:** Summer Camp, apparently to many people, is a place where kids go for a couple weeks to just swim, ride horses and make crafts.

**Myth #2:** Anyone who works at camp is not really working but, like the kids, just having fun.

**Myth #3:** Spiritual decisions made at camp are not real decisions, just ones made by peer pressure.

**Myth #4:** Camp is a great place to send the kids while Mom and Dad go off on an exciting vacation.

Myths are easily made, yet very hard to break. There is no doubt that summer camp is fun. Why would kids go if there was no fun involved? Yet fun

with a purpose is different than ordinary fun. At Camp Blue Ridge our fun is programmed and designed to allow each person—either camper or staff—to not only have fun, but also to learn from the fun they are having and enjoying.

Summertime at Camp Blue Ridge is a time of active minis-

try. If CBR (Camp Blue Ridge) does not offer something which will enhance a young person's life, then our young people would be better off joining the local community or YMCA programs. CBR does make a difference through our staff, programs and activities. It is fun; it does support, care and love the young people which have been entrusted to us for a either one-, two- or three-week period.

Spiritual decisions do take place; and, yes, some are made because of a friend's peer pressure to stand up. Yet many young people choose for the very first time to follow Jesus or demonstrate their commitment by desiring studies for baptism. There are very few greater moments during camp than when a camper accepts the pastor's call and walks up front to take a stand for his or her beliefs. We can never judge their decision but trust as the Holy Spirit reads their hearts and leads them that they will grow in their relationship with Christ.

It is our goal as the young people leave CBR that they leave feeling excited about life, God and what they can do. Our counselors are caring, thoughtful and spiritual. They try to do the very best they can to make sure each camper has the greatest time of his or her life. The staff are basically on call 24



hours a day. Their number one priority, whether counselor, food service worker, wrangler or activity leader, is the camper. Every staff member realizes that CBR is a ministry, and they are the ministers.

There's no doubt that the campers grow from being at CBR, but the members of our staff—which is mostly made up of college students—also grow. With 60 staff members working and sharing all the moments of camp, there are bound to be lives which are changed forever. Decisions are made by staff which will positively affect not only their own lives but also the lives of the churches which they will go back and be part of.

Camp Blue Ridge does more than provide a place to leave the kids as Mom and Dad go off on vacation. It provides a place for young people to see

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Christianity in action, to see that they are truly important to the staff and to God. CBR also allows the staff to realize the potential and gifts which God has given them as they are involved in areas of ministry which many times have never been entered before.

Do I personally believe in Camp Blue Ridge? You bet! There is nothing I would rather do with my life than help influence more than 700 young people and have a part in sharing with 60 academy and college youth of our church. I wish I could have introduced you to every one of our summer camp staff. They were outstanding!

The real question is, Do you believe in Camp Blue Ridge? Is it really making a difference in our young people's lives? Is it more than a "fun time"?

from a week of Teen Camp at Blue Ridge ecstatic about her experiences. Not only were the religious activities of the weekend etched in her mind, the daily worships conducted on the trail were all recounted in loving detail! The adventure of a week on the trail with her "own" horse along remote mountain trails is a thrill she will never forget and wants to repeat."



Camp Blue Ridge is making a difference during the summer and the rest of the year. If you haven't seen CBR, it's changed, too. Plans are already being made for another great summer of ministry and fun next year. We hope you will help a young person experience Camp Blue Ridge. I and the staff solicit your prayers and support as Camp Blue Ridge continues its ministry to our conference.



Is it more than just a place to drop the kids as parents go off on vacation? I believe it is, and there are others who do also. Just ask Dr. and Mrs. L. B. Peterson, whose daughter went on the teen horse pack outpost. "Our daughter has just arrived home

*Marc Rott is associate director of church ministries for the Potomac Conference who specializes in youth ministries.*



...**"The people who know their God shall be strong and do exploits."**

ROGER WEISS

*In the Potomac Conference, from the north to the south, from the east to the west, pastors, teachers, literature evangelists and laymen are actively involved in great exploits for God. Here are some outstanding examples of results in the outreach program.*



On June 29, at the conclusion of the Hispanic camp meeting, 14 people from the Washington/Virginia Metro area churches were baptized in the Shenandoah River.



**Big happenings in small groups**  
*(The Takoma Park Story)*

Randy Mills, associate pastor of the Takoma Park, Maryland, Seventh-day Adventist Church, has been busy. He, along with members of the Park church, have had some good experiences and baptisms with small group ministry.

Glenda Sobremisana, a small group leader, contacted Sonia Howard while she was handing out literature. She followed up her interest with Bible studies and an invitation to her Care Circle small group. Sonia has since been baptized.



Jessica Rodriguez

Rudolph and Sonia Spencer hosted a Care Circle Small Group in their home led by Takoma Park members Harriett Boyce and Nalini Vigilance. Their group met for a year, enabling the Holy Spirit to work miracles in the



Tay Garnett

Spencer family, which led to their baptism.

Several people have been led to attend the Park church and then directed to join small groups. As a result, Amy McNeil, Tay Garnett and Mika Norris have found lasting friendships and a church home. Amy now helps facilitate the pastor's Bible class, which is conducted in a small group setting.

Mills has extended the small group ministry to include the students of the fifth-grade class of nearby John Nevins Andrews elementary school. Jennifer Mook and Jessica Rodriguez have been baptized as a result of this ministry.

The Takoma Park church motto, "In Christ We Care," reflects the concept of small group ministry.

*Roger Weiss is youth director for the Potomac Conference.*

**All age groups and backgrounds are represented in the baptisms that have taken place recently at the Takoma Park Seventh-day Adventist Church. Jessica Rodriguez, Tay Garnett and Jennifer Mook are only a portion of the precious souls gleaned for Jesus through small group ministry.**



Jennifer Mook

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## Caring for the Spirit

There's no denying it. Adventist health care has changed. Remarkable advances in 20th Century medicine and technology have caused a shift from the long-term care sanitariums of yesteryear to the acute-care hospitals of today.

Despite these changes, Adventist health-care organizations remain true to Ellen White's counsel that we use "the means of healing which lie within the reach of man" and employ "every facility for the restoration of health and prevention of disease." Our regard for the divine directive hasn't changed: "Our medical institutions are to stand as a witness for God. They are established to relieve the sick and the afflicted, to awaken a spirit of inquiry, to disseminate light, and to advance reform." *Testimonies to the Church*, Volume 7, p. 104.

### *Hackettstown Community Hospital Continues Christ's Ministry*

Hackettstown, New Jersey—Because over 80 percent of patients stay less than 12 hours, Hackettstown has been studying just how to provide them with meaningful spiritual care. While Chaplain Dieter Hain spends most of his time praying and sharing scriptures with the sick, consoling the bereaved, and ministering to the needs of families, he coordinates a number of other spiritual activities.

Patients with no church ties are encouraged to read Adventist literature or tune to 24-hour-a-day Adventist television program-



**Tom Decker (now pastor of the Highland View Academy Church) visits with a patient while a student chaplain at Washington Adventist Hospital.**

ming. A printed program on Sabbath breakfast trays invites patients to view televised Loma Linda University Church services.

Some \$4,000 in Adventist literature is made available each year to patients, guests and employees, and over 150 *Signs* subscriptions are sent to former patients. *Steps to Christ* is placed at each bedside.

Weekday mornings, staff join together to pray and share devotional thoughts. Dieter Hain invites a pastor from the surrounding communities each month to be guest speaker. The Sunshine Singers, a group of employees

and volunteers, cheer patients and staff by singing on the floors. On weekends, sacred music is played in the halls over the speaker system.

Administrative staff lend prayer support to patients' family members, and hospital employees donate goods and money to help ease their financial burdens.

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In the transformation that is reshaping the health care provided by Adventist institutions in the Columbia Union, three things have remained the same. One is our commitment to carrying out the historical spiritual mission of our medical ministry. A second is our commitment to high-quality care. The third is our commitment to make that care as affordable as possible.



Bryan L. Breckenridge,  
president  
Adventist HealthCare  
Mid-Atlantic

A closer look shows that here in the Columbia Union we are making real progress. We are actively working with our communities to provide the physical, emotional and spiritual care that is vital in helping people live fuller lives.

This strategy is paying off. We have had financial difficulties in some smaller institutions but now we are carefully developing plans so we will be in a position to carry out our mission. After several years of financial struggle, we continue to stabilize our smaller hospitals. We have streamlined operations and eliminated the overhead expenses of a separate corporate office, relying instead on a variety of individuals to serve dual roles.

To maintain our commitment to high-quality care, we are focusing on working together as a coordinated team and building on each other's strengths. We are developing centers of excellence that fit the unique needs of our communities. In the instance of Washington Adventist Hospital and Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, for example, we are strengthening our referrals to each other and sharing clinical expertise. In this way, we are able to enhance the medical care we provide and contain our costs.

Each one of our institutions also has made a renewed commitment to including spiritual care as a major component of our healing ministry. Over the next few months, this *Visitor* section will provide us the opportunity to share some of the stories of our successes and challenges. We feel it is very important for all of us to know what is happening in our health-care organizations and why.

I am optimistic for the future of Adventist health care. We will face problems—given the nature of health care in our country today. The issues of access, funding for those unable to pay for their own medical care, and technology that is reaching new frontiers faster than our society can develop ethical frameworks to guide us are all challenges. But I believe that we can deal with these challenges. We have talented leaders, physicians and clinicians in our institutions. But more importantly, with God's help, we are pulling together so that our vision is unified and our mission clear.

Patients are welcome to contact their own pastors for support, and the chaplain fosters good will even further by coordinating educational seminars for area clergy. A newly produced video shown in non-Seventh-day Adventist churches presents the world-wide Adventist health work and providential history of the hospital.

Chaplain Hain and members of administration travel to Adventist churches throughout New Jersey to solicit their interest and report on the "right arm of the message" in the Garden State.

God is working miracles here. Six persons recently began attending Adventist church services, grateful to God for caring Christians who shared their faith at our hospital. We believe our work to be an extension of the evangelistic ministry of the church, and we solicit your prayers as we endeavor to share in the healing ministry of Jesus.

### *Washington Adventist Hospital Helps a Patient Find a Church Home*

Takoma Park, Maryland—When Eric Churchill first came to Washington Adventist Hospital as a patient, he had no church home. Now he works as a volunteer in the hospital's Plant Operations Department and is a baptized member of the Hyattsville Seventh-day Adventist Church.

"I met Eric a couple of years ago during my patient visitation rounds," says Chaplain Kenneth Cooke. "As our friendship grew, Eric asked for more information about the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Our chaplains studied the Bible with Eric while he was in the hospital, and then introduced him to Mario Cruz, a local Seventh-day Adventist minister. Eric was baptized last June."

Eric believes that Adventist hospitals are an important part of the church's outreach. "When you're ill, you ask a lot of questions—especially spiritual ones. The people at Washington Adventist Hospital helped me find the answers I was looking for," he says.

Three full-time chaplains at Washington Adventist Hospital see to it that every patient receives a visit. "That's part of what makes an Adventist hospital so special," says Joseph Blahovich, director of pastoral care. "We offer friendly conversation, a listening ear,

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and spiritual counseling for patients who request it. Our chaplains are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

"At Adventist hospitals and health-care organizations, we continue to meet the needs of the whole person," says Chaplain Clifford Verwey. "We've adopted the philosophy that Ellen White expressed so beautifully in *Ministry of Healing* (p. 470): "The strongest argument in favor of the gospel is a loving and lovable Christian."

## **Kettering Medical Center's Clinical Pastoral Education Program Teaches Ministers to Listen With Their Hearts**

Kettering, Ohio—"We try to focus on the meaning behind words, on listening to the feelings of the person or family rather than the words. We work with pastors to help them get beyond what a patient or family members is saying. We want them to be sensitive to what that person is thinking or feeling," Chaplain Henry Uy explains about Kettering Medical Center's Clinical Pastoral Education program.

Clinical pastoral education was conceived as a method of learning pastoral practice in a clinical setting under supervision. "It's the study of 'living human documents,'" explains Chaplain Uy. "It provides the student with the opportunity to minister, under supervision, to persons and their families who are facing the crises of illness. It helps refine their awareness of their personal and professional resources as a facilitator for healing, reconciliation and forgiveness."

Kettering's one-year program accepts six residents per year. The program provides a learning situation for theological students and continuing education for a clergy person. Students and pastors are accepted from all denominations.

"Clinical Pastoral Education confronts the student with the human predicament through three distinct, yet related, phases," says Chaplain Uy.

The didactic phase offers seminar-type discussions and lectures. The clinical phase allows the student to work directly with patients, using both the didactic experience and his/her own theological training in person-to-person relationships. The interpersonal phase of the program tries to help the student integrate this training experience into his/her own personality and unique style of ministry.

"Through the CPE program, we try to help residents truly listen to what sometimes the patient is not saying," says Chaplain Uy. "The program offers a unique opportunity to learn by doing."

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### **HACKETTSTOWN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**

#### **■ Adventism is Shared**

Hackettstown Community Hospital recently featured the history and scope of Adventist health care in the newsletter it sends to 57,500 area homes. "We're determined to tactfully share the Adventist philosophy and lifestyle with as many people as possible," said hospital President Gene C. Milton. Vegetarianism was featured earlier this year.

#### **■ H.C.H. Goes Cable**

Hackettstown Community Hospital broke ground this year as it began broadcasting its new program, "Health Scene," over local cable television. The series featured hospital professionals discussing health topics in a fast-paced format. Additional programs are planned. The hospital is currently running local advertisements on stations including CNN and ESPN.

### **KETTERING MEDICAL CENTER**

#### **■ Sycamore Substance Abuse Program Certified**

The Adolescent Substance Abuse Program at Sycamore Hospital, a division of Kettering Medical Center, has received certification as an outpatient treatment program and an inpatient residential care facility from the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services. This is the second endorsement for the program, which has been certified since 1987 by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

#### **■ Dayton Area Hospitals Share Laser**

Kettering Medical Center recently joined with four other Dayton area hospitals to purchase a mobile laser for the removal of kidney stones. The laser is delivered through a fiber, the size of a human hair, inserted into a scope and disintegrates stones when contact is made. The process is known as laser lithotripsy and is new to the Dayton area.

## **Ways to Wellness**

"Courage, hope, faith, sympathy, love, promote health and prolong life. A contented mind, a cheerful spirit, is health to the body and strength to the soul. . . In the treatment of the sick the effect of mental influence should not be overlooked. Rightly used, this influence affords one of the most effective agencies for combating disease."

— *Ministry of Healing*, pp. 241-242.

Provided by Hackettstown Community Hospital, Hackettstown, New Jersey.

### **LELAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

#### **■ New Surgical Procedures Performed at Leland**

Leland Memorial Hospital recently expanded Surgical Services to include laparoscopic procedures. This form of surgery is done primarily on an outpatient basis and involves the performance of surgery through a laparoscope. The technique is used in many types of surgery and offers numerous benefits to the patient, including minimal scarring and a quick recovery.

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## ■ Leland Physician Appointed to State Board

Dr. Suresh Gupta, an active member of Leland's Medical Staff, has been appointed to a four-year term on the Maryland Board of Physician Quality Assurance by Maryland Governor William Donald Schaefer. Dr. Gupta is the only international medical school graduate on the board and is the first Indian to be so honored.

## READING REHABILITATION HOSPITAL

### ■ Reading Rehab Garden Named as an All-American

The formal garden on the campus at Reading Rehabilitation Hospital has been named as an official flower display garden by the All-American Selections Committee. All American Selections is a national non-profit organization for evaluating new seed-grown flowers and vegetables from around the world for home gardening performance. The designation means that visitors from around the country may visit RRH to view the garden.

### ■ Rehab Receives Only Work-Hardening Accreditation in Area

WORKABILITY, Reading's work-hardening and worker-injury prevention program has received a three-year accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. It is one of only six such facilities in the state to be awarded the designation. Work hardening combines real or simulated job activities with more traditional methods for improving strength and endurance.

## SHADY GROVE ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

### ■ Shady Grove Adventist Hospital Expands Cardiology Facility

The hospital's Cardiology Department recently moved and expanded. The new area houses Cardiology, the Pulmonary and Respiratory Medicine Department, and a

nuclear medicine suite. The new facility also houses two stress testing labs, two echocardiogram labs, and an electrocardiogram room, along with reading, consultation, and private waiting rooms.

### ■ Shady Grove Nurse is Maryland Nurse of the Year

Heidi Barber-McDonald, a nurse at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, has been named Maryland Hospital Nurse of the Year by the Maryland Hospital Association. Her selection from among 49 nominees for this honor was based on clinical excellence, commitment to her profession, and compassion for patients and co-workers.

## SHADY GROVE ADVENTIST NURSING CENTER

### ■ Shady Grove Nursing Center Begins Expansion

A groundbreaking was held at the Shady Grove Adventist Nursing Center August 1. The center plans to expand the 18-bed Assisted Living Unit to 50 beds. The ceremony included an informal outdoor picnic on the project site. The new unit is expected to open next year in answer to the community's need for assistance with daily activities for seniors.

## WASHINGTON ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

### ■ Washington Adventist Uses Latest Technology to Diagnose Heart Problems

Washington Adventist Hospital is the first hospital in its county to perform a new application of cardiac ultrasound called transesophageal echocardiography (TEE). TEE produces images of the heart's structure and function, recorded on videotape. Doctors use these images to diagnose and assess cardiac problems involving heart valves, infections, blood clots, and tumors.

### ■ Washington Adventist Provides Free Health Screen

Over 100 men benefited from a free prostate cancer screening held at the hospital Sept. 22. While prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in men, it can often be cured when detected early. "Education and disease prevention continue to be important goals for our hospital," says Judy Lichty, director of community health education.

## ADVENTIST HEALTH CARE IN THE COLUMBIA UNION

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(301) 424-6400

**Adventist Home Health Services**  
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Silver Spring, MD 20901  
(301) 681-9760

**Hackettstown Community Hospital**  
651 Willow Grove Street  
Hackettstown, NJ 07840  
(908) 852-5100

**Hadley Memorial Hospital**  
4601 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave S.W.  
Washington, DC 20032  
(202) 574-5700

**Home Assistance Inc.**  
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Silver Spring, MD 20901  
(301) 681-9602

**Kettering Medical Center**  
3535 Southern Boulevard  
Kettering, OH 45429  
(513) 298-4331

**Leland Memorial Hospital**  
4409 East-West Highway  
Riverdale, MD 20737  
(301) 699-2000

**Reading Rehabilitation Hospital**  
R.D. 1, Box 250  
Morgantown Road  
Reading, PA 19607  
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**Shady Grove Adventist Hospital**  
9901 Medical Center Drive  
Rockville, MD 20850  
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**Washington Adventist Hospital**  
7600 Carroll Ave.  
Takoma Park, MD 20912  
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# Sorensen re-elected CUC president

## Board of Trustee Roster

Ron Wisbey, Columbia Union president, board chair  
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John Wheaton, Spring Valley Academy principal  
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Harry House  
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PATRICIA NASH

N. Clifford Sorensen was re-elected president of Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland, with a commendation for a "very successful first year" from the school's board of trustees on September 11.

Ron M. Wisbey, president of the Columbia Union and chair of the CUC board, praised Sorensen for his leadership at the college, indicating that the union was supporting him.

Joseph Dent, vice president for student services, James Greene, vice president for finance, J.P. Laurence, vice president for administration, Sara Terian, vice president for academic administration, and Rick Williams, vice president for advancement, were also re-elected.

In its first meeting since election in July, the new board also voted on other personnel and financial matters. While expressing concern at the college's cash flow situation, the trustees also rejoiced that CUC was—for the first time in more than 13 years—ending the year in the black.

Greene said the modest year-end increase to the college's fund balance was \$13,981, the college's first gain since prior to 1978. He attributed the gain to an increase in enrollment in both the traditional and adult evening programs, a major life insurance policy donation and an appropriation by the Columbia Union to the interest on the plant fund debt.

Upon recommendation from the board finance committee, the board voted to accept the college's revised budget for the 1991-92 fiscal year, which included a 6.1 percent cost-of-living wage increase for CUC faculty and staff. The employee increase had already been deferred in July and will now be effective January 1, 1992.

While voting to continue the present employee medical insurance deductible plan, the trustees asked the administration to express their regret that this plan must continue for another year to save money. Currently, families pay the first \$500 of their medical expenses and \$100 of their

dental costs before CUC insurance becomes effective.

Trustees authorized the college to report to a credit bureau the names of graduates and others no longer enrolled at CUC who have ignored warnings to pay their debts to the college. The credit bureau will record these former students' debts, making it difficult for them to get loans before paying what they owe to the college. President Sorensen emphasized that CUC is only concerned with those who don't respond to the college's attempts to work with them on a payment plan.

The board also authorized the administration to negotiate the sale of a 0.9-acre lot in West Virginia and collect bids for the replacement of three underground transformers on campus.

In accordance with changes made in the college's charter at the constituency meeting in July, the board voted Sorensen in as president of the college's legal corporation, Terian as secretary and Greene as treasurer. The trustees also formed new board committees for academics, finance, student services and advancement, with the appropriate vice presidents as committee secretaries.

As specified by CUC's amended by-laws, the board elected Robert Nixon, current alumni association president, as alumni representative on the board until the election of a new president.

A retirement application was accepted from George Messenger, a supervisor in the electrical department who served the college for 41 years.

Trustees also voted to close the biology field station in Headwaters, Virginia, because the college is unable to comply with federal forestry regulations. The station has been leased inexpensively from the United States Department of Agriculture, but has not been used for several years.

Halcyon Hall hosted the trustees for lunch in the dorm's newly landscaped courtyard. At the luncheon, Bernie Albright, dean of women, invited the trustees to sponsor students participating in Halcyon Hall's jog-a-thon to raise money for new furniture in the women's residence hall.

*Patricia Nash is director of public relations for CUC.*

## ALLEGHENY EAST Campostella Heights honors women in weekend series

The theme for a special weekend of events held at the Campostella Heights church in Norfolk, Virginia, was "Women in Unity and Harmony with Christ."

The weekend started with the ladies singing and participating in a panel discussion portraying women of Bible times. The guest speaker for worship was Ifeoma Kwesi from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, who told how we must put on the whole armor of God to withstand the wiles of the devil. Then the men of the church prepared as well as served the ladies Sabbath dinner.

That afternoon a play entitled, "The Trail of the Christian Woman," was presented by the church drama club. Pastor Byron Hill and the church members were very pleased with the performance by the club.

To close the weekend, a prayer breakfast and fashion show were put on by the senior citizens of the church.

PATRICIA LYNN  
*Communication Secretary*

## OHIO Academies in Ohio utilize philanthropic services

Mount Vernon Academy, one of the two oldest Seventh-day Adventist boarding high schools in the Columbia Union, was one of the first to benefit from the General Conference Philanthropic Services to Institutions' Academy Alumni Advancement project.

By providing the school with leadership assistance, workshops and subsidized computer hardware and software, AAA helped locate, cultivate, communicate with and organize the alumni from MVA. At last these alumni were given the opportunity to consider annual unrestricted gifts to their alma mater.

The availability of matching dollars has been a focal point for numerous appeals in the alumni publication and during homecoming weekends. Alumni have been more motivated to give for the first time when they know that their dollars will be multiplied by matching gifts from the General Conference.

Triple A is a three-year project. When Mount Vernon Academy's time limit ran out, development leaders for the conference were anxious to keep AAA matching dollars flowing into Ohio.

During 1990, Spring Valley Academy in Centerville qualified for participation and this year looks forward to its first matching dollars as AAA is being used to encourage a very young alumni (from only 21 graduate years) to begin giving to their school.

Meanwhile, Mount Vernon Academy has built upon the solid foundation of Triple A and now moved on to encouraging alumni to give larger restricted gifts for permanent named endowment funds benefiting tuition reduction and worthy student aid. Alumni are encouraged not only to give out of current income, but to also consider gifts of assets through various planned gift vehicles.

Development projects call for future campaigns to renovate several key academy buildings and establish building as well as teacher salary endowment funds. Interest earnings from about \$1 million in cash endowment gifts currently benefit every student attending MVA.

JEFF WILSON  
*MVA Development Officer*

## COLUMBIA UNION Washington Institute moves to stop tobacco pushers

People who make money by exploiting the young—and finally killing them—need to be stopped.

Executives of tobacco companies know very well that 90 percent of the smokers in the United States start before they're 20, so they focus on the young, luring them into addiction by connecting sexiness, youth and vigor with their lethal product. They still do this even though tobacco causes one-sixth of all deaths annually in this country.

Adventists have always said "No" to tobacco. It's time to say "No" not only to the product itself, but also to the industry responsible for it. Please write to or call your United States senator to voice your support for "The Tobacco Product Education and Health Protection Act of 1991," numbered S. 1088.

Senate floor action could occur at any time on this bill, which would enhance efforts to communicate the devastating health impact of tobacco use to children and others who are especially vulnerable. It would also provide incentives for the states to do a better job of keeping tobacco products from minors and assist state officials in creating smoke-free environments in local schools.

Use the information in this article to communicate with your senator. If you

choose to write, address your letter as follows: Senator (his/her name), United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510. If you call in your views, reach your senator through the congressional switchboard at (202) 224-3121.

Adventists pride themselves on good citizenship. Tell your senator that you support action against tobacco, the legal killer drug.

CHARLES SCRIVEN  
*Pastor, Sligo Church*

## WORLD CHURCH ADRA to feed one million people in 1992

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency plans to feed one million people in seven developing countries during 1992, according to David Taylor, ADRA's director for food supported development.

ADRA has received the food and funding to distribute it from the United States Agency for International Development. The 67,000 metric tons is surplus food provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The total value of the grant is more than \$42,000,000, Taylor said.

The ADRA food program is the third largest among the non-governmental humanitarian organizations getting grants from USAID. ADRA will give out more food in 1992 than in any previous year.

Malnourished children and pregnant and nursing mothers will be the primary recipients of the food. In most projects they will receive the food on a monthly basis. "We have done surveys or checked government records to find out who needs the food most," Taylor said. "The children are usually the most vulnerable."

"People tend to think food programs are just passing out food, but there's a lot more to them than that," said Taylor. "We utilize the food in three ways: as a medicine for the illness of hunger, as an incentive for poor people to work on community projects and as a means to turn food into money to do other projects."

"For example, in the shantytowns of Lima, Peru, 40 women came to us to help them get potable water in their community," Taylor stated. "They dug ditches and installed pipes, and we gave them food. The food made it possible for them to accomplish a project that will benefit the entire community."

In addition to the food ADRA gives mothers and children who attend health clinics in Haiti, ADRA will feed nearly 70,000 school children on a monthly basis. "If we provide one hot meal a day for

the kids, it helps them with their school work," commented Taylor.

"ADRA's food program is vital," said Taylor. "If food doesn't get into countries like Sudan, people will die. But it also plays an important role in other nations. It makes the difference between total lack of hope or progress of any kind and a chance for people to get a handle on their lives."

NINA MARTINEZ  
Public Relations

## ALLEGHENY WEST

### Cleveland church introduced to deaf awareness

"Then ... the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped,"—*Isaiah 35:5*. Insight into the Northern Ohio Association deaf ministry program was given to the Maranatha church in Cleveland, Ohio, one of the youngest churches within the Allegheny West Conference. Three other congrega-

tions with active deaf ministry efforts in place participated in the introduction.

The program began in Sabbath school. During divine worship, Beatrice Burks, association coordinator, introduced the core of interpreters in her district.

As part of her report, Burks gave an overview of the many services rendered to the deaf community, such as cooperating with the Social Service Department or other public assistance programs if a situation warrants it. Hospital and medical assistance and social and spiritual activities were other areas that Burks addressed in her talk.

"Members who are deaf have the same needs, hopes and dreams to be met as those in the hearing community, though often not the skills or opportunities to satisfy those needs," commented Burks. She also pointed out that because of this "we need a comprehensive deaf ministry program for our members."

Having returned from a retreat where Pastor Harcourt King and the church elders prayerfully sought God's will as to

the direction in which Maranatha should go, King said that deaf awareness formed the basis for that day's discussions and that "the needs of every group in our society must be met, in spite of all our responsibilities."

Special music for the event was rendered by the deaf choir as conducted by Kathy Gambrel, senior interpreter from the Glenville church in Cleveland.

Leading out in the evening program were hearing-impaired members. Using sign language, Macio Craft opened the program with prayer, while Betty Craft presented a poem with an interpreter following along.

Members were informed about the do's and don't's of communication principles by Sarah Hall. Burks displayed and then demonstrated several of the modern instruments that are presently used in the homes of the hearing impaired.

The entire congregation was taught the manual alphabet by Gambrel, and a question-and-answer period concluded the event.

## Statement of Policy

### Nondiscrimination in Adventist Schools

The Seventh-day Adventist Church, in all of its church-operated schools, admits students of any race to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at its schools and makes no discrimination on the basis of race in administration of education policies, applications for admission, scholarship or loan programs and extracurricular programs.

The governing body of the church has ruled officially, and in practice abides by, the following policies:

1. Equal employment opportunities shall be afforded, with no discrimination in recruitment or hiring against any employee or applicant because of race, color, ethnic background, country of origin, age or sex except where age or sex is a bona fide occupational qualification.
2. Preferential hiring shall be practiced only on the basis of freely chosen adherence to Adventist tenets as an essential to the operation of an Adventist institution.
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5. Inasmuch as the personal life and professional identity of an individual are inseparable, all employees are expected to conform to the standards of conduct that are in harmony with Seventh-day Adventist practices.

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#### Allegheny East Conference ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS Baltimore Junior Academy, Calvary, Dupont Park, Ephesus, George E. Peters, Larchwood, Mount Sinai, Pine Forge, Trinity Temple, Sharon Temple.

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## POTOMAC

At the end of the 1979 Potomac Conference camp meeting, Phyllis Gifford bought this platform plant. And each year since that time it has blossomed profusely when the new camp meeting begins. So every year it brings back the memories of those times, people and blessings she gained from a camp meeting conducted 12 years ago.

## WORLD CHURCH

### Health care executives honor former NAD leader

Charles Bradford, who most recently served as vice president of the General Conference for the North American Division, was named as the first recipient of the Association of Adventist Health Care Executives' Charles Cree Sandefur Award during the biannual meeting of the AAHCE in late July.

According to Terry White, outgoing president of AAHCE, the award was created to recognize persons who have made outstanding contributions to health care but who are not health care executives.

Bradford, who is now retired, was selected for the prestigious award because of his long-time involvement as a trustee and board member for Adventist health care in North America.

SANDRA VAN  
Correspondent

## HOSPITALS

### Sleep disorders center accredited by national organization

The Shady Grove Sleep Disorders Center has received a five-year accreditation from the American Sleep Disorders Association, the largest accrediting body for sleep disorders centers in the United States.

The center, which is located in Rockville, Maryland, is one of only two accredited MD/IPA-approved sleep disorders centers in the entire metropolitan Washington, D.C., area.

"The center, which is affiliated with nearby Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, went through a vigorous evaluation process, including an examination of the physicians' credentials in sleep studies, verification of the center's access to emergency coverage and an inspection of the center for appropriate facilities that are used in performing medical and technical procedures," stated Maria Figueroa, Shady Grove's director of marketing and planning.

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TAMARA RUSSELL  
Public Relations Director

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If you have minor children, a guardian should be named in the event of the death of both parents.

#### Other important instructions

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Important documents need to be preserved in a place that is known to the executor (personal representative). These documents should include wills, birth certificate(s), social security number(s), insurance policies, a financial profile and deeds.

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Another practical step is to become an organ donor. Again, your wishes should be expressed in writing.

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JERRY LASTINE  
Director of Planned Giving

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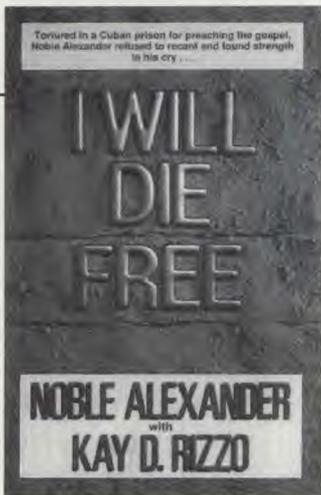
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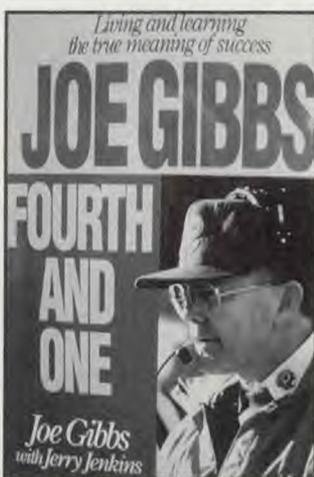
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"For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ... Therefore encourage each other with these words,"—*1 Thessalonians 4:16, 18 NIV*. The staff of the *Visitor* joins the church family in expressing sympathy to those who have lost loved ones.

**MONIZ**, Theodora, born December 27, 1907, Leonia, NJ; died May 5, 1991, Teaneck, NJ. She was a member of the Hackensack, NJ, church since 1938. Survivors: husband Joseph, daughter Theodora Mombert, sons Joseph Jr. and Charles, 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**REMPE**, Melvin G., born June 1, 1956, Dallas, TX; died March 16, 1991, Ft. Wayne, IN. He was a member of the Bryan, OH, church. Survivors: wife Doris, son Michael, parents Edward and Mildred and sisters Pamela Goldsberry, Melissa Poursmaili, Darla Collins and Sara Miller.

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Cleveland	6:31	5:22	5:13
Columbus	6:38	5:30	5:22
Jersey City	6:02	4:53	4:45
Norfolk	6:16	5:08	5:01
Parkersburg	6:34	5:26	5:18
Philadelphia	6:08	4:59	4:52
Pittsburgh	6:26	5:17	5:09
Reading	6:10	5:01	4:54
Richmond	6:20	5:12	5:05
Roanoke	6:30	5:22	5:15
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# Chesapeake CHALLENGE

## COULTER'S COMMENTS



J. Wayne Coulter

"A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs,"—*Christ Our Righteousness*, page 146.

### A spiritual renewal:

Foremost in all our planning, in all our objectives, is a spiritual renewal. I am convinced that when a revival takes place among God's people, the work will be finished and we will all "go home."

That is easier said than done. Nevertheless, decided steps need to be taken to have a personal presence of God within us. Recently at a joint meeting of local conferences in the Columbia Union, we were reminded of the direction our church is taking. It became abundantly clear, more than anything else, that we need a revival. Foremost in the many challenges that we face is the challenge to weld a stronger relationship with our Saviour. He can then empower us from heaven and we can go forward to a "finished work."

At that meeting our conference committee established a "design group" under the chairmanship of Dr. Hercules Pinkney, a member of our New Hope

### Chesapeake Challenge

is published in the *Visitor* each month by the Chesapeake Conference, 6600 Martin Road, Columbia, MD 21044. President, J. Wayne Coulter; Editor, J. Neville Harcombe.

church, to give further study as to the challenges we face in our homes, school and churches. He will be working with Neville Harcombe and Floyd Murdoch. The first objective was "Seek the baptism of the Holy Spirit and a vibrant relationship with Christ through a daily study of His Word and a personal prayer life." That is where we must begin. Everything else can be based or built on our renewed relationship with Jesus.

### Our publishing work:

Recently I was asked if we had a publishing work in the Chesapeake Conference. I'm happy to say that we do. However, our literature work has been declining over the past few years until it has almost become nonexistent. Recently we invited Tom Kapusta to be our publishing director. Kapusta comes to us from the Review and Herald Publishing Association, where he was in the marketing department. He has had extensive experience in publishing, and we believe we will see our literature work grow under his leadership. He already has found a strong desire for our books from the public. "What we need now," he says, "are literature evangelists to help us distribute our truth-filled literature."

### Mount Aetna development:

The 10 cabins are now complete and were used by our young people during the past summer camp program. Richard Parker, our youth director, reported that we had an excellent camp program and the campers enjoyed the new cabins. In addition to the cabins, we have added an administrator's cabin that houses the camp office, nurse's station and camp store. When summer camp is not in session, it will provide five additional rooms for sleeping quarters.

Recently Irving Barr graciously accepted our request to build our cafeteria/lodge. The foundation has been

poured, and footings are being laid. He says this structure will be ready by next summer. So you can see, progress is being made. As soon as possible, we will begin construction on the nature center and the Highland View Academy church.

### Highland View Academy:

Our enrollment is down and we are disappointed with that, but we are taking immediate action to help turn that around. At the same time, we are excited with our school. One of the significant improvements is the new library wing that also includes three classrooms. We have provided the rooms with new furniture as well. We also have 20 new computers in our computer classroom.

We are pleased with our new full-time academy pastor, Tom Decker. He has already endeared himself to the students.

### Tithe:

Our tithe has had almost a 10 percent increase over the same time period last year. Gary Dodge, our conference treasurer, reminds us that there is an extra week and probably a seven percent increase would be more accurate. This is still a good report, and we appreciate God's blessings and your faithfulness in your tithes and offerings.

### More good news:

Our membership now stands at 8,270 as of the end of the second quarter. Remember, we have set an objective of 9,000 members by 1995 and a faith objective of 10,000. As you can see, we are making a significant advance in achieving our goal. I believe we can do it; don't you? However, to reach our faith objective we are going to need to take some definite steps to assure success. Let's pray together as a conference for the enlargement of God's kingdom.

## "We Like Sheep" musical performed

Wilmington Junior Academy students ended the 1990-1991 school year by "preaching the sermon" on Sabbath, June 1, at the Wilmington, Delaware, church. Students in grades K-4 presented the musical "We Like Sheep", which teaches the parable of the Good Shepherd. Under the direction of Amy Fletcher (teacher of grades 1-4) and Michelle Duke (kindergarten teacher), the students blessed the congregation with their talents. Many students sang their first solos in public for the glory of the Lord.

The younger students were assisted by some of the older students, as is typical of the "family atmosphere" of the school. David Oakley (grade 7) played the Good Shepherd. Erin Hoover (grade 8) was the sound engineer, and Ryan Hoover (grade 5) designed posters, programs and many of the props.

The church was packed that Sabbath, and everyone was impressed with the "little lambs" who let their lights shine for Jesus.

Six students were also baptized that Sabbath: Don Hardy, Jeff Hardy, Jesse Skaggs, Christina Brand, Autumn Revels and Joey Stagliano.

Under the leadership of Principal Marilyn Parker, enrollment at Wilmington Junior Academy has grown to 45 students for the 1991-1992 school year. Students hope to perform the musical again at neighboring churches this fall.

MICHELLE DUKE  
Kindergarten Teacher  
Wilmington Junior Academy



## Western Maryland Church Officers Workshop, Frederick Church, November 9, 1991

Chesapeake Church Ministries presents "Empowerment I," an intensive church officers workshop for elders, deacons, deaconesses, adult and children's Sabbath school leaders and teachers, personal ministries leaders, youth and pathfinder leaders, van ministries and community services workers and others. The program begins at 2:30 pm. For further information call Chesapeake Conference at (301) 995-1910.

### NEWS NOTES

#### New Pathfinder club formed in Dover

The Forest Grove and Dover First young people have joined together to form a new Pathfinder club. They have named themselves the "Delaware Diamonds". Mike Lenigan is their club director.

#### Towson's "pastor's class" leads to two baptisms

Pastor Sedley Johnson reports that two baptisms and one profession of faith have been the result of a "pastor's class" that he has been teaching each Sabbath. This class is open to guests and non-Adventists who visit the church.

#### Annapolis starts new church programs

Pastor Rodney Vance and his new congregation in Annapolis are excited about some of the programs that have been planned for the church and the community.

They have just completed a "health van" outreach at the Anne Arundel County Fair. Cards were signed by 291 people expressing interest in Bible studies, stress seminars, Breathe-Free clinics and other Adventist awareness programs. They are now working with the Grasonville, Bell Branch, Glen Burnie and Pasadena churches to help follow up the interests.

A "kids' church" is planned for October 19. Advertising in the local newspaper was hoped to attract 250 visitors. The program included the 73-voice Sligo Elementary 4th and 5th grade choir. The Lego Company loaned thousands of dollars worth of "Lego's" for an exercise

on "Biblical Structures."

Beverly Coyle is a key character for a future "Adventist Heritage Day." Coyle will dress up as Ellen G. White and deliver a sermon that she preached in 1889 called "Tell of God's Love and Power." Members will be encouraged to dress up in 19th century costumes. Music will include favorite songs of James and Ellen G. White.

#### Chestertown junior mission outreach

August 18 found the juniors of the Chestertown church, along with their department leaders and families, embarking on a new mission adventure. They would be joining with the Linthicum church to assist with its food mobile, under the direction of Nat and Frenasi Moore, with Gary Elias as the "chef". Jeanette Hynson, Bobby Moralis, George Wennerberg Jr. and Kerri Williams were eager to participate but also somewhat apprehensive. They are young; what could they do to help the homeless?

In preparation for the project, the juniors had made cookies and brownies and brought clothes to give away. Above all, they had prayed for God's guidance. Now as the group arrived at the Linthicum church, anticipation rose.

Instructions were given by the leaders before the group set out for two stops with the food mobile—one in Pig Town and the other in Baltimore. Busy involvement helping the homeless quickly dissolved the juniors' fears. Some assisted the women in selecting and distributing clothes, while others dished up and handed out the food. Approximately 100 people, mostly men, were served. The parents took note of the cheerful and willing attitude of the jun-

iors while they were helping. Frank Williams, one of the junior leaders, and Pastor George Wennerberg talked and mingled with the people while they waited to be served.

Bobby had a special satisfaction in seeing the excitement of a little red-headed boy over a "new" shirt—one that Bobby had brought to give away. The little boy came back to the food mobile with his "new outfit" on and asked for a belt for the shorts.

Jeanette was at the food window when the last man came up asking for food. She had to tell him that there was no more food, but she generously gave him the last cookie that she had saved for herself. After the man left, Jeanette cried, wishing she could have done more for the man. It was touching to see her tender regard for this destitute person.

What a life-changing experience this was for all of those in the group—juniors, leaders and other family mem-

bers. Everyone expressed a desire to continue helping the homeless. Plans were made to collect money and clothing for future trips. It was with a sense of commitment and renewed gratitude for God's bountiful love and blessings that the group headed home.

BRENDA WENNERBERG  
Chestertown Church

## Dover church receives inmates

Sabbath, September 7, was a special day at the Dover First church, in Dover, Delaware. Two members of the 20-voice choir, "Echoes of Joy" from the Delaware Correctional Center, in Smyrna, attended the service and sang several special numbers.

The inmates, Ira Shy and Oris Smiley, were accompanied by prison Chaplain Frank Pennell and Correction Officers Tom Secord and Karl Paolini. The visit



Dover church welcomes inmates.

was arranged by Dover Church Prison Ministries Director Steve Pritchett, who has been involved in prison ministry at the Dover center for over four years.

About his ministry at the prison, Pritchett said, "The Lord placed me in one of the most exciting ministries in the world. It's been very rewarding meeting and telling these men about the Lord, and then seeing them accept the message of salvation is very exciting."

During his ministry, Pritchett has had the privilege of presenting Revelation Seminar certificates to more than 20 inmates and has been responsible for two inmates being baptized into the Adventist church.

DOUG RENNEWANZ  
Dover First Church

## Voice of Prophecy Harvest Time in Baltimore

Woodlawn High School Auditorium  
November 2, 1991 - 1:30 p.m.

\* Lonnie Melashanko, new VOP speaker

\* Del Delker, vocalist

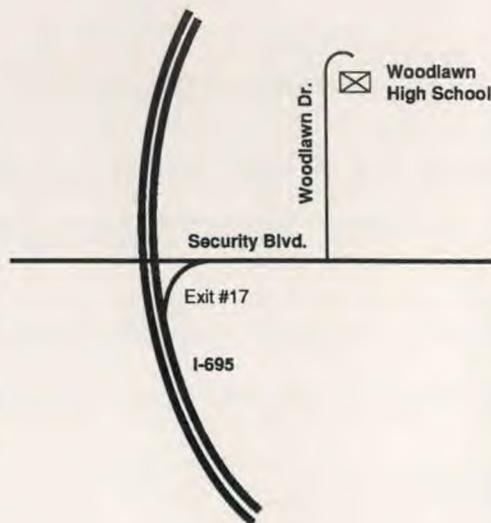
\* Kenneth E. H. Richards, associate speaker

\* Phyl Draper, organist

\* John Thurber, associate speaker

### DIRECTIONS:

Take 695 North, exit at Exit 17 Security Blvd., Woodlawn, ramp forks, take right ramp headed east. Come down 2 lights, 2nd light is Woodlawn Dr., turn left, Woodlawn High School is 1/2 mile on the right.



## New Martinsburg church dedicated

The Martinsburg congregation dedicated its new church building on September 14. Pastor Claude Steen reported that there were more than 400 members and guests in attendance. After a special Sabbath school program and church worship service, the guests were invited to a fellowship dinner.

The church dedication program began at 2:45 in the afternoon. Special music was presented by the Rocky Knoll School Choir, Paul Saint-Villiers, Pat Kerstein's Ladies Chorus and Carolyn Sottlemeyer.

J. Wayne Coulter, conference president, gave the address, followed by Pastor Don Klinger, who led the congregation through a litany of dedication. J. Neville Harcombe, conference secretary, gave the prayer of dedication, after which Alan Forquer recognized gifts and greetings.

Steen gave an interesting history of the building program. In October 1983, Pastor Don Klinger formed a building committee. A year later, Pastor Estel D. C. Richardson spear-headed the building program for five years. In 1986 the old church building was sold to the Central Baptist Church of Martinsburg. In the meantime, the congregation had to use the gymnasium of the Rocky Knoll Seventh-day Adventist School. In 1987 the new property was purchased on Boyd Orchard Road. Construction began in October 1989.

Special guests of honor included Lloyd Metcalf and Don Klinger, who had previously pastored the church. Dr. Al Clipp, pastor of the United Calvary Methodist Church and president of the Martinsburg Ministerial Alliance took part in the worship service.

J. NEVILLE  
HARCOMBE  
Communication  
Director



## Oldest church comes through

Rock Hall, with a church membership of 69, topped all other Chesapeake churches by having 13 leaders and personnel in attendance at the September 21 Sabbath School 101 Workshop.

Pastor George Wennerberg spoke for the group when he shared that 1992 was going to be a banner year for the Rock Hall Sabbath school. They plan to put into action in their own church the new methods and ideas received from the presenters and seminars at 101.

BEVERLY RUSSELL  
Children's Ministries Director

## Conference Executive committee actions from September 24, 1991

(Each month items of interest will be printed in the *Challenge*.)

**\*VOTED** to ask **Dick Thomas** to pastor the Parkville-Essex/Dundalk district.

**\*VOTED** to ask **Neville Harcombe** to coordinate with Floyd Murdoch and Hercules Pinkney a suggested program of implementation using the study results of the Valuegenesis report.

# Dateline New Jersey

New Jersey Conference, 2160 Brunswick Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08648 / (609) 392-7131

## What's happening around New Jersey

### November 1-3

Pathfinder Leadership  
Conference  
Garden State Academy

### November 4-6

North American Division  
Year-end Meetings  
Columbia, Maryland

### November 10

ABC open 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
GSA Board/Conference  
Board of Education  
Garden State Academy  
Shepherdess Fall Meeting

### November 11

Pastors' Meeting  
Conference Office

### November 14

NJ Executive Committee  
and Association Board

### November 28-29

NJ office and ABC closed  
**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

### December 8, 15

Adventist Book Center  
Open

### December 23

Christmas Vacation  
All Schools

### December 24-25

Conference office and ABC  
closed Tuesday afternoon  
and Christmas Day

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Bob Boggess

## The Holy Scriptures on growth in spiritual maturity

In a word, as God's dear children, try to be like Him, and live in love as Christ loved you,—*Ephesians 5:1, 2 NEB.*

Do not behave in the way that you liked to before you learned the truth, make a habit of obedience,—*I Peter 1:14 Jerusalem Bible.*

Set your affections on things above not on things on earth. For you are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God,—*Colossians 3:2 KJV.*

Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God remold your minds from within so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meets all His demands, and moves toward the goal of true maturity,—*Romans 12:2 Phillips.*

Never act from motives of rivalry or personal vanity but in humility think more of each other than you do of yourselves. None of you should think only of his own affairs but consider other people's interests also. Let your attitude be like that of Jesus Christ Himself,—*Philippians 2:3-5 Phillips.*

Those who live as their human nature tells them to have their minds controlled by what human nature wants. Those who live as the Spirit tells them to have their minds controlled by what the Spirit wants,—*Romans 8:5 TEV.*

But to attain this, you will have to do your utmost yourselves, adding goodness to the faith that you have, understanding to your goodness, self-control to your understanding, patience to your self-control, true devotion to your patience, kindness toward your fellow men to your devotion, and to this kindness, love. If you have a generous supply of these, they will not leave you ineffectual or unproductive,—*II Peter 1:5-8 Jerusalem Bible.*

When the Holy Spirit controls our lives He will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control,—*Galatians 5:22 TLB.*

And now, brothers, as I close this letter let me say this one more thing: Fix your thoughts on what is true and good and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely and dwell on the fine, good things in others. Think about all you can praise God for and be glad about,—*Philippians 4:8 TLB.*

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to devote ourselves to the good deeds for which God has designed us,—*Ephesians 2:10 NEB.*

**BOB BOGGESS**  
President

## Summer camp in New Jersey—1991

Children and teens from the busy cities, the New Jersey shore, the green countryside, as well as New York and Pennsylvania, came together to share in the Tranquil Valley Camp program September 26 through 29. Tranquil Valley Camp rests in the serene foothills of the Appalachian Mountains in northwest New Jersey, close to New York and Pennsylvania.

The Pathfinder and Adventurer program is very large in New Jersey, with more than 600 participating. Almost twice as many campers attended Tranquil Valley this year as last year.

Murrell Tull, New Jersey Conference youth director, set up a unique staff for Tranquil Valley Camp with only six staff adults each week—the nurse, pastor, girls' and boys' director and the camp director.

The staff, comprised mostly of students, became as close as brothers and sisters whether they were 16 or 48, black, white or Hispanic. Many were from Garden State Academy, with others from Blue Mountain Academy, Columbia Union College, Southern College, Kettering Medical Center, Southwestern College and Andrews University. They all loved God and working together to make camp a fun, exciting Christian atmosphere for every camper.

Boys' Director and Lifeguard D.J. Waddington from Columbia Union College and Nature Director Murrell Tull Jr. from Southern College produced enthusiastic campfires and Christian

songs that children and teens sang all day long.

Director Dwight Thompson and Deputy Director Randy Bartolome set up a well-rounded program of horsemanship, swimming, canoeing, braiding, leathercraft, candle-making, soapcraft, birds, dogs, reptiles, amphibians and more. Children and teens worked hard to complete the classes at camp so they would receive their honor patches.

The camp has a picturesque pond with many fish and a variety of water turtles and snakes to



Nature Director Murrell Tull Jr. feeds a worm to a baby bird.



catch. Many Canadian geese and ducks complete the picture.

It also has an in-ground swimming pool, the scene of one of the most exciting events the teens enjoyed—a night swim. Lifeguards Kevin Adams, D.J. Waddington and Pete Griffin set up several spotlights at the pool. Staff and teens splashed, played and sang in the pool at the top of their lungs. Camp

Pastor Ed Keyes, Bible teacher and pastor at Garden State Academy who lives close by, said he could hear the happy noise from his living room and had to come join in the fun.

Steve Dayen, pastor of the Lake Nelson church, and Jose Cortes, a theology student from Columbia Union College, also assisted as camp pastors.

The children and teens of Tranquil Valley Camp loved praising the Lord, working, playing and worshiping God together. In fact, 20 juniors came forward to be baptized.

Campers from Tranquil Valley Camp—1991 will have memories of this year that will last forever. Wouldn't you like to be a part of Tranquil Valley Camp—1992?

ELLY WELLS  
Area Pathfinder Coordinator

### TRANQUIL VALLEY CAMP

#### Where the action is!

*When campers come rolling in, things are not always so halcyon in Tranquility. With the sounds of mallets tooling leathercraft projects, splashes of water from the rhythms of swimmers lapping the pool and the pounding of hooves as horsemanship riders learn equestrian skills, our resident geese spend many a sleepless night wondering when the fun and excitement will terminate and camp will again resume its serene nature.*

*Campers were asked what they liked best about camp. "Swimming," "my counselor" and "the food" were frequent choices. The meals were exceptional this year.*

*With a new program and excellent staff, many of our new campers went home and began recruiting their non-Adventist friends for next year. One boy already has six of his neighbors lined up to come.*

*Jose Cortes, a theology student at Columbia Union College and camp pastor, helped 19 juniors make a decision for baptism.*

*What makes Tranquil Valley Camp so special? I'd have to say it's when staff and campers pray together and invite the Holy Spirit to help them follow our Father's will.*

DWIGHT THOMPSON  
Camp Director



## Don Reynolds conducts leadership seminar

More than 300 local church leaders representing virtually every New Jersey Conference church and company jammed the Meadow View School auditorium to participate in a "Soul Winning Through Team Leadership" seminar conducted by Don Reynolds, special assistant to General Conference President Robert Folkenberg, on Sabbath afternoon, September 21.

Emphasizing cooperation, planning



Don Reynolds

and working together, Reynolds challenged every New Jersey church leader to become an effective team member in his or her local church to win souls to Christ.

His gripping report of the recent evangelism explosion in the U.S.S.R. gave emphasis and motivation to the New Jersey leaders.

Pastor Reynolds conducted seminars on other subjects to the New Jersey Conference pastoral workers on Monday and the Hackettstown Community Hospital officers and staff on Tuesday.

Mary Reynolds, Trenton, and Larry Nazarro and Rodney Bartolome, Elizabeth Filipino/English, participate in a "team ministry" exercise during the church leadership seminar.



## New Jersey holds Pathfinder/Adventurer staff retreat

On August 24-26, Murrell Tull, New Jersey Conference youth director, organized a special camping retreat for all New Jersey Pathfinder and Adventurer staff and their families. The theme, "On Edge for Christ," was appropriate in many ways. Camp Edge Boy Scout camp in southwestern New Jersey, near Wilmington, Delaware, offered a variety of interesting activities for the campers.

A retreat of this nature had never been done before in New Jersey, but it received an excellent response with approximately 150 people attending.

Tull, his wife, Ginger, and area coordinators Doris Klopping and Elly Wells prepared a program that the staff found to be fun and informative.

Friday afternoon the staff could swim, canoe, paddle boat or just relax in the serene atmosphere of green trees and a large lily-padded lake. Staffers coming from the city and from the shore found Camp Edge truly a soothing balm for frayed nerves.

Pastor Neville Harcombe, secretary of the Chesapeake Conference, inspired

all with his experiences from South Africa on Friday evening and Sabbath. The Sabbath school lesson was brought by Adventurer Director Susan Peek.

The purpose of the retreat was not only to relax and get better acquainted with other Pathfinder and Adventurer leaders, but also to learn how to have a successful club. Pathfinder staff and Adventurer staff met separately and discussed how to prepare for the Pathfinder/Adventurer year.

Godwin Carmenatty, director of the "Stars of the Master" club, spoke of how important it is to involve teens of our church in Pathfinders. Four of his staff members are teens, ages 14-17, and they witnessed to the adult staff, reflecting on how much they love working with the Pathfinder club and how important the club is in keeping them in the Seventh-day Adventist church.

One additional reason for the staff retreat was to prepare for New Jersey's camporee, held September 26-29. Tull purposely chose a retreat in the same area so Pathfinder and Adventurer staff will know what to expect in September.

## Special news break

At the September pastors' meeting, more than 475 baptisms to date were reported by pastors in 1991. The clerks' reports show our conference membership has exceeded 7,700 members with three new congregations inaugurated since the beginning of the year. Six meetings or evangelistic campaigns are scheduled during the last half of 1991 in churches throughout our conference. Even though several pastoral moves have occurred this year, evangelistic meetings have been conducted in virtually every church in New Jersey. Literature evangelists have sponsored several Revelation seminars this year and more than 53 souls have been baptized as a direct result of this labor.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

## Farewells

We wish to say "thank you" to the following New Jersey workers and families who will take up the work of the Lord in other fields of labor. We appreciate all you have done for the work in New Jersey and pray that the Lord will bless you as you leave us.

**Robert and Barbara Forss**, Indiana Conference

**J.R. and Faye Haney**, Retired to Oklahoma

**Fritz and Karyl Krieger**, Minnesota Conference

**Steve and Flo Shipowick**, Oregon Conference

## McComas "re-retires"

Special mention must be made of the "re-retirement" of Pastor Kenneth McComas at the Woodbury English Church on August 17.

McComas has been for many years a retiree minister who, in addition to giving leadership as a local elder at the Woodbury church, has been an interim pastor in numerous churches throughout New Jersey. He has handled a heavy visitation program, preached revivals and baptized. Last year 12 people were baptized as a result of his ministry.

McComas has decided to "re-retire" following the death of his wife last fall, and after a heart attack. He will make his home near Reading, Pennsylvania, close to his daughter, Mildred Johns. Thanks, "Mac," for all you have done for New Jersey. We will be praying for you.



## Paterson gets third Spanish church

Paterson, New Jersey, now has not one but three Spanish churches heralding the remnant message to its Hispanic communities.

Pastor Fidel Falcon led the group to begin a Sabbath school missionary outreach five months ago. This congregation now has 47 members and is planning a full-scale evangelistic outreach in the year ahead. Pastor Leonardo Pineda (retired) is the presiding elder of the new company.

Conference Treasurer Dowell Chow (left) and President Bob Boggess present a gift of a communion set to Pastor Ramon Falcon (right) and First Elder Leonardo Pinedo on the occasion of the organization of the new company.

## Bridgeton Spanish company organized

The Bridgeton Spanish group realized a three-year dream when they were organized into an official company on September 14, 1991.

The inaugural celebration was conducted at the Bridgeton English Church and directed by Pastor Eleazar De Gracia, who has pastored the new group since its inception. The company was welcomed by Elder Robert Boggess, conference president.

The Vineland Spanish church had sponsored this group as a branch Sabbath school the last three years. Brandon Del Valle, from Vineland, was translator for the day.

To crown the day's activities, Vicente and Irma Jimenez became a part of the charter membership when they were baptized, and Pedro Carrasco Sr. and Pedro Carrasco Jr., father and son, were ordained as deacon and elder, respectively.



Vicente and Irma Jimenez, the first to be baptized into the newly organized Bridgeton Spanish company.

## Conference committee notes

The following actions were recorded at the New Jersey Conference Executive Committee meeting on September 5, 1991.

1. Invitation to become workers in New Jersey were approved to Dan Neergaard, pastor, New Brunswick/Princeton district  
Ron Gladden, ministerial/evangelism coordinator  
Raymond Jimenez, assistant treasurer
2. The financial report reflected the following facts:  
Tithe received through July 1991—  

\$2,485,673	\$28,889 less than budgeted
New Jersey Advance—	
\$49,683	\$37,816 less than budgeted
Actual Expenses—	
\$2,698,816	\$83,010 less than budgeted
Accounts owed to the conference by churches	\$96,865
Accounts owed to the conference by schools	\$81,512
Net operating loss through July—	
\$223,956	\$31,015 better than budgeted

**Faithful payment of tithe and offerings by individual members is appreciated. Receipt of accounts owed to the conference by churches and schools is urgently needed.**

3. Columbia Union Revolving Fund loans were approved for the following churches:  
Landisville Spanish, building repairs  
Bridgeton English, building repairs  
Newark Spanish, church van  
Union City Spanish, church van
4. An appropriation of five percent in the building costs (\$6,250) was approved to enable the new Jersey City Heights Spanish church to continue its new church remodeling program.
5. A continuing education policy for the conference and programs of participation were approved for Ramon Astacio, Robert Boggess, Ramon Canals, Dowell Chow, Jose Cortes, Eleazar De Gracia, Neftaly Ortiz, Jorge Rico and Hector Solera.
6. David Mathi, principal, reports that Garden State Academy started school with 78 enrolled students (89 are now enrolled). Both students and staff have a buoyant, happy spirit, and school is beginning with a vibrant outlook. Student recruitment will continue.

## Witnessing at Meadow View School

When Pauline Revell enrolled her two sons in Meadow View School's ninth grade, she had prayed for a Christian experience for them and a greater understanding of Adventist beliefs for herself, especially the three angels' messages.

While principal Ron Adams was talking to her that day, into the office came Pastor Robert Forss who had just completed production on a series of tapes about the three angels' messages. Her prayers were answered, exclaimed Revell. Now she had found a school for her sons and also the learning help she needed.

The story doesn't stop there. While shopping in a shoe store a little later, Revell met a family who said they needed a good school for their son. "Why not call the Meadow View School?," she suggested, and they did. Their son is now enrolled, and Revell is planning to share her faith with this non-Adventist family.

# MISSION OHIO



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## Vision Eternity

Mark  
Your  
Calendar

**November 8-10**  
Annual Women's Retreat  
*Camp Mohaven*

**November 9**  
Columbus Area Youth Rally

**November 22-24**  
Men's Retreat  
*Camp Mohaven*

**November 28-  
December 1**  
Singles Retreat  
*Camp Mohaven*



**Ed Motschiedler**

### In search of lost youth

Every Seventh-day Adventist church member should be in mourning. Young people whom they have loved since babyhood are no longer attending church. The church has watched them grow from babies to toddlers who, with their parents' help, went up front to listen to the children's story. They then watched as they started church school, joined the Pathfinder club, went through their teen years and then stopped coming to church.

We all want to know why! Where did we as parents, church members, pastors and teachers go wrong? We can't continue to make the same mistakes!

Now we know the answers. Private donors funded a study of 12,000 children and youth in grades six through 12. This study, called Valuegenesis, was completed and is published. The findings are both encouraging and discouraging.

For example, 92 percent of our 12th graders felt that they should not use tobacco, and 91 percent felt that they should observe the Sabbath. On the other hand, only 13 percent of the 12th graders said they and their fathers often talk faith together, and only 31 percent reported family worship. While 81 percent of the youth felt their churches taught Adventist standards, only 29 percent felt that adults in their church cared about them. Similar positive and negative findings were discovered about our Adventist schools.

One of the goals of *Vision Eternity* is: **Empowering the Youth**. This means keeping our youth active in the life and ministry of the church.

I firmly believe that every parent, school board member, church board member, teacher, pastor and parent should read the Valuegenesis study and pray that God will lead them in a discussion on how to keep our precious youth in the church. Your pastor, teacher or conference office should be able to provide you a copy. A summary was also recently published in the *Adventist Review*.

To understand the problems of why we are losing our youth and make no attempt to address and correct them would be a sin that would cripple the Adventist church for years to come.

**ED MOTSCHIEDLER**  
*President*

### Mission Ohio

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## UPDATE

### CHURCH NEWS

**Mount Vernon City** church celebrated its 15th anniversary on Wednesday, September 11, at 7:30 p.m. A special service helped the congregation review the way God has blessed the church in the past and how He will continue to bless in the future.

**Clarksfield** church began a 21-night Revelation Seminar series on October 6. Pastor Darrell Mayberry is conducting the meetings.

**Dublin** church member Vickie Glassburn is conducting vegetarian cooking classes sponsored by the church. The weekly classes, which began October 1, focus on healthful preparation of natural foods, including grains, legumes, dairy and substitute dairy products. Samples are provided as well as actual demonstrations of food preparation at each session.

Jim Nock reported in the **Canton** church newsletter that Sylvia Johnson demonstrated low-cost meals at the "Open House" cooking classes that began in September.

A revival/reunion weekend series will be held beginning November 1 at the **Mount Vernon Hill** church. As a symbol of the necessary prayers and concern for the inactive and non-churched, yellow ribbons are tied to the pillars of the church. Pastors George Pangman and Steve Rude are coordinating this nurture/evangelistic series including, on the first of three weekends, guest speaker Dick Duerksen, Columbia Union vice president for communication, marketing and creative ministries.

**Delaware** members teamed together again this year and prepared displays and vegetarian dishes for a booth at the Delaware County Fair, giving many fairgoers an opportunity to consider healthful living as a way of life.

### SCHOOL SCENE

**Mount Vernon Academy** seniors traveled to our nation's capital for their annual government trip. Columbia Union College, in Takoma Park, Maryland, hosted this opportunity to tour federal buildings and historical monuments.

**Ashtabula** church reopened its elementary school with 11 students and celebrated a special homecoming service on September 27.

**Spring Valley Academy** recently held a week of prayer featuring guest speaker Brett Barry of Nashville, Tennessee. Many youth dedicated their lives to Christ and two non-Adventist students requested Bible studies. Barry also presented a musical concert on Friday evening of that week.

The **Lakeside** school and its principal/teacher, Vera Ritter, were recently commended by state officials and given two pages of local news coverage for the unique approach to education offered at the school.

The **Spring Valley** elementary division surpassed its hopes for \$12,000 in magazine sales and even reached \$15,000. Each of the classrooms will utilize 40 percent of the sales for their class fund.

### AROUND THE CONFERENCE

The first Ohio Seniors Weekend Retreat was held at Camp Mohaven September 20-22 and sponsored by the Golden Buckeye Fellowship. "Momentous Encounters with God" was the topic presented by Pastor Will Eva of the Kettering church. Music, nature activities and fellowship made the weekend a tremendous blessing to the 75 attendees, commented Lynn Calendar, retreat coordinator.

## Wonder-working woman receives recognition

Zucchini could become a survival vegetable at the home of Sherry Bale, a member of the Delaware church who was recently commended for her creative abilities in *Delaware This Week's* September 16 issue.

Bale helped to prepare food and recipes for exhibit and sampling in the Delaware church's health booth at the Delaware County Fair. Many of the flowers and vegetables grown in her own garden were also displayed in the arts and crafts building. Fair attendees were impressed with her ability to create pancakes, patties, fritters, pickles, soup, salsa and even mock apple pie from zucchini! In addition, Bale canned 55 quarts of zucchini for winter.

Sherry and her husband, Tom, attribute some of the success of their garden to the presence of three hives of hard-working bees. So far this year, those hives have produced an astounding 450 pounds of honey.

BETTY TAYLOR

*Delaware Communication Director*



Sherry Bale

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## Pathfinder leaders trained and training

Pathfinder leaders traveled from all over Ohio to Camp Mohaven September 13-15 to attend a Pathfinders honors training weekend, planned by the Pathfinder area coordinators and supported by the Ohio Conference.



Leland Davis was one of the guest speakers during Pathfinders honors training at Camp Mohaven.

Leland and Linda Davis, Pathfinder area coordinators from the Georgia-Cumberland Conference and authors of two books that outline the answers to the requirements for honors, joined Ohio specialists in presenting more than 17 honors. The Davises were keynote speakers and also taught a section covering general teaching techniques for Pathfinder-age youth.



A Pathfinder leader studies carefully in preparation for an honor in sand.

The event was unique in that many experienced Pathfinder leaders were involved in the instruction and also took as many classes as they could possibly squeeze in. "It was physically impossible to attend all the classes," said Doug Herdman, Dayton area coordinator.

Ohio Pathfinders will benefit from this event throughout the year as leaders teach these honor classes with greater skill, more knowledge and much more enthusiasm than ever before. Eldon Jackson, area coordinator, Zanesville club leader and coordinator for the honors weekend, reported that 17 clubs were represented.

## TABLE TALK

### CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

#### PERSONNEL

Three new members were added to the Ohio Conference Executive Committee, filling existing vacancies. They are Pat Giese, principal of Toledo Junior Academy, and pastors Colin Mercer and Hector Rodriguez. The personnel committee was authorized to make the final decision regarding the hiring of a summer youth camp director to direct the 1992 program at Camp Mohaven in Danville.

#### COMMUNICATION

An action was voted to mail a synopsis of monthly Ohio Conference Executive Committee actions to church board chairpersons, head elders and pastors and to publish a summary in *Mission: Ohio*.

#### TITHE

The adjusted year-to-date tithe increase as of August 31, 1991, is 1.68 percent.

#### OTHER ITEMS ADDRESSED

Marketing plan for trust services; hiring recommendations for pastors and teachers; employee survivor benefits; membership of the finance and budget review committee; publishing committee chairmanship; issuing of licenses and credentials; Mount Vernon Academy and Spring Valley Academy enrollment reports.

## 4TH ANNUAL

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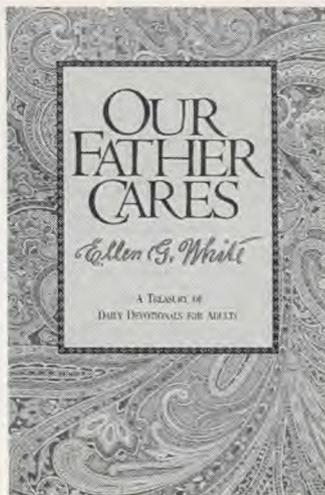
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## ■ Lay advisory addresses Valuegenesis

Bailey Gillespie, chairman of the religion department at Loma Linda University in California, was the guest speaker at the annual lay advisory council held in Columbus September 28-29.

The major thrust of the event was the exploration of the Valuegenesis re-

port, a recent research study initiated by the North American Division. Gillespie presented the documented evidence that faith maturity among Adventist youth is relatively low while identifying key problems and assisting participants in defining recommendations that will support the changes that must occur in homes, schools and churches.

Many in attendance expressed gratitude for being made aware of the depth of the problem. They were encouraged to hear that the church is committed to action on the findings and is eager to support the home, school and church so that the faith maturity of Ohio youth may grow.

Edward Motschieder, president of the Ohio Conference, expressed that the conference is absolutely committed to following through on the findings; searching for solutions and supporting implementation in every way possible.

The lay advisory council has functioned for years in Ohio, offering advice, suggestions and recommendations to the Ohio Conference administration; providing communication between church membership and leadership; and generating new ideas, plans and creative approaches to the challenges facing the church today.



Bailey Gillespie

Nellie Bell and her brother, Lester Emler (right), present a check to former Lima Pastor Willis Adams for the Lima Educational Endowment Fund.



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## ■ Lima endowment fund growing

Begun with a \$50 honorarium received from a funeral in 1984 by former Lima church Pastor Willis Adams, this pioneer educational endowment fund now has assets of just under \$10,000.

The Lima endowment fund was established several years prior to the beginning of the Ohio Conference education endowment fund. The goal was to financially support the young people of the Lima church who desired Christian education.

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What's  
happening  
around  
Pennsylvania

**November 8-10**

Women's Spiritual Retreat  
*Laurelville Mennonite  
Center*

**November 15-17**

Pathfinder Director's  
Meeting  
*Laurel Lake Camp*

**November 17**

SW Federation Meeting  
*Johnstown Church*

**December 8**

Conference Committee  
*Reading Rehabilitation  
Hospital*

**January 15-19**

Senior Youth Ski Weekend  
*Poconos*

**January 30-February 2**

Youth and Young Adult  
Retreat  
*Laurel Lake Camp*

**March 7**

PA Youth Rally  
*Blue Mountain Academy*

**March 10-24**

Maranatha Trip  
*Dominican Republic*



**Jerry Page**

## The President's Pen

I feel impressed to share a heart burden with you today. As president, I believe God has called me to be a spiritual leader helping His people prepare for His soon return. I try not to talk much about the financial challenges we face; however, at a time when we are seeing God's hand in spiritual and numerical growth, the recession along with other factors is creating apparent obstacles to the forward progress for His work here in Pennsylvania. But to God, obstacles are always opportunities when His faithful people know the need!

As corporations and governments have had to cut back, so in the past three years the Pennsylvania Conference budget has had to be cut in a number of ways to keep it balanced. We have tried in every way possible to make these cutbacks in administrative areas whenever possible. Following is a list of some of the areas that have been affected in cutbacks since 1989:

1. Two conference departmental directors are pastoring churches and a third director holds two evangelistic field schools, saving conference operating money.
2. A conference associate treasurer position has been cut.
3. One conference office secretary position was deleted.
4. Three excellent retired pastors have been recruited to work on retirement stipends and yet carry full pastoral loads.
5. Five pastoral districts have been merged into three districts.
6. 1991-92 cost of living raises for all employees have been delayed.
7. Travel allowances for conference office personnel have been reduced and not increased for field personnel.
8. Some needed expansions in youth, education, and church ministries have been withheld, and some program cutbacks have been made.
9. One and one-half publishing associate salaries have been deleted.

In case anyone may think the conference is spending extra money on evangelism and that this is part of the problem, please be assured that no money at all goes from the operating budget into evangelism. It is funded only from restricted General Conference and union rebates, its allotted portion of PSA offering funds and the camp meeting evangelism offering. We praise God that He has given us our best years in growth as well as the highest number of youth at camp this year (403) and

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### Conference Penn

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## Adventists in action

- In September, churches in York, Hillcrest, Leechburg, Havertown, Pottstown and Lehigh Valley began **evangelistic outreaches**. Early reports indicate an excellent attendance at the York Holiday Inn with Pastor Joe McCoy and lay leadership guiding the meetings, which began September 15. Sixty radio spots targeted to the "baby boomers," ads in the *York Sunday News* entertainment and family section and 60,000

President's message, continued from page 9

a greatly increased enrollment at BMA (225). We do not want to cut back more in pastoral coverage and the work for our youth, but we don't know where else to reduce spending if this trend continues.

To those of you who have been so faithful in returning God's tithe and willingly giving sacrificial love offerings, a special "thank you"! If you have not been faithful in tithing, I urge you to step out and trust God; He will not fail you! If you have been sending your tithe to other ministries outside of your local conference, I urge you to read again in full context from God's prophet in *Testimonies for the Church*, volume 9, pages 245-252.

God will not fail His church! It's almost time to go home, and He will accomplish great things in the days ahead by His Spirit! I only share this information with you to ask you to prayerfully consider your sacrificial giving as 1991 draws to a close. Perhaps He will ask you to do something special in sacrifice and self-denial. Because of His love to us, the Lord through His prophet calls us to do all we can as managers of His goods in these last days!

"As you stand before the cross, and see the Prince of heaven dying for you, can you seal your heart, saying, 'No; I have nothing to give'? ... Meet around the cross of Calvary in self-sacrifice and self-denial."

"He has placed in the hands of His servants the means wherewith to carry forward His work in home and foreign missions. But if only half the people do their duty, the treasury will not be supplied with the necessary funds, and many parts of the work of God must be left incomplete."—*Counsel on Stewardship*, pages 16, 47.

JERRY N. PAGE  
President

mailed invitations were used to advertise the meetings.

- Lehigh Valley churches in New Tripoli, Allentown, Slatington, Bethlehem and Easton have joined in support of a major Amazing Facts series on September 28 in the Days Inn Convention Center in Allentown. **More than 600 people attended** the opening night meeting. "Something Wonderful" cards were mailed a few weeks ahead of the meetings, securing nearly 60 Bible studies to link up with the event. These meetings are organized and funded by local lay persons.
- Joe Whedbee, Havertown pastor and conference publishing director, and Tony Cortes, Hillcrest pastor, indicated **strong support for their crusades**. The Havertown meetings are being held in the church auditorium and the Hillcrest meetings in the Irwin Comstock school auditorium. Leechburg members began meetings in a store front in New Kensington on September 28, and an Ethnan Temple member, Joseph Mendinghall, is the instructor.
- Amazing Facts Evangelist Jack DuBosque has just concluded a series with the Pottstown congregation. A packed audience of 80 to 90 have nightly been under the influence of the Word of God. Pastor Carroll Brauer reports **10 baptisms** at the time of this writing.
- The Somerset Amazing Facts meetings have concluded with 17 added to the church membership. This **more than doubles** the average Sabbath attendance of the congregation, states Pastor Robert Hoffman.
- The first Pennsylvania Conference **Men's Spiritual Retreat** was conducted at Blue Mountain Academy in Hamburg on September 20 and 21. Eighty-five men attended from churches across the state. Dick Duerksen, new vice president for communication of the Columbia Union, shared spiritual messages highlighting insights into the men of Scripture. Seasons of prayer, sharing and fellowship were enjoyed.
- The Kitchen family found support with members of the Boulevard church in prayer for their daughter,

diagnosed as having serious heart valve damage and needing surgery. They are rejoicing in God's power as subsequent tests revealed a **complete reversal and no surgery necessary!** God still works miracles!

- **Twenty-one new members** are now fellowshiping with the Butler congregation, tripling its original active membership. Additional interests and new member nurture is being accomplished in four home seminars and Friday night and Sabbath services. New members are currently involved as they use their spiritual gifts in ministry.
- Paul Redding, a carpenter, and Paula Wisner, a student at Highland View Academy, Hagerstown, Maryland—both members of the Gettysburg church—flew this spring to Farmington, New Mexico, to help at the **LaVida Indian School**. They and other Maranatha volunteers built a greenhouse and pump house, stained the church at the LaVida school location and did clean-up work. Each day they presented spiritual songs and stories for Indian children.
- **Fifty-two Vacation Bible School students** graduated from the Lock Haven church. "Happy with Jesus" was the theme series with Eleanor Sagmuller as coordinator. Roberta Muthler, alias "Sparkles" the clown, dazzled the children with her Christian-oriented entertaining, according to Pastor Bob Hoyt.
- The Hillcrest Vacation Bible School had **38 children enrolled**. Their closing program featured the juniors, led by Larry Bird, performing a skit called "Trash Can."
- A **spiritual retreat** was held for the districts of Blossburg, Coudersport and Hillcrest at Thompkins Park on Cowanesque Lake near Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania.
- Pastor Steve Stender reports the **McKeesport prayer meeting** is a time set aside for sharing something inspiring, interesting, unusual, etc., that one has read or heard that week either from Bible study, Sabbath school lessons or Ellen White. On the rare occasion when no one has anything to share, the pastor is prepared. This has become a very spe-

cial time for this exceptionally spirit-minded church.

- **Adventist singles** of the Columbia Union, comprising seven conferences, met at the Gettysburg church on August 24. Retired Pastor James Terzo preached the sermon.
- The **Erie church booth** at the Erie County Fair again sparked a lot of interest. Pathfinders distributed more than 1,000 pieces of literature. Free vegetarian food samples were given to more than 1,200 people, and some showed an interest in upcoming cooking schools and Revelation seminars. A benefactor, since deceased, helped get them started on this church witnessing activity.
- The Blossburg Vacation Bible School was a **real hit** again this year. At the closing program, held on a Friday night, the juniors presented a play, the primaries reviewed the meaning of the Ten Commandments, and the kindergarten department sang songs and presented a nature exercise. Vanessa Smith and her staff brought a strong Christian witness to the youngsters.
- Laurel Lake Camp reports several young people have been baptized since camp, due to the excellent follow-up by Pennsylvania pastors. **Sixty-six campers requested baptism** during 1991.
- Laurel Lake Camp and Retreat Center weekends are filling up fast. Fifteen groups used Laurel Lake in 1990. Twenty-seven have used it so far in 1991. If your church or youth group would like to **use Laurel Lake Camp**, contact Don Baker at the conference office.
- Pennsylvania Pathfinders will be spearheading a drive to raise \$2,200 for the **Tournament of Roses float**. Please give a gift for this North American Division project. If you do not have a Pathfinder club, send donations to the office of Don Baker marked "Rose Parade Float."
- A commission of youth leaders has been set up by the conference committee to study **ways to save our youth**. They will be meeting several times to come up with a recommendation on how to create a climate in which faith develops and encouraging faith maturity in families, youth and adults.



Royce Williams, field services director of the telecast, *It Is Written*, spoke recently at the Hamburg church. He touched on our opening work in the Soviet Union and stated that we must work quickly. A seven-year contract has been negotiated permitting the broadcast of *It Is Written* throughout Russia.



Garry Lodder, center, an elder of the Philadelphia Boulevard congregation for 50 years, stands between local Elder Hamish Llanos and Hilda Lodder at a recognition service conducted by Pastor Barry Tryon. The congregation elected him as an "Elder Emeritus."

## Reading Rehabilitation Hospital shares medical director with Moscow health clinic

David Bowers, Reading Rehabilitation Hospital medical director, has accepted a mission field call from the General Conference to serve for two to three years as director of the Adventist Health Clinic in Moscow, U.S.S.R. In this position he will be responsible for the initial establishment and operation of the clinic, with its dental, rehab and health education services.

This clinic represents the historic initiation of an Adventist health ministry in the U.S.S.R. and will be in Bow-

ers' capable and dedicated hands. The planning for this clinic, including the development of a detailed business plan, was approved by the General Conference in May of this year under the guidance of Clint Kreitner, Reading Rehab Hospital Director.

To take this assignment, Dr. Bowers has requested a leave of absence from the hospital, with the understanding that he plans to return to our medical staff upon completion of this mission tour, which begins this November.

## Pastor, seminar featured in local newspaper

Pastor Joseph Whedbee's Bible Prophecy Seminar was the subject of a lengthy feature article in the *News of Delaware County* a few days before the seminar began. The pastor of the Havertown church was described as a man whose favorite pastime is preaching the word of God.

A native of Delaware County, Whedbee was a manager of a tree and landscape business when he embraced Adventist beliefs 30 years ago. His

change of lifestyle and new purpose was described in detail, as was the beliefs of the Adventist church.

The Adventist emphasis on healthful living and belief in Bible prophecy was described and then the article stated "The Adventist message is a Christ-centered belief which adheres to the Bible and its teaching."

The six-week series was held in the Havertown church and began September 28.

# Blue Mountain Academy COMMUNIQUE'

## BMA adds new staff for '92

Blue Mountain Academy is being blessed this year with an unexpectedly high student enrollment. Fortunately, nearly all of our outstanding and experienced faculty and staff have returned. However, we would like to introduce you to a few new team members.

**David S. Stone** teaches religion and English classes, as well as serving as BMA's religious activities leader. Al-



David Stone

wants him and helping students discover God's leading in their own lives.

**Joseph Livergood** is the assistant farm manager at BMA. Joe also graduated from BMA and studied agriculture at Andrews University. Born in Massachusetts, he has plenty of experience working on farms. He worked at the old Atlantic Union College farm (where his father was the food service director for over 30 years), and as a student at the BMA farm and the Andrews University farm.

Full of life and single, Joe has been on six Maranatha trips. He looks back with appreciation at how the faculty (and in particular his boss, then and now, Will Comley) helped him out and took an interest in him when he was a student at BMA.

Music has long been a major part of the program at BMA. **David Dunkin** holds down the dual role of music teacher and leading both the choral and band programs. Dave and his wife, Tammy, have two children and came to us from Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dave graduated this year from Union College in Lincoln with a major in music education and minors in religion and teaching. He is an accomplished musician on a surprising variety of instruments. He says, "It is my goal to

though he was born in Ohio, David has lived most of his life in Pennsylvania and is a graduate of BMA and Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Massachusetts.

He has quite a list of accomplishments in his young career, ranging from inclusion in *Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges* to membership in the New England Youth Ensemble. David is single and dedicated to being where God

wants him and helping students discover God's leading in their own lives.

While attending BMA and after he graduated in 1989, **Jeremy Woodruff** envisioned coming back here to work. He says it was kind of a dream for him. So when he had a chance to

serve as a student missionary at a choice of places around the world, he picked BMA, where he now serves as assistant Task Force boy's dean.

"I believe this school has an incredible potential to im-

pact the lives of Pennsylvania youth with whom I feel somewhat of a connection." (Jeremy was born in Reading, the son of Pastor and Mrs. David Woodruff.) Just having turned 21, Jeremy, always with a smile to share, has set his goal as strengthening his connection with Christ while helping others do the same and to always be available to work, play, laugh and cry with others.

God has richly blessed BMA with these talented members of our family.

have the students experience a balanced musical program based on Christian principles."

**Paul and Diane Matthews** are a delightful Christian couple who moved here from Franklin, Pennsylvania, because of their desire to have their three children attend school here. They say gratefully, "It is interesting to look back and see how the Lord arranged for the Seneca church to send us a brochure (for a prophecy seminar by Tom Whitsett in 1981) just at the right time in our lives."

Paul is assistant manager of BMA's new industry. Diane is the executive secretary for Principal Stan Rouse. Both are also very involved with the local Pathfinder club. Speaking of how the Lord has worked in their lives and blessed them, they remind us that "He knows what is right and when it is right to do it."



The Matthews

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## A caring church

*This is a letter about education, yet not about education per se, but the sacrifice of many helping a few.*

Eleven years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Tang faced the problem of starting their son, Edward, in the public school system of Philadelphia. They were disappointed with their findings.

Through a miracle, they discovered Greater Philadelphia Junior Academy, in which they enrolled Edward, realizing they had to pay a substantial tuition charge each month.

Mr. Tang suffered a stroke during Edward's eighth-grade year, causing a severe curtailment of finances, including tuition. Needless to say, the Tangs were devastated.

"The churches" of Philadelphia, realizing the achievements and potential talent of this young man, refused to turn him away, urging the youth's mother instead to pay what little she could.

This policy continued until Edward graduated from the 10th grade this past spring. The churches had promised to pay only through Edward's sophomore year.

Once again, however, the churches took to heart what Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35), and immediately established a three-way plan for Edward to attend Blue Mountain Academy for his junior year.

The Tangs, who are not Seventh-day Adventists, experienced the love that the church needs to give to the world.

"A Caring Church," don't you agree?

MAURICE CRANDALL  
Teacher



Edward Tang



David Dunkin

# Potomac People

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## What's happening around Potomac

### Regional Parenting Seminars

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### Convention '91

*Ramada Renaissance*  
Herndon, VA  
November 1 and 2

### Personality Spirituality Seminar

*Galax Church*  
November 8 and 9

### Called '91

*Richmond Center*  
November 16

### Family & Personal Worship Seminars

Wytheville-January 11  
Norfolk-January 25  
Staunton-February 1  
Richmond-February 8  
Takoma Park-February 22  
Vienna-February 29  
Takoma Park for Spanish  
congregations-March 14

### Potomac People

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Ralph W. Martin

## The big picture

Those of us who lived through the turbulent decades of the '70s and '80s will never be the same. Even as we struggled to hold on to traditional American values, we saw many of our standards deeply affected. We fought a losing war and lost a flawed president. The work force became individualized, and recreation became conformitized. Families were glued to their TV sets and unglued from many moral fundamentals. A baby boomer culture buried a pre-World War II heritage. Then we became Reaganized and learned to wave the flag again. Some Americans found these decades exhilarating; others were depressed. To all, those decades brought a radical change!

Did this change affect the Seventh-day Adventist Church? Of course! During these two decades some members laid aside outward symbols that identified them as church members. The clear-cut lines that distinguished an Adventist from a non-member were blurred. We lost an unmistakable definition of what it meant to be a Seventh-day Adventist.

Now this new decade of the '90s seems to be ushering in a different era—more orderly and less chaotic. In this fresh climate it seems timely to clarify the misty image of the church. It is impossible for the church to return to all the traditions of an earlier age, but it is time for our prophetic movement to speak to the culture and the spiritual needs of the people of the '90s.

I am asking every pastor in the Potomac Conference to preach at least 10 sermons in the first half of 1992 defining what it means to be a Seventh-day Adventist. I am asking them to preach the big picture, the truly important doctrines that make us a unique church. These major, defining doctrines include the authority of the Bible, Christ's second coming, salvation only in Jesus Christ, law and grace, the Sabbath, the state of the dead, heaven and hell, the judgment, the prophetic gift, God's true church, stewardship, healthful living and the Christian's relationship to this world. I am also asking our pastors to define what the church does not believe, which is just as important as explaining what it stands for. It is my hope that by next summer every church member in this conference will have a clearer understanding of how the Seventh-day Adventist Church has a modern, up-to-date message for this era and is preparing the world of the 1990s for the soon return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Some people curse the darkness; others search for lights. Some curse the modern changes in the church; others search for currents of lights to save a changing world. May God help us to be searchers rather than cursers.

RALPH W. MARTIN  
President

## Project Affirmation report

**Youth are involved in service!** The Waynesboro church has been active in Project Affirmation! In May the church conducted a vision-to-action planning session; and in June, 10 teenagers and a number of adults spent an entire week involved in the van ministry in New York City. The young people came back with stories of incredible encounters with people on the street and testimonies to the power of prayer.

When you hear the youth of the Waynesboro church tell the story of their mission project, you realize that service can change your life. Call Pastor Rick Greve if you would like information on how your church could get involved in a mission project for teenagers to New York City as Waynesboro has.

For years we have known that getting involved in short-term mission projects has a powerful effect on the lives of youth. Several churches and schools in the Potomac Conference are planning such short-term mission projects. However, not all young people are able to get involved in these short-term mission projects because of expense or scheduling.

That's where *Called '91* can help! On Sabbath, November 16, at 9 a.m. in the Richmond Center in Richmond, Virginia, youth from all over the Potomac Conference will gather for a day of worship and workshops organized around the theme, "Service, A State of the Heart." Plan now



**Skip Bell**

to bring your youth group to Called '91 and prepare to get lots of information on how you can get young people from your church involved in service in your community. A number of organizations will be at the Richmond Center to help you get your young people involved in service, both locally and abroad. For more information, call (804) 272-3015.

**Churches implement vision-to-action planning sessions!** The Sligo, Wheaton, Meadowbridge and Waynesboro churches have all had vision-to-action planning sessions in the past several months. There may be many others from whom we have not received reports.

We know that Burnt Mills and Takoma Park are in the process of planning sessions. Burnt Mills had a vision-to-action planning session the first weekend of October.

**A powerful new resource!** Two powerful resources from Project Affirmation are now available for your use! One is *Exploring Faith Maturity: A Self-Study Guide for Adults*. It contains a spiritual self-assessment activity, eight short exercises to evaluate your faith level and provide for reflection and

discussion in such areas as trusting and believing, experiencing the fruits of faith or nurturing faith in the community. The guide is an excellent tool for small group discussion or personal devotional growth.

The second tool may be of even greater value! It is *Exploring Faith Maturity: A Self-Study Guide for Teenagers*. A companion piece to the adult exploring faith maturity guide, it provides a means for teenagers to examine their spiritual life and is an excellent guide for dialog within a family or youth group setting on issues of faith development.

Either of these resources can be ordered at a price of \$3.25 apiece or \$2.75 each for 10 or more copies. Call Skip Bell at the Potomac Conference office at (703) 886-0771 if you would like to receive either of these resources. Both are outstanding for personal spiritual growth, faith dialog in a family setting or use in a youth group.

**Family effectiveness factors.** Most of you by now have been exposed to the 41 effectiveness factors found in the three important institutions of Adventism: families, congregations and schools. The 41 effectiveness factors are affirmed in Scripture and Spirit of Prophecy as well as empirically discovered through the Valuegenesis study.

Let's review the family effectiveness factors: 1) A family that engages in projects to help other people, 2) Family worship, 3) Family worship that is interesting and meaningful, 4) A mother

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Takoma Academy students invite you to

# An Opera for Christmas

THE THIRD ANNUAL FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

December 14, 3:30 p.m.

at the Capital Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church, Washington, D.C.

Also featuring performances by the **Takoma Academy Choir, Orchestra and Bell Choir** and monologues exhorting the true spirit of Christmas by the **Takoma Academy drama class**

## Community Services—a Potomac outreach

What does Community Services mean to you? Disaster relief, food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas, clothing for the needy—all these, and more, have a part in the complete program for Community Services.

Community Services is no longer “the Dorcas Society” at a quilting bee. The programs are varied and the volunteers better equipped to fill the needs of society today. The purpose of Community Services is to provide needy persons and families with food, clothing and other basic needs on a temporary basis. This is often done in conjunction with other community agencies.

### Appomattox

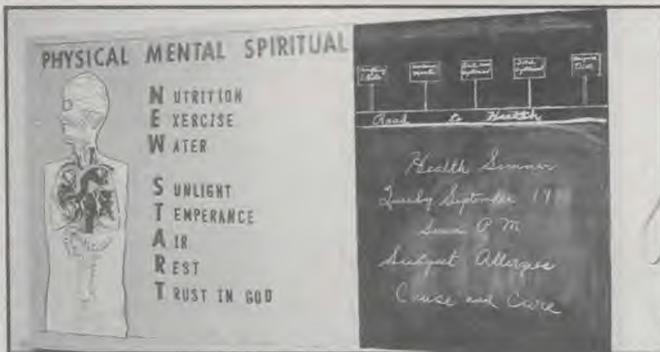
The Appomattox (Virginia) Community Services leader, Marjorie Ihrig, reports that, though their group is small, they are filling the needs of many families. Recently they had a call from a man who needed food for his family as well as gas for their car. The Appomattox center was prepared and able to meet this family's needs.

Not only does the Appomattox Community Services team help supply necessities to local people, but they have on at least one occasion helped their sister group in Farmville with supplies for a family there.

And don't get the idea that everyone who works for Community Services is old! In Appomattox the youngest member, Shannon Ranson, is four years old and very eager to help. For last year's Railroad Festival, the group decorated sweat-shirts to sell; and little Shannon helped with the cutting and placement of the decorations. At a Valentine party for senior citizens, she assisted with cutting out the cookies and helped dis-



Bill and Juanita Cockran, Edith Hutcherson and Edna Billings spend each Thursday at the Danville Community Services Center helping with whatever the day brings.



The health seminars are a popular program provided by the Danville center.

tribute them as well, much to the delight of the older people.

One way Mrs. Ihrig and Ann Cooper, assistant leader, raise money to help fund the center is to have bake sales. One was scheduled to take place in October at the Railroad Festival. What a fun and profitable way to acquaint the public with the Community Services center and to let them know they are there to help!

### Danville

In Danville (Virginia), Juanita Cockran, director of the Community Services center, reports that she, her husband and two additional volunteers, Edna Billings and Edith Hutcherson, find themselves at the center each Thursday to help sell

books, food and health-related products. The profits made from these sales are used to aid the needy. Most of the conditions they are asked to assist with concern staples for everyday living: rent, food, electrical bills and gasoline.

Once a month a health seminar is



The Danville Community Services Center houses a store with health-related items and foods.

presented for the benefit of the community and church. In this way a preventive outreach program can fill a void for those who are interested in knowing how to better care for themselves or family. The last seminar presented was a video on allergies given by a medical professional. Some of the younger people in the church have expressed an interest in the health seminars, which have an average attendance of 15 to 20 people. One woman has attended church and related programs as a result of the health seminars.

On the first Sabbath of each month the members of the Danville church support Community Services by bring-



Juanita Cockran helps one of many customers with a selection from the vegetarian food section.



Jeanette Barton, Merry Van Buren, Auleen Hartless (director), Rachel Eanes and Knelphe Ramsey stand in front of the Roanoke Community Services Center.

ing canned goods and food items that are non-perishable. The center is also funded from the church budget.

The Danville Community Services Center supports ADRA (the Adventist Development and Relief Agency) with clothing boxes as well as making contributions to Global Missions.

**New Market**

The work of Community Services takes place largely unobserved by most of the church congregation. In New Market (Virginia), volunteers, under the direction of Frieda Shumate, prepare clothing for later use by sorting and repairing. This group, usually consisting of eight to 10, meets regularly every third Tuesday of the month. More and more non-clothing items are being donated. Rarely does Community Services have to remind the New Market congregation of their ongoing needs.

The articles of clothing are examined for cleanliness, condition and extent of wear. Obviously, items that are not in good condition are not as useful.

"Even poor people or persons in emergency need of clothing," Shumate said, "want things that look nice and are clean." The church has no resources either to wash or dry-clean items prior to distribution unless a volunteer agrees to take some items home to wash.

In March of this year, 32 boxes of clothing were forwarded to ADRA. With the recent reduction of ADRA's resources to meet human relief demands in Armenia, Turkey, Iraq, Bangla-

desh, Ethiopia and other world disaster areas, this world organization has an increasing need for both summer and winter clothing.

"One of the things which has given us a boost," Shumate said, "was the flea market we held in March at the elementary school."

She reported that \$100 was raised. They are planning more flea markets in the future. Clothing, household items, money and volunteer help are all gladly accepted.

**Roanoke**

Auleen Hartless, director of the Roanoke Community Services Center, reports that this year, during the month



Merry Van Buren stands beside some of the neatly organized shelves of vegetarian food. The proceeds from the sale of these foods help support the Roanoke center.



Auleen Hartless helps Mrs. Ramsey and Mrs. Eanes sort donated clothing.

of August, the center volunteers reached out to help 128 people with many household items and 450 articles of clothing. They have sent 25 boxes of clothing to ADRA and bagged 39 sacks of food, supplying enough for 98 people. They had 140 hours of service for August.

The Roanoke Community Services Center also operates a store with health-related items and foods. The profit from this store helps to support the center.

Hartless, along with many helpers, works very hard to supply the emergency relief their clients request. As in all Community Services centers, there is never a fee for any service given.

The many hours of devoted outreach from volunteers in the centers mentioned and in others across the Potomac Conference do not go unnoticed. The appreciation expressed by the many people who are helped each week brings great satisfaction to the volunteers.

Community Services is exactly what its name implies. It provides a golden opportunity for a church to reach out and help, not only in times of calamity and tragedy, but in preventive ways also. Centers or vehicles outfitted with blood-pressure equipment for testing as well as additional medical programs fill a need in the community that is very well accepted. The absence of a person's well-being provides the opening to tell what Jesus has done for you and what He will do for them while you are caring for their immediate physical needs.

Cooking schools, drug prevention, family counseling and any number of other social services can be provided by an active Community Services center. If you are interested in being a volunteer or contributing to your local organization with food, clothes or financial aid, just give your Community Services leaders a call—they'll be delighted to hear from you! Support Ingathering, too; the reversion funds can be used to assist a Community Services center in your church.

**PATTI HIGGS**

*Secretary to Roger Weiss  
Potomac Conference Community  
Services Coordinator*



**Roger Weiss**

## Community services commended

Walking into the Community Services center in Silver Spring, Maryland, on a Monday morning is a shocking experience. The waiting room is crowded with people; there are children on the floor playing with toys from the shelves. Extra chairs have been set up in every available space. And each person in that crowded room has an emergency.

Caseworker Ralph Cooke will interview each one to determine the immediate need. At the same time, he will make an effort to search out the long-term problems leading to this crisis.

Most of the social services provided by the center are to meet individual emergency needs. This includes not only food, clothing and furniture, but also giving guidance, counseling, support during the crisis period and filling an advocate's role with other agencies on behalf of the client. With the recession and loss of jobs now prevalent in our society, more people are being served, including many who have never had to ask for assistance before.

Food distribution has increased 60 percent over one year ago. Many need financial assistance to keep from being evicted from their apartments or to pay utility bills so they can continue to have electricity and gas. The center works closely with Montgomery County and with other helping organizations to provide for these needs.



**John and Michelle Gavin proudly display the Montgomery County proclamation. John is director of the center, and Michelle is the Super Pantry coordinator.**

Recently the Community Services center received a grant from the Maryland Food Committee to finance a Super Pantry program. This program goes far beyond giving clients food. It enables them to work toward future goals of self-sufficiency and home management.

Eight to 10 people make up a group. Each session begins with group coun-

seling. Participants are assisted in setting goals, and plans are set up to attain these goals.

Subjects covered over the eight weeks of this program include budgeting, communication, drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, job readiness and parenting. Students learn to become better financial managers and better parents.

Each session ends with a nutrition class and cooking demonstration. The menu is designed to fit within the client's budget. After the class, each one receives the necessary ingredients to prepare that meal at home.

Of the eight members of the first group, four have now found employment and one is going to school. The goal of self-sufficiency as opposed to dependency seems to have become a reality to these participants.

At the graduation ceremony for this first class, Montgomery County Councilman Derek Berlage was present. He commended the students for their accomplishment. He then turned to John Gavin, director of the center, and presented him with a proclamation that reads in part:

"Whereas: In March 1991, the Community Services Center of Seventh-day Adventists initiated a new self-sufficiency program called Super Pantry. . .

Now therefore be it resolved that the County Council of Montgomery County hereby proclaim its commendations and appreciation to the Community Services of Seventh-day Adventists."

The Silver Spring Chamber of Commerce has also given its annual Community Service Award to the center this year. Surely this center is God's emissary to meet needs in this local area.

God "never meant that one man should have an abundance of the luxuries of life, while the children of others cry for bread . . . and through His representatives, to whom He has entrusted His goods, He designs that the needs of all His creatures shall be supplied,"—*Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 273.

That includes those sitting in the overcrowded waiting room at the Community Services Center in Silver Spring, Maryland.

**FLORENCE DORN**  
Secretary to the Board  
Silver Spring Community  
Services Center



**Members of the Silver Spring Community Services Center's first graduating class display their diplomas from the Super Pantry program. Councilman Derek Berlage (Silver Spring and Takoma Park) is pictured in the back row.**

## Waynesboro pastor develops rapport with church and community

Richard Greve, pastor of the Waynesboro, Virginia, church, never passes up an opportunity to build rapport within his community or his church. For example, he was one of the planners for a CROP WALK Recruiters Orientation Rally held at the Lutheran church in September. The goal for the walk, \$20,000, is to be used to help lessen world hunger.

"This program is one that all Adventists can participate in," Greve told his church. "The exercise is good for you, it is a great opportunity to meet fellow Christians in the community, and it shows that Adventists do care," he said. He noted that funds collected can be designated for ADRA, and up to 25 percent may be used locally.

Pastor Greve loves people and is quick to grasp an opportunity to share his faith. On one occasion he struck up a conversation with a young couple in the city park, only to discover that the man was the new Presbyterian minis-

ter. A friendship developed as they later played golf together. On another occasion, Greve was invited to share Adventist beliefs with a Sunday School class in the Methodist church. "We can't win them if we don't know them," Greve observed.

In addition to an active local visitation program, "Pastor Rick," as he prefers to be called, regularly visits church members attending SVA, usually taking the students out for dinner or pizza. Students on leave or attending high school locally may be taken golfing or skiing or to a theme park. While Sabbath morning finds Greve in the Youth Sabbath School, at the worship hour members have learned to expect a fresh new challenge each week!

"It's been a long time since I have seen such an energetic and dedicated pastor," commented one of the older members.

WILLIAM DODGE JR.  
*Communication Secretary*

## FLAG camp staff attends Bermuda camp meeting

The New Market FLAG (Fun, Learning and Gymnastics outreach program) Camp staff, composed of Glen, Grant and Natalie Wolters; Monica Zepp; Brent Mann; Jay and Crystal Richards; my wife, Kelly, son Brock, and myself, had worked all summer washing cars, pitching tents and selling food and ukeleles to raise money for airfare to attend the Bermuda camp meeting.

On Tuesday morning, August 6, I wondered how things would turn out as we embarked to organize a FLAG Camp on an island 700 miles east of South Carolina. As it turned out, the beginning was not auspicious.

Monica, Jay and Crystal did not have the proper identification papers for admittance to Bermuda. The airline refused to let them board. They were rescheduled for the next day, at no penalty, when they could retrieve their birth certificates and depart properly docu-

mented. This glitch, as it turned out, proved to be a blessing, for they brought a suitcase of food. Local food costs turned out to be higher than we had budgeted for.

Bermuda is a small island of 60,000 inhabitants, 2,600 of whom are Seventh-day Adventists. Bermuda's beaches are famous for their pink sand and turquoise water. Our job was to conduct a FLAG Camp program for the camp meeting held at the Bermuda Regiment, Warwick Camp.

After our arrival, we hiked to Church Bay for some snorkeling on the reef. The marine life is breathtaking in the clear water. On Friday we took the bus to Hamilton, the capital, and visited the shops along Front and Ried streets.

Camp meeting started Friday evening, and from then on our days were full of activity. Forty-four children, ages 6-12, participated in morning wor-



CROP Walk leaders (from left) Bill Garvey, Richard Greve with daughter Kaley, and Albert Connette discuss plans for a CROP Walk Recruiters Orientation Rally to be held at the Bethany Lutheran Church. (News-Virginian photo by Nichols)

ship, singing, telling a continuing story, gymnastics and ukelele lessons. Each afternoon we walked to Stonehold Bay and went swimming. The waves were subdued because of the reefs that surround the island, making this an ideal place to swim. The evening program involved 85 children in a round robin of activities and concluded with a skit featuring the characters Harvey, Tina, Zelda, Clem and Pastor Rufus who shared what it means to be a friend of Jesus.

On the last Sabbath we formed part of the musical program in the main tent. The campers marched in and shared songs that they had learned to play on the ukes. For us it was exciting to see the young people do so well and to see the enthusiasm with which they were received by the adults.

The young people from the New Market church were not afraid to talk about their religious faith and belief in Christ. Grant enjoyed the spiritual interest and commitment of the youth at camp meeting.

Everyone returned to the U.S. with a new vision of God's work and his or her relationship to others from a different culture and unfamiliar customs—another experience for the FLAG Camp staff on the road to maturity and increased responsibilities. Experiences of this kind are invaluable for the intellectual and spiritual development of young people. Not only did they get to savor a different culture, but they also had a chance to tell the children of Bermuda about Jesus.

**BUZ MENHARDT**  
Associate Pastor  
New Market Church

### Project affirmation report

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who is religious, 5) A mother who is comfortable talking about her faith, 6) A mother who talks about her faith to her children, 7) A mother and child talk together about faith, 8) A father who is religious, 9) A father who is comfortable talking about his faith, 10) A father who talks to his children about his faith, 11) A father who talks to his children about matters of faith, 12) Frequent and positive parent/child communication, 13) Family life that is experienced as loving, caring and supportive, 14) Parents helping children with school work, 15) A family that enforces standards about drugs, 16) A family that enforces stan-

dards about popular culture (caffeinated drinks, rock music, dancing, movies and competitive sports), 17) A family that enforces standards about the Adventist way of life (Sabbath observance, diet, exercise, modest dress, sexual behavior), 18) Parents who punish wrong behavior, 19) Parents who have strong standards against alcohol use, 20) Parents who set limits on a child's use of time.

Review the life of your family with these effectiveness factors in mind. Can you make some adjustments?

**Conferences on spirituality.** In a continuing effort to focus on renewal of faith in our families, congregations and schools, the Potomac Conference is sponsoring seven regional conferences on spirituality during the first quarter of 1992. The purpose is to direct our energies toward personal and family

devotional life. Nothing is more important in preparing for the Lord's return than our personal and family devotions!

We want to lead our members to a renewed emphasis on personal spirituality. Join us please at one of the following regional meetings:

Sabbath, January 11 - Wytheville  
Sabbath, January 25 - Norfolk  
Sabbath, February 1 - Staunton  
Sabbath, February 8 - Richmond  
Sabbath, February 22 - Takoma Park  
Sabbath, February 29 - Vienna  
Sabbath, March 14 - Takoma Park  
for Spanish congregations

Each conference on spirituality will be on Sabbath afternoon. Watch for further announcements regarding the program and activities of these regional conferences.

**SKIP BELL**  
Vice President for Administration



**Karen & Len McMillan**  
Host and Hostess

Potomac Family Ministries presents...

## Sweethearts in Cancun

February 14-21, 1992

Give the love of your life a very special Christmas present that will never be forgotten. After the holiday festivities are over and just as the winter "blahs" are about to set in, you can escape to sunny Mexico for Valentine's weekend with your sweetheart.

The cost is only \$775 per person (double occupancy). Registrations received after December 10, 1991, are \$895. (Register early as space is limited!)

Includes:

- Round-trip airfare from Baltimore/Washington International Airport
- 8 days/7 nights at the Crowne Plaza Resort [air-conditioned]
- All taxes and service charges covered
- Use of health club, tennis courts and jacuzzis
- In-room satellite color television
- Sabbath lunch and special Sabbath seminar
- Sunning and swimming in the ocean or four freshwater pools

For reservations or further information, contact  
Rebecca Feaster at (703) 886-0771, Ext. 243

## Pastors in Transition

Two recent first-round draft picks from CUC include **Dale Long** and **Bob Fornier**. Dale and his wife, **Mary**, have just moved to Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, so that Dale can begin work on his master of divinity degree. They will be returning to us in 1993, and we are very fortunate to have secured them for our pastoral staff. Bob and his wife, **Julie**, are spending this year teaching English in China before joining us next year in pastoral ministry. Julie has her degree in education, and they both love photography.

**Paul and Betty McGraw** have just accepted the invitation to pastor the Woodbridge church. They are leaving the Danville/Martinsville district and will assume their new responsibilities in early November. Betty is a General Conference auditor.

**Clifford and Susan Gleason** are joining our Potomac staff as the pastoral couple in Stanley. They will be trading the beauty of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, for the lovely fall foliage of the Shenandoah Valley.

We are currently working on filling the vacancies at Norfolk, Damascus, Staunton and Danville/Martinsville.



Marvin Wray

**MARVIN WRAY**  
Ministerial Director

## MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members in the Potomac Conference  
FROM: Marvin Wray, Ministerial Director  
SUBJECT: Potomac Prayer Partners

As I announced at camp meeting, 1992 will be designated the "Year of Worship." An essential component of worship is prayer. I firmly believe that more and more we need to be praying for one another. I am going to ask you for a serious and grand commitment: Will you make a pledge to pray for five minutes each day during 1992?

Please choose a specific time each day that you will pause to remember the Potomac Conference officers and departmental and support staff, the pastors, teachers, and literature evangelists, your pastor, local church leaders, and the church family as a whole. Pray for wisdom, patience, tolerance, love and unity brought about by an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Prayerfully fill out the form below and return it to me. During the course of the year I will update you on specific prayer requests. Together we will lift up the entire work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the conference as we become Potomac Prayer Partners. It would be wonderful if we had people praying every hour around the clock.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Daily time(s) of prayer \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Marvin Wray, Potomac Conference, P. O. Box 1208, Staunton, VA 24401

## Personal spirituality seminar

"**Personal Spirituality: The Ultimate Journey**" is the seminar topic plan for November 8 and 9 at the Galax, Virginia, church. This special weekend with Douglas Cooper promises to be a time for real spiritual enrichment. Cooper, who currently lives in Angwin, California, frequently travels around the country presenting seminars. He is a man with a varied background, including such things as janitor, taxi driver, deckhand, salesman, cannery worker, longshoreman, literature evangelist, commercial bush pilot and pastor. He is presently an intern at the Saint Helena Hospital and Health Center's Alcohol and Chemical Recovery Program. Douglas has authored seven books, including *Way Up North*, *Living God's Love* and *Living God's Joy*.

Weekend topics will be:

**Friday, November 8, 7:00 p.m.**  
You Can Make It Happen

**Sabbath, November 9, 10:00 a.m.**

Surrogates for Divinity

**11:00 a.m.** Games Christians Play

**Noon** Fellowship Dinner

**2:30 p.m.** Spirituality/Religion: There Is a Difference

**4:00 p.m.** I Want to See the Fire

**Evening** How to be Filled with the Spirit

This event is sponsored by the Galax and Wytheville churches as well as other interested persons. Everyone is welcome to attend. The Galax church is located at 611 East Stuart Drive (Hwy 58) in Galax, about nine miles west of I-77. For further information, call (703) 236-7562.

**AUSTIN GOODWIN**  
Pastor, Galax Church



Douglas Cooper