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**RON M. WISBEY**  
President  
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**A**s I write this, the

War in the Gulf is eight days old. I pray that by the time you read this page the war will be history!

When our nation is at war, we are all touched in a personal way. Most of us know someone who currently is serving in the Gulf region. While we hold them before our Almighty God in prayer each day, I would suggest that this is an ideal opportunity for us as members of the Columbia Union to do several things:

First, reach out to a family in the church or local community whose son, daughter, spouse, father or mother is in the Gulf or has been called to active duty and is away from home because of the hostilities. They need our care, our concern and our love.

Second, support the young American men and women who are daily being asked to risk their lives. While patriotism and flag waving move the majority of us, some citizens resort to flag burning—such is the American way. I submit that at the conclusion of the hostilities, these young Americans must be welcomed home with honor!

Third, write letters of support to those in harm's way, telling them of our prayers for them and reminding them that their loved ones at home are being cared for by our concerned church family.

And finally, pray. Pray for peace. Pray for the safety of all involved. Pray for a quick end to the conflict. And pray, certainly, for all our Adventist brothers and sisters in Kuwait and Iraq.

If you have a spouse, son or daughter serving in the American effort in the Gulf region, please send me his or her name and address. I would like to join you in personally corresponding with each one.

We live in very serious times. Times that terrify the whole world population. Surely, it is a time of reflection and introspection for Christians. Once again we must face the mortality of this world and realize with joy that there is indeed a "new world order" coming—Jesus Christ and His kingdom!

**COVER:** Ed Dininger, mathematics teacher at Mount Vernon Academy, photographed MVA seniors Christa Rude, Wendell Adams, Daniel Drake and Shelly McMillen "on the fence" of the Mount Vernon, Ohio, campus.

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The combined efforts of both Spanish churches in Cleveland, Ohio, led to the baptism of six people in December of 1990 by Pastor José Guillen. Pictured are, from left: Guillen, Maria Cruz, Erick Morales, Mabel Andino, Rodney Cruz, Miguel Torres and Tina Morales.



**Carolyn Gullick, Fairview Village, Pennsylvania.** Although raised an Adventist, Carolyn didn't come under the conviction to follow Jesus until she chose to be baptized in October of 1990.



**Howard Anderson, Norfolk, Potomac.** December of 1990 was when extensive Bible studies with Pastor Nelson Pallasa led to Howard's baptism into the Seventh-day Adventist faith.



**Arleen Hutton, Zanesville, Ohio.** "This is the happiest day of my life," said Arleen as she was re-baptized by Pastor Merlin Burt in November of 1990 after finding new hope in Jesus' return.



**Helen Cichocki, Norfolk, Potomac.** Bible studies with all six members of her family resulted in Helen and her three children being baptized into the church in October of 1990.



**Diana Cichocki, Norfolk, Potomac.** Diana was one of four members of the Cichocki household to be baptized in October of 1990 after studying the Scriptures with Pastor Nelson Pallasa.

## FACE TO FACE

Profiles of newly baptized people

*"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved,"—Mark 16:15, 16.*



**Faith Strictland, Norfolk, Potomac.** The decision to become a Seventh-day Adventist was made by Faith after Bible studies with Pastor Nelson Pallasa. She was baptized in October of 1990.



**Stan Palczewski, Atholton, Chesapeake.** An 11-year-old sixth-grade student at the Atholton church school in suburban Columbia, Maryland, Stan was baptized during January of 1991.



**Myron Mercer, Zanesville, Ohio.** After attending a series of meetings on Revelation held this past fall, Myron wanted to be "buried in Jesus," and so he was baptized during November of 1990.



**Shawn Fickes, Sligo, Potomac.** Shawn is a 12-year-old sixth-grader at the Sligo elementary school in Takoma Park, Maryland. He was baptized into the church in December of 1990.



**Joane Girtz, Norfolk, Potomac.** The Holy Spirit led Joane to join the Adventist church through baptism during October of 1990 after she had studied the Bible with Pastor Nelson Pallasa.



**Jokim Zaulda, Norfolk, Potomac.** Jokim, who is 14 years old, and his younger brother, Michael, were both baptized into the Adventist church by Pastor Nelson Pallasa in October of 1990.



**Michael Zaulda, Norfolk, Potomac.** Pastor Nelson Pallasa baptized Michael, his older brother, Jokim, and their mother as members of the Norfolk church during October of 1990.



**Donna Geib, Fairview Village, Pennsylvania.** Donna and her fiancé, Charles Gullick III, attended an Amazing Facts crusade and were then baptized together in October of 1990.

**Charles Gullick III, Fairview Village, Pennsylvania.** College students Charles and Donna Geib are engaged and hope to establish a Christian home. They were baptized in October of 1990.

**Tithe in the Columbia Union jumped 33 percent, from just over \$38 million in 1985 to almost \$51 million in 1990.**



## 1990 tithe and offerings in the Columbia Union

KERMIT NETTEBURG

### Money.

It's on everyone's mind these days as people pinch pennies, take on a second job, cut back on eating out, put off buying a new car, work a little overtime, find inexpensive ways to have family fun, talk about having a wife go back to work.

It's on the mind of church leaders too, as they have struggled to balance conference budgets and still provide services and personnel for local congregations.

The tithe reports for 1990 are in, and they point to even more difficulty for conference officers making financial decisions in the future.

### Look at the facts:

- Seven of the eight conferences within the union had tithe gains in 1990.
- Two conferences—Allegheny West and Ohio—had larger tithe gains in 1990 than in 1989.
- No conference had a six percent tithe gain, the amount of the cost of living increase that should be given to conference employees.
- Giving to world missions decreased this past year, as it did in 1989.

Not all the news about tithes and offerings is bad. Even though the

country was gripped in a recession in 1990—and it was particularly bad in the mid-Atlantic states—Columbia Union members continued to contribute higher per-capita tithe than the North American Division average.

Per-capita tithe in the Columbia Union in 1990 was \$601.55. Many other unions in North America had per-capita tithes below \$550. There is good reason to count our blessings.

But there is also good reason to count our challenges.

Among the greatest challenges is giving to world missions. Weekly Sabbath school offerings and world mission fund giving amounted to \$1.14 per member in 1985, but had grown to only \$1.15 per member by 1990.

In fact, giving to world missions averaged more than \$1.20 per member from 1986 through 1989, before falling to \$1.15 in 1990.

The numbers mean that trimming budgets won't be a North American phenomenon. Overseas divisions of the church will feel the pinch. God's work will feel the pinch.

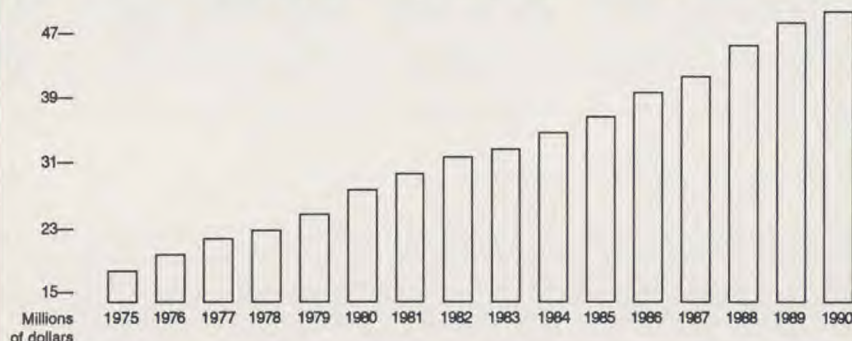
The *Visitor's* report on giving patterns in 1987 ended with the crux of the issue. It said:

The real story isn't numbers; the real story is a relationship with Jesus Christ.

*Kermit Netteburg edits the Columbia Union Visitor.*

### Tithe in the Columbia Union: a 15-year trend

A report in the November 1, 1987, *Visitor* showed the relationship between tithe increases, membership gains and inflation from 1975 through 1985. This chart extends that report through the quinquennium of 1986-1990.



During a mission trip, Blue Mountain Academy student Kylie Eckenroth gives clothing to needy people living high in the mountains of the Dominican Republic. Photos by George Mesaric.



## Teen discovers paradise

KYLIE ECKENROTH

"No more rice and beans!" was the good-humored cheer that went up in the airliner as we touched down on January 9. Yes, we were back in the U.S. of A.—the land of opportunity. Hot showers and flushing toilets. Home from the Dominican Republic.

Two weeks earlier, I asked myself why I was going there again. When I boarded the plane home from a Maranatha trip last year, I vowed I'd never be eye-to-eye with that island again. Maybe it was their music, played only three ways: loud, fast and constant. Or the lack of modern facilities.

Whatever my reasons for not going again, I signed on for another "tour of duty." Now I believe those were two of the best weeks of my life.

When our BMA Mission Team, directed by Don Baker, Pennsylvania Conference youth director, arrived in San Jose' de Ocoa, we had one thing on our minds—to see the church we

built this past year. (Nine of us were veteran team members.) When we left a year ago, only the walls were up. Now it had a roof, pews, pulpit and a bright coat of paint.

I liked our mission this year. Instead of building a physical structure, we were sent to build friendships for eternity and share our faith. Community outreach was our first step.

On Monday, I helped paint a library. As we covered the graffiti-filled wall, a native told us that we were wasting our time; within a few days, it would be defaced again. But when the next week came, it was still clean!

Passing out clothing was my favorite assignment. In the back of a little pick-up, we traveled high up into the beautiful mountains to "set up shop." People in rags, children with mud-caked feet and naked babies were common sights. One day we ran out of clothing and had to turn away a group

of mothers with small children. It was one of the worst feelings in the world.

I was really glad Dr. David Zinke was with us. We brought boxes of prescription glasses. Fitting people with the right lenses wasn't hard. After a person tried a few pairs on, a big grin would light up his face.

We started a series of meetings right away. Our own Aerial Aires put on a short tumbling program in the town square while Domingo or Wilton, our Dominican interpreters, invited the gathering crowd to our meetings. Two presentations were made nightly: a sermon on salvation given by a student, then a health talk by Dr. Zinke.

Meanwhile, Becky Mesaric led a children's program in the back. I spent most of my nights helping her. The first night we had 30 children. By the following Sabbath, we had more than 200 little Dominicans attending.

Sabbath afternoon was when we had to say goodbye to the children. Since they knew we were leaving, they hugged us tightly. I thought little Jenny would never let go. She kept saying "I love you." Perhaps she realized what I didn't at the time: I may never see her again on this earth.

On Sunday we had an eight-hour drive to the only Adventist orphanage on the island. We sang in an open-air church and gave each person a T-shirt with "Jesus te ama" on the front.

From the orphanage, we went to a beach. During our last night there, I sat on a wall looking at palm trees darkly silhouetted against the star-studded sky, hearing the roar of the surf behind. I realized that things would never be this way again.

Pastor Mark and Marilee Dalton from the Ephrata and Lancaster congregations in Pennsylvania led our team in worships, sharing times and conversational prayers. None of us wanted it to end.

I think sometimes we lose sight of what God has in store for us—heaven. We establish careers, get married and have children. I always wanted to do that first and then go to heaven. But sitting in that moonlight, I realized what heaven is all about: no communication barriers, no prejudices, no poverty and never having to say goodbye.

I love you too, Jenny.

*Kylie Eckenroth is a senior and student association president at Blue Mountain Academy.*



The smile of Fiji is reflected on this boy's face. Children in the country's capital city of Suva look forward to attending high school in a new Seventh-day Adventist academy.

# Fiji Mission needs the help of Columbia Union members

GRAEME CHRISTIAN

The challenge is great, believes Eric Winter, Sabbath school director for the South Pacific Division. "In recent years, Fiji has undergone disruptive political upheaval, increased racism and burdensome economical collapse. Such have actually provided the fire to inflame the gospel work!" Winter said.

As in most countries, the Fijian rural population tends to drift toward the cities. The urbanization of Greater Suva produces increased problems due to unemployment and limited education, but also opens greater opportunities for soul-winning, training and fellowship.

"It is a day of great opportunities in Fiji," said Winter. "We have an excellent team leading out in the work in that region. These two projects will bring a lot of benefits to the commission of Christ."

A block of land has already been bought for the evangelism center. Members in Fiji now await the response of their brothers and sisters around the world to join in making these Thirteenth Sabbath projects successful.

*Graeme Christian is Sabbath school director in the department of church ministries for the Central Pacific Union Mission.*

**Fijian Indians, who make up nearly half the population, learn the story of Jesus. An evangelistic center in Suva will help in this work.**



The Thirteenth Sabbath offering received on March 30 will benefit the urgent need for Seventh-day Adventist high school students in Suva, Fiji, and the need for an evangelistic center to reach Indians in the area.

The Fiji Mission has a growing membership of more than 13,000 people scattered throughout its 300 islands. But in Suva, the capital city, there is no academy.

In the Greater Suva area and adjacent districts, 26 churches and companies care for 5,000 members. However, teenagers must attend either the state schools or schools run by other denominations. By building a Seventh-day Adventist high school, the church will offer a valuable service in training future workers for Christ.

Leaders on the Fiji Mission Board of Education praise God for Fulton College and the many primary schools it operates. They feel, however, that the very place where evangelism is most successful and where the population is most concentrated is in urgent need of a church-run high school. The academy would also feed more young people into Fulton College.

In 1879, Indians came by ship to Fiji as indentured laborers. This agreement was abandoned in 1916, when more than 40,000 of these industrious people elected to remain as free settlers. Today, of the 780,000 people in Fiji, they comprise nearly half of the total population.

As followers of Hindu, Moslem and other Eastern religions, they present a real challenge for the gospel of Christ under the new emphasis of Global Mission. Part of the special offering this quarter will help build an evangelistic center for these people.

Currently, six churches and companies are serviced by three workers who are ministering to the Indian people. Lay members David Lal and his wife, Rachel, lead 60 members of an Indian church in Savusavu, where they built a little church. In December, they baptized eight people—five of whom came out of Hinduism. God is working upon the hearts of these needy people.

Mount Vernon Academy is one of the Ohio education institutions slated to receive benefits from funds donated to the Zapara Challenge Endowment Grant. The rich cultural diversity found on the MVA campus is represented by (from left) Lissette Reyes, Terissa Brokaw, Emir Stewart, Ronyelle Banks, Ikuko Hojo and Daniel Mason. *Photo by Ed Dininger.*



## Ohio church employees raise more than \$100,000 for education endowment

JEFF WILSON

More than \$104,500 was raised in the Ohio Conference during 1990 from conference office staff and committees, pastors and teachers to successfully meet a \$10,000 challenge grant for the "Reaching for Excellence" Education Endowment.

Thirty-six percent of all gifts were designated for the Mount Vernon Academy Tuition Reduction Endowment Fund, one percent for the Worthy Student Endowment Fund at MVA and nine percent to the Worthington Seventh-day Adventist Church Endowment Fund. The other 54 percent was designated for the Spring Valley Academy Unrestricted Endowment Fund.

The challenge gift, which was requested by the conference development officer, was coordinated by Milton Murray, director of Philanthropic Services for the General Conference.

Tom Zapara, president of TMZ Corporation in Irvine, California, and donor of the Tom and Violet Zapara Excellence in Teaching Awards for Adventist teachers nationally, agreed to give Ohio \$10,000 if at least 65 individuals in the conference office and on conference committees, boards and pastors and teachers would make personal gifts totaling at least \$65,000 before December 31, 1990.

Every category of the challenge was exceeded. A total of 72 individual cash gifts amounted to \$104,514.

The conference office staff, including administrators, departmental directors, secretaries and Adventist Book Center staff achieved an 85 percent participation level, the conference committee reached a 42 percent level, the conference board of education attained 45 percent, and the endowment board of trustees a level of 80 percent.

Zapara has agreed to grant another \$10,000 challenge gift next year for similar results from the rest of the conference committee, the conference board of education, the Spring Valley and Mount Vernon academy boards and denominational employees.

"We are grateful for this special challenge gift from Mr. Zapara that has inspired such significant giving for our schools," said Ohio Conference President Ed Motschiedler. "We look to our alumni and others to make similar challenges, thus encouraging giving from larger segments of our membership and alumni."

"Only with broad support can our schools flourish in the decade of the '90s," added Motschiedler.

*Jeff Wilson is development officer for the Ohio Conference.*

# Potomac churches expand facilities to meet community needs

SUE BENDALL

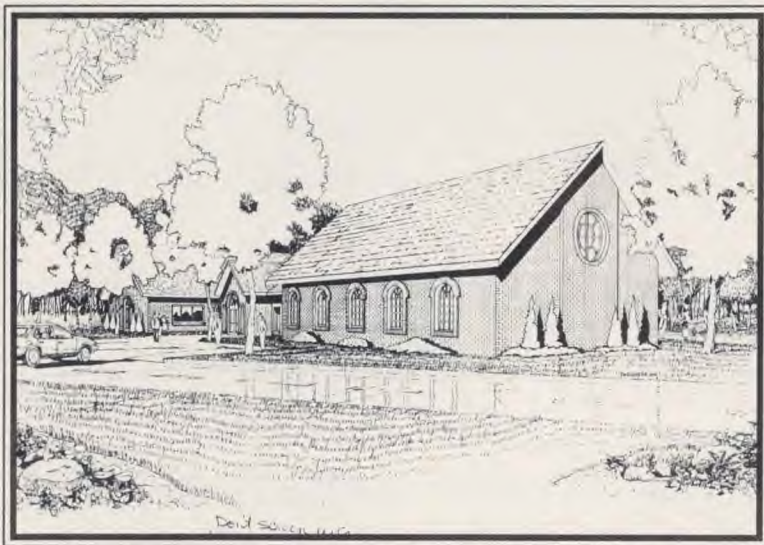
The new **Damascus, Maryland**, church is wood frame with brick veneer and quarry stone and a fiberglass steeple and spire. The front stained glass window is a six-foot octagonal created by John Sullivan. The sanctuary will seat 300 and the choir loft 27. There are 10 classrooms, a pastor's office, a secretary's office, a worship training room and a nursery. The fellowship hall has a beautiful stone fireplace and will seat 300. The church is one of the few in Montgomery County with a full fire sprinkler system throughout the entire building.

The **Rocky Mount congregation** in southern Virginia held the initial worship service in its newly finished church on November 24.

Nearly 100 people gathered to celebrate God's blessings and providences in the first Adventist church in Franklin County. Participants in the program that Sabbath were Potomac President Ralph Martin, former Pastor Marlyn Kurtz and former members Myrna and Bill Gibson.

Plans for the church have been in preparation for more than six years. On October 4, 1984, more than 20 Adventists started meeting in a Presbyterian church in Rocky Mount.

In March of 1985, this group became the Rocky Mount Seventh-day Adventist Company, and by April of 1987, 27 Rocky Mount members were accepted into the Potomac Conference sisterhood of churches. In February of that year, two and one-half acres of land had been acquired on North Main Street for a future church home.



An artist's rendering shows the proposed church structure for Seventh-day Adventists in historic Williamsburg, Virginia.

After the land purchase, members began working in faith that the Lord was going to provide funds to build His church. Major portions of funding received were through sacrificial gifts of money, labor, materials and equipment by Rocky Mount church members and their friends and relatives.

The facility will also house a church school and Community Services area.

The baptismal font was initiated on January 12, when three new members were baptized.

Just recently completed is the new parents' room in the **Sligo church**. Five or six rows of seats were removed from the back of the main sanctuary within the Takoma Park, Maryland, church to accommodate parents with babies and young children.

Sligo's parents' room has several rows of pews and is glassed in so that families feel like participants in the services. At the back of the room is a bathroom, counters with a sink and a play area for toddlers. Other provisions for child care are a crib, infant swing and a changing table.

The **Takoma Park, Maryland**, church has been working on two construction projects, one indoors and the other outside.

The construction of a mothers' room at the rear of the Takoma Park sanctuary carries the church back to its original design intent.

The first architectural plans for the church included a mothers' room that was never built. In fact, three other proposals for such a room were made since then, but none came to fruition.

The recently completed room is a \$13,000 addition to the church and was designed by the original architect, Ronald Senseman.

A parking lot to accommodate 120 vehicles has been built behind the Takoma Park church center. The lot is the result of a three-year project that cost \$430,000.

Members of the **Williamsburg, Virginia**, church believe that Seventh-day Adventists must have a felt presence in the cradle of religious liberty. They have responded to a felt need to serve their historic community and the millions who come to celebrate its rich heritage.

In this behalf, Williamsburg members have purchased 9.22 acres of land along the beautiful John Tyler Highway, where they will build a center for reaching out to meet the community's needs as well as promote the three angels' messages.

*Sue Bendall is secretary to the president of the Potomac Conference.*



## They're raising the roof—and the wall— at Mount Aetna

Mount Aetna Camp in Hagerstown, Maryland, has throbbed with the sounds of hammers and bulldozers, cement mixers and shovels. Already a dozen cabins are framed, some ready for finish carpentry. These pictures show the progress that occurred in November and December. How many men does it take to hold up a new wall? It looks like about six in the picture below, including conference Treasurer Gary Dodge (at left of wall). John and Earline Claridge (above, left) of Martinsburg, West Virginia, lend their expertise to building project.



Youth Director Richard Parker (right) exudes joy at the progress on the new cabins. These cabins will house as many as 240 campers in summer camps or 24 different family units for church campouts. With the wall plumb, Ernie Runge (above, left) of the Triadelphia/Sykesville-Reisterstown district, Rudyard Forrester (above, center) of Middletown Valley and Isael Ramirez (above, right) of Baltimore Spanish, hammer it into permanence. The cabins are one part of the first phase of rebuilding Mount Aetna Camp with a nature center and cafeteria/lodge.



## NEW JERSEY

### Williamstown company becomes organized church

Born as a result of the vision of Pastor Don Bozarth, conference Ministerial Director Jim Stevens and several members of the Woodbury congregation, the Williamstown company was formally organized as a church on December 15 and will be admitted to the conference sisterhood of churches during the New Jersey constituency meeting on April 14.

The company in Williamstown was founded on January 6, 1990, soon after Jack Dubosque, an evangelist with the Amazing Facts radio/telecast, conducted an evangelistic campaign in neighboring Glassboro, a key southern New Jersey college center.

This company of believers has grown rapidly to 50 members. Its annual tithe is over \$25,000, and the congregation has developed a building fund now approaching \$6,000 in addition to a prime, well-located four-acre tract of land.

Recognizing the church as Christ's agency to reach the world with the gospel, Williamstown members have laid plans to hold a Revelation Seminar this spring, along with a literature distribution campaign. Bible study programs are being organized to prepare for the spring effort under the direction of Bozarth and First Elder Bernard Sievers.

Stevens and New Jersey President Robert Boggess presented congratulations from the conference office and presided over the organizational meeting. The congregation is renting the Mount Bethel Lutheran church facility in Williamstown as a location for its services.

## OHIO

### Trust services program receives full accreditation

The Ohio Conference trust services program, under the direction of Robert Daum, achieved Level A accreditation in December, according to Tom Carter, trust services director with the General Conference in Silver Spring, MD.

All persons working in the trust services program in Ohio have been certified by training programs and passing a certification test.

Continuing education of 45 hours annually is required of all who are working in the planned giving area.

JERRY LASTINE

Columbia Union Trust Services



Richard and Shirley Mayo

## MOUNTAIN VIEW

### New Adventists witness to others through Ingathering

Raised as a Methodist, Shirley Mayo found many things different about Seventh-day Adventists after she joined the church in November of 1985.

Her pastor soon suggested that she and husband Richard become greeters. "I never felt I could do this properly, but with the help of the Lord I accomplished it. I began to grow spiritually and found myself enjoying doing it," she recalled.

Next she was asked to serve as Sabbath school superintendent. Again she was hesitant. "Being a new member, I never thought I should pray and ask for guidance in this office." But she learned all must pray daily for God's help, and for four years she held that post.

"When the time came for Ingathering, I just never got interested until this past year," Shirley stated. She believed that the Lord was impressing her to work on Debby Drive, a nearby housing development. "Let's get two of the Ingathering cans, badges and some of the materials and try it," she told her husband.

The people they met were friendly, and they came home that evening with a sizable amount of money. Their initial success generated excitement. "We both started thinking of business places we could canvass. They all were very giving and really nice to us," Shirley said. Their total came to almost \$200.

When the weather warmed up, they covered two more housing developments. The people "invited us into their homes, gave us many different donations from half a can of pennies to \$5 or \$20. We met many people of different faiths, witnessed to them and let them know that we weren't prejudiced about their beliefs. We told them God loved them."

During their visits, the Mayos found two families that were greatly in need and gave the names to the Community Services leader of their Point Pleasant, West Virginia, church. "We took food to them personally and gave them some reading material, too," said Shirley. "We also provided the five children with some toys for Christmas.

"It's been a wonderful and rewarding spiritual experience for me. I will never forget it. I thank the Lord for blessing our Harvest Ingathering."

DAN SHAFER  
Pastor

## CHESAPEAKE

### Van ministry still going strong during winter

Four days a week, volunteers on the Chesapeake Conference's hypertension screening van check people's blood pressure, share an occasional "listening ear" or give out informative literature.

"People have come to depend on us," said Sheila Mills, Community Services coordinator for the conference. "Occasionally when we aren't able to make our schedule, people call us to find out what happened. About 25 percent of our contacts are repeats.

"Our ultimate aim is to direct thoughts heavenward to the caring Creator," Mills continued. Sixty percent of the people who contact us on the van ask for the biblically based 'Power to Cope' lessons. And souls are being won as a result."

The Food Mobile van is the only ministry to the homeless providing food on a year-round basis. Volunteers provided 34,320 meals to destitute and homeless people during 1990. Thousands of pieces of clothes, shoes and blankets were also given away.

Other community service activities have included assisting with the cleanup of the Reisterstown tornado on October 18, when more than 1,200 meals were served from the Food Mobile to victims as well as relief workers. The Red Cross issued a certificate of commendation to Chesapeake Community Services for the efforts put forth on that occasion.

"We could do none of this without the hard-working volunteers we have come to depend on," Mills remarked. "Church members and others from all over the conference have joined us in these efforts, either by coming to work with us in Baltimore city or by taking the loaner van to their own community for an outreach endeavor."

## PENNSYLVANIA

### Junior division displays creativity for mission offering

Boys and girls in the junior Sabbath school division of the Erie congregation developed a much greater understanding of the need for offerings for missions through a project that kept both minds and hands busy.

With construction paper, scissors, rulers and paste, coupled with an awakening interest in countries afar, they made numerous colorful flags representing the various countries in the overseas division that would benefit from their offering. Displayed on a bulletin board with a world map, these flags were joined to the countries by yarn.

On the opposite wall was a four-foot-by-six-foot chart listing interesting items about each country. Before filling in the chart, the juniors checked a current almanac to gather information regarding size, population, religions and languages, kinds of people, numbers of doctors, hospitals, radios and passenger cars, per-capita income and literacy facts. They then compared all these facts to those of the United States and found a very great difference in all categories.

Many visitors from the adult division expressed interest and surprise, not only at the work done by the youngsters, but also in the comparison between people in the poorer countries of the world and those in the United States.

This kind of good time and fun helps juniors enjoy Sabbath school and ensures that the teacher will have little trouble with discipline.

"Juniors are the neatest kids in the world," stated teacher Chris Fairchild. "Keep them busy on things that interest them, make sure they have a chance to move around a bit and use their hands, along with their eyes and ears, and they will be happy and well-disciplined."

## ALLEGHENY EAST

### Sallie Mae and Newsweek pay tribute to teacher

Warrick Hill, associate treasurer and former head deacon at the Emmanuel church in Brinklow, Maryland, recently was awarded the Teacher Tribute Award from the Student Loan Marketing Association (which is nicknamed Sallie Mae) and *Newsweek* magazine.

Recognizing Hill for his teaching abilities and awards, the Olney, Maryland,



Warrick Hill

*Courier-Gazette* printed a lengthy article about his teaching performance.

Hill, who retired from public school teaching in 1984 and has accepted no teaching assignments since 1988, is no stranger to awards.

Four times he was named teacher of the year by the students at Peary High School in Rockville, Maryland, where he taught math. In 1985 he received an exceptional teacher award from St. Mary's College in St. Mary's City, Maryland, and was nominated by three different principals for outstanding mathematics teacher awards.

He never wavered from the decision he made at age 10 to become a mathematics teacher. After receiving a degree in math from Morgan State University in Baltimore, he obtained his graduate degree in administration and served as combination teacher and assistant principal for three years. When he realized that he did not like paperwork, he returned to the classroom full time.

Hill was a very popular math teacher who set standards for his students and expected them to perform.

Asked the secret of his success, Hill said, "I fortified my mind with the Word of God each morning so I could calmly and rationally cope with every adverse

situation that took place. This was very important to me."

During his teaching years, Hill began writing a quote on the blackboard every morning. He used these messages to inspire his students to greater heights or deeper thought. One of his favorites stated that "He who stays up half the night hooting with the owls cannot soar with the eagles the next day."

In 1962, Hill was one of two black teachers at Peary High in Montgomery County. In a *Washington Post* newspaper article written on integration, he was mentioned as being so popular with the students that they did not want to be taken out of his class despite overcrowding problems.

## ALLEGHENY WEST

### WANTED posters invite youth back to church

The Bethel church in Cleveland, Ohio, recently celebrated Youth Outreach Day. The purpose of this special day, which was sponsored by the Bethel Tape Ministry, was to reach out in love to young people from the congregation who have decided to leave God's pathway.

WANTED posters with these young peoples' names on them were distributed and posted throughout the church and the surrounding area. These posters let the youth know that they are loved and wanted by God and the church.

Members were encouraged to adopt a name and do everything in their power, with the Lord's help, to nurture each individual back to God's family.

Theodore Watkins, a physician from Washington, D.C., was the guest speaker of the day. His health renewal program for senior citizens and his work in inner-city Washington has attracted national attention. His dedication to this type of work has earned him the praise of President George Bush, who invited him to the White House.

Watkins challenged the young people to put Jesus first and foremost in their lives and keep Him near.

"Pray for the ability to see and recognize your talents. God is not limited by our nearsightedness," he said, "so when you are faced with challenges, take them to a higher level, God's level."

Watkins' closing question, "What is in your hand and what are you going to do with it?" left all present with something to think about.

DEBORAH HARRIS  
Communication Secretary

## Should you pay tithe before or after taxes?

A decision to tithe immediately suggests some practical problems. Upon what basis is the tithe figured? Is gross income or net income the right figure to use in deciding how much to give? Should taxes be deducted before tithe?

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Consider this possibility. Suppose God changed the plan for one year. Instead of asking for a tenth, God would give you an extra 10 percent based on the income you received this past year. What figure would you give? That is the amount from which you can reasonably be expected to calculate your tithe.

Personally, I tithe taxes. Taxes are a living expense giving me many benefits. Social security payments I deduct and will pay on the total income when I receive it. Individual decisions about what is tithable must be made.

A new birth of enthusiasm to reach people for Christ calls for material resources of men and women, young and old, who desire to acknowledge their gratitude to God and who will lay their gifts on the altar.

Adventism deserves an opportunity to demonstrate what can be accomplished through faithful stewardship in tithes and offerings.

JERRY LASTINE  
Stewardship Director

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TAMARA RUSSELL  
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## LEGAL NOTICES

### Chesapeake Conference Triennial Session

Notice is hereby given that the seventh triennial session of the Chesapeake Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at 9 a.m. on Sunday, April 28, 1991, in the Spencerville Seventh-day Adventist Church at 16325 New Hampshire Ave. in Silver Spring, MD 20904. This meeting is held for the election of officers and departmental directors and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the session at that time.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the organizing committee described in Article V, Section 1 of the constitution will convene at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 14, 1991, at the conference office, 6600 Martin Rd., Columbia, MD 21044, for the purpose of nominating the standing committees of the regular session. There will be one member chosen for the organizing committee for each constituent church, plus an addi-

tional member for every 500 church members or major fraction thereof.

J. WAYNE COULTER, *President*  
N. HARCOTBE, *Secretary*

### Chesapeake Conference Association Triennial Session

Notice is hereby given that the seventh triennial session of the Chesapeake Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the regular triennial session of the Chesapeake Conference of Seventh-day Adventists on Sunday, April 28, 1991, at the Spencerville Seventh-day Adventist Church, 16325 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20904, at 11 a.m. The purpose of this meeting is to elect trustees and officers to replace those whose terms will have expired, as well as to transact other business as may come before the session at that time. Delegates to this meeting shall be the delegates of the Chesapeake Conference session.

J. WAYNE COULTER, *President*  
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J. WAYNE COULTER, *President*  
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### New Jersey Conference and Association Triennial Session

Notice is hereby given that the 34th regular session of the New Jersey Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at 10 o'clock Sunday morning, April 14, 1991, in the Meadow View Seventh-day Adventist School at Highway 528, Bordertown-Chesterfield Rd., Chesterfield, NJ.

This meeting is called for the election of officers and departmental directors and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the session at that time.

Notice is also hereby given that a meeting of the special committee as described in Article VI, Section 3 of the constitution will convene at 8:45 a.m. on Sunday, April 14, 1991, in the same place for the purpose of nominating the standing committees of the regular session. One delegate will be elected by each member of this committee.

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# Chesapeake CHALLENGE



## COULTER'S COMMENTS



J. Wayne Coulter

Finally at last! Actual construction of Mt. Aetna has begun! Already six cabins are under roof and the foundations ready for the other four. Soon we will begin on the Nature Center and the Cafeteria.

The dream continues and is

getting bigger. I hope all of you have received and taken the time to read our circular and letter relative to Mt. Aetna's development. We have received a tremendous response from our people and are excited about the possibilities of this plan. The success of this endeavor guarantees the completion of this project DEBT FREE!

However, the purpose of my comments this month is to explain the rationale behind our desire for a church at Highland View Academy of the caliber we are suggesting. This is also a part of the Mt. Aetna development.

We have endeavored to plan a facility for the student body of our school. The programs that will take place within the new church will be primarily for our young people.

Of course, we don't want to exclude our community adults at all. They will continue to be welcome, and we want to meet their needs as well.

### Chesapeake Challenge

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

The sanctuary will seat about 350 people. That is adequate for the regular weekend services. However, unique programs like alumni weekends, graduations, special musical events and more will require additional space for added attending guests.

To build only for the normal Sabbath services would require a return to the gymnasium that we wish to avoid, since worship is more difficult there. The new church design allows for expansion of capacity for many special occasions.

For instance, adjacent to the sanctuary will be the academy chapel, providing an additional 250 seats. A movable partition will separate the sanctuary from the chapel.

Then there is an alcove at the rear of the sanctuary that has three rooms with seats for approximately 100 more. Thus, the total capacity is about 700 or a little more.

It is not our desire to build a large institutional church. But we do hope to be able to accommodate all of those special events and encourage other activities that are compatible with church usage. Thus the design that many of you have seen.

A large factor tipping the scale in favor of this church is our desire to glorify the Lord in raising up a monument to His praise.

Chesapeake needs a church of this magnitude. A place that demonstrates our response to God and our adoration of Him. This sanctuary would represent the commitment of our members from all of our churches to our God.

Nothing was held back in the building of Solomon's temple. There is a place for this in our worship of God. We believe that place is on the campus of Highland View Academy.

May God continue to bless us as we provide an activity that will be an inspiration to our youth and all of our people who will be attending special services from time to time.

## News notes

● **Laura McComas** of the **Linthicum** church reported an unusual Christmas celebration for the past holiday season. "We went to the Baltimore community of 'Pigtown,' set up a Christmas tree in the back of **Jack John's** pickup truck and decorated it with the help of neighborhood children."

More than 280 presents were given away, including socks, hats, gloves, baby clothes, toys and more. The group even gave away the Christmas tree as they were leaving. The event was organized by **Nat and Frenasi Moore**, who regularly coordinate the Linthicum congregation's van ministry.

● After years of dreaming, many months of planning and endless weeks of hard work, the **Martinsburg** church opened its new facility on January 10, 1991.

Located just off I-81, the church is well situated within its community. "We are happy for the progress to this point," stated **Claude Steen**, pastor.

● At the January meeting of the Conference Executive Committee an action was taken to reestablish a Chesapeake Conference congregation in **Annapolis** more than 10 years after the church there was closed. **Rodney Vance** will be part-time pastor of the congregation.

The former church building in the state capitol was sold in the late 1970s and the members officially merged with the Bell Branch church in 1981.

## Gathering report

Seven-year-old **Ryan Flower** of the **Brooklyn** church led his entire congregation in soliciting funds for the 1990 campaign with a total of \$350, reported

**Johnson Christian**, the principal of **Greater Baltimore Junior Academy**. Ryan is a second-grader at that school.

Church Ministries Director **William McVay** reported a significant development in Chesapeake's 1990 Ingathering endeavor. "We were hoping to meet last year's total at a little over \$100,000. Over the past few years the Ingathering totals have been declining. But the decline has been reversed. This year our total came to **\$114,833.02**. This exceeds our goal by well over \$8,000."

The **Grasonville** congregation led the conference by reaching 276 percent of their goal. **Linthicum** was second with 238 percent. In all, 25 churches exceeded the suggested goal.

### New church plans put into action at HVA

Just imagine the bell tower of the church at Highland View Academy pealing on Friday evening at sunset, calling the students to respect God's holy day.

Just imagine the students walking across the campus to worship, not in the gymnasium where they have played all week, but to the church where the entire focus of the building is on worship.

Members of the conference won't have to imagine that much longer because of the progress made on plans for building the Highland View Academy church.

Final plans are taking shape. The church will be located on pasture land adjacent to the campus. It will seat approximately 340 people in the main sanctuary, with the possibility to expand seating to 720 on that floor and in the balcony.

A problem slowing construction is that the conference is \$450,000 short of raising the needed money. Although a substantial amount of the cost is accounted for, additional money will be necessary to complete the project.

"We do not want to go in debt. We would like to know where the money is coming from when we begin," said Wayne Coulter, conference president. "Working together, we can rejoice in dedicating this new church for our young people debt free at its completion."

People throughout the conference are encouraged to contribute to the building of a church for the Highland View Academy youth by sending donations directly to the conference or specifying

contributions on a tithe envelope and giving it with their church offerings.

Money already in hand for the church has come from the students and faculty at the academy, local church members and the sale of Hadley Farms property. A percentage from the Chesapeake Advance Plan has also been designated for this project.

### Van ministry still going strong during winter

Four days a week, in sweltering heat or freezing cold, volunteers on the Hypertension Screening Van continued their ministry. These dedicated workers provided a contact point for 2,675 people by checking blood pressures, sharing an occasional "listening ear" or giving out informative literature.

"People have come to depend on us," stated **Sheila Mills**, who serves as Community Services coordinator for the Chesapeake Conference. "Occasionally when we did not make our schedule, people would call us to find out what had happened. About 25 percent of our contacts were repeats.

"Our ultimate goal is to direct their thoughts heavenward to their caring Creator," continued Mills. "Sixty per-

cent of the people who contacted us on the van asked for the biblically based 'Power to Cope' lessons. And souls are being won as a result."

The Food Mobile van is the only ministry to the homeless providing food on a year-round basis.

Volunteers provided 34,320 meals to destitute and homeless people in 1990. Thousands of pieces of clothing, shoes and blankets were also given away.

Plans are now underway to develop a greater work in the "Pigtown" section of Washington Boulevard. "Our goal is to survey the people to find out how better to meet their spiritual needs. We hope to establish weekly prayer meetings once our plans have taken shape," said Mills.

Other community service activities included assisting in the cleanup of the Reisterstown tornado on October 18. More than 1,200 meals were served by the Food Mobile to victims and relief workers. The Red Cross issued a certificate of commendation to Chesapeake Community Services for its efforts.

"We could do none of this work without the hard-working volunteers we have come to depend on," enthused Mills. "Church members and others from all over the conference have joined us in these efforts either by coming to work with us in Baltimore city or taking the loaner van to their own community for an outreach endeavor."

Left to right: Teachers Roy Larson of Spencerville Junior Academy and Bob Russell and Johnson Christian from Greater Baltimore Junior Academy were given 30-year pins at the recent pastor/teacher meeting in Ocean City, Maryland, where several awards were given to deserving people.





Dr. Charles Knapp above, left, of Florida presented a series of health lectures to the teachers and pastors at the mid-winter meeting. Knapp's program called "Fitness for Witness focusses on wellness as a means to better health. The Towson church and Pastor Sedley Johnson above, far right, led the conference in baptizing 18 people. Frank Bondurant above, center, of the Brooklyn/Linthicum district was awarded the top all-around pastor. Evaluation was based on evangelism, member involvement, planning and soul-winning. Beverly Russell right, associate educational director and classroom supervisor, was honored for 35 years of service as an educator. *Photos by Tom Lemon.*



## Conference pastors, teachers earn awards for outstanding service

More than 25 Chesapeake teachers were set aside to the teaching ministry in a special prayer service. Qualifications included more than six years of service in Adventist education, a standard or professional teaching certificate, a lifelong commitment to Adventist education and a willingness to find Jesus Christ in all parts of the curriculum and more.



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## Mark Your Calendar



**March 8 & 9**  
**"Anything For Christ"**  
Youth Rally '91  
Spring Valley Academy  
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**March 22-24**  
**Christian Ministry**  
**Workshop**  
**Camp Mohaven**

Dr. Kembleton Wiggins will be guest speaker for the workshop and will share principles for establishing rapport with people.

**April 7**  
**Spring Lay Advisory**  
**Council**  
Mount Vernon Academy

**June 14-22**  
**Camp Meeting**

**June 30-July 28**  
**Summer Camps**

Cub Camp, June 30-July 7  
Junior I, July 7-14  
Junior II, July 14-21  
Teen Camp, July 21-28

The cost for each week of camp is \$100. Applications will be available in April.

### Mission Ohio

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## Recapturing the Adventist mission—III



Ed Motschiedler

"There shall be wars and rumors of wars... for nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom,"--Matthew 24:6,7 NKJ.

One can't pass a television, turn on a radio, or pick up a newspaper without being barraged with "WAR." I lived through the Korean war as a boy and the Vietnam war as a man, but the present war seems different.

Korea didn't have an atomic bomb or even the threat of one. North Vietnam didn't have chemical and biological weapons or SCUD missiles. It is commonplace to hear radio talk show hosts, who normally steer away from discussions on religion, talk about Armageddon.

This is a time for the Adventist Church to rediscover its prophetic voice. In Laodicean times, it's difficult to sense urgency. It is easy to feel secure in the wealth and comforts of our modern world with a business-as-usual attitude about Christ's second coming, which may seem so far away. Yet the Adventists shouldn't forget about one of Christ's signs of His second coming that's given in Matthew 24: "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come."

Today, there are many opportunities for evangelism that we may not have tomorrow: your neighbor, who is interested in Bible prophecy today because of the war, may return to his secular life interests when the crisis of war passes. Inactive members, who know Bible prophecy, might respond to an invitation to church today but tomorrow may slip back into spiritual lethargy. And Eastern European countries now open for evangelism could quickly close the door to protestant churches tomorrow.

Sadly, though we have opportunities for evangelism, the church seems ill-equipped to move. Few churches have active programs of home visitation and Bible studies; very few members respond to evangelism training classes offered by the conference and local churches. Mission giving is down dramatically across North America; and support of local conference programs is down.

My challenge to the constituency is to take advantage of our opportunities by fulfilling Christ's instructions to take the gospel to the world. Talk to your neighbors and the people at work about the joys of being a Christian. Be faithful in your stewardship, time, talents and resources. Take advantage of the skills you could learn to use from the Christian Ministry Workshop offered this month. Be faithful in returning your tithe so you will have invested in programs that spread the Three Angels' Messages to the world.

The Adventist Church began with a flurry of evangelistic outreach and sacrificial giving. Now the church must do no less as we see the signs of the end being fulfilled.

**ED MOTSCHIEDLER**  
*President*



## Anything for Christ Youth Rally 1991

Ask John Sickler what he enjoys most about Ohio's "Anything For Christ" youth rally at Spring Valley, and he'll tell you it's the changes it has made in the Dayton area.

The Spring Valley Academy senior is one of 15 youth rally planning team members currently putting the final touches on the 1991 rally.

The youth rally began four years ago and has been an annual success. This year's rally is expected to build on the success of the other rallies by offering an even wider variety of music, inspiration and activities.

Beginning Friday, March 8 at 7:30 p.m. with a song service, musical performers will precede the dynamic speaking of Harold Cleveland II.

Popular youth speaker Gary Rust, from the Oregon conference, will share his wit and inspiration on Sabbath.

Following a buffet-style meal served at noon, the Christian drama group, Destiny, will perform back-to-back with Saxophonist Bobby Martin.

Musical guest Prism, a well-known contemporary Christian group, will highlight Saturday night by performing in concert.

Games and a party will wrap up the weekend activities. All Sabbath meals, sleeping accommodations and

concert tickets will be provided at Spring Valley Academy in Centerville. At a cost of only \$15, the weekend is an event that no one between the ages of 13-19 should miss.

Pastor Brennan Francois, one of four planning team sponsors, said the team looks for speakers who are in touch with contemporary issues.

"We try to find people who are on the cutting edge of how to effectively communicate with and meet the needs of young people. They deserve the best, so we look for the best," he said.

Kim Harrison, a freshman at Spring Valley and a member of the planning team, said the youth rally has helped her to grow in her relationship with Jesus Christ.

"I've noticed that everything in the school, since we've been having youth [rallies], has become more spiritual. It has made a lot of people realize Christianity isn't boring, and it's brought a lot of people closer to Christ," Harrison said.

For registration or further information, contact Pastor Greg Taylor at (513) 294-2340 or (513) 298-2167, or Pastor Brennan Francois at (513) 433-0790 or (513) 433-0723. There will be sweatshirts and T-shirts for sale at the rally Saturday night.

## Worthington starts Dublin Project

On January 12, approximately 30 members of the Worthington Seventh-day Adventist Church met in a Dublin elementary school to begin a new church.

Leslie Bumgardner, associate pastor of the Worthington church, led in the organization of the Dublin Project. She said there are three main reasons for the new company: communion with God, communion with each other and communion with community.

The last reason is a very important goal to the project members. Bumgardner hopes the project will have a positive impact on the community.

"We are seeking to reach young adults and provide a family-type atmosphere that will attract them to Christianity and Adventism," she said. Bumgardner especially hopes the project will reach unchurched people in the community.

## Hamilton begins Fairfield Project

In October 1989, the Hamilton Seventh-day Adventist Church, under the leadership of Pastor Mike Stadnik, began a project to start a new church in Fairfield.

The Fairfield Project began with eight Hamilton church members, who met in a local high school. Now, a year and a half later, the project has grown to nearly 35 in attendance and is meeting in the Calvary Community Church at Pippin and Kemper Roads.

"We have a burden for unchurched as well as church people. We're open to doing things that will meet people where they are," Stadnik said.

This is evidenced by the project's variety of community outreach programs offered, such as Revelation seminars, parenting seminars and a recent program of community invitations to worship.

These invitations encouraged people to come to their worship service and were sent out to all the community that lived within a two-mile radius of the project.

One of these invitations arrived in the mailbox of Bill Parker.

Parker had prayed that God would let him come in contact with other Sabbath keepers so he could fellowship in worship with them.

Two days after his prayer, he received an invitation from the Fairfield Project to worship with them. Now Parker is taking Bible studies and learning more about Seventh-day Adventists.

Stadnik reflects on the dedication of his members to service and outreach, "[The members] have a sense of mission and it's exciting to be a part of it."

## People in transition

Robert and Carolyn Janssen have accepted a call to pastor in the New Jersey Conference after serving for over 16 years in Ohio Conference. The Ohio Conference expresses its gratitude to them for their contribution to the Lord's work in Ohio.

John and Barbara Kurlinski have accepted a call to pastor in Chesapeake Conference. John and Barbara have been in the Madison-Ashtabula district for approximately two years. Ohio Conference has appreciated their ministry and wishes them God's blessings as they assume new responsibilities.

## Millersburg enjoys new church

The Millersburg Seventh-day Adventist Church members enjoy coming to church this winter for a lot of reasons--but especially for two new reasons.

They are thankful for the comforts of their new modular-constructed church building, and secondly, that it has indoor plumbing.

"We're living in the land of luxury," Pastor Clyde Ondrizek said of the new church building.

The previous church building was very small with only a sanctuary and two small classrooms. It had no indoor plumbing, and the nearest bathroom was several miles away.

Now the Millersburg members enjoy the comforts of worshipping in a more spacious building that includes the amenities of two bathrooms and a kitchen. The project has inspired them to continue with future growth goals.

The church's attendance has increased since they began worshipping in the new facility, and plans have already been made for a new building to be used as a recreation and fellowship



## Pastor elected ministerial president

Ken Ferguson, pastor of the Carrollton-East Liverpool-Steubenville church district was elected president of the Carroll County Ministerial Association.

Ferguson said approximately 20 denominations are represented, and he is the first Seventh-day Adventist the association has elected as president.

As president, Ferguson plays a key role in the planning of community programs. The association recently began a support group for the families of those who are serving in the Gulf War.

Ferguson has also been elected to chair the Public Education Committee of the Carrollton County unit of the American Cancer Society. He has enjoyed his role in public education and has already conducted several stop-smoking seminars.

Ferguson became a member of the ministerial association when he was a lay pastor. He appreciates the fellowship and support experienced with other pastors.

"It's helped me grow a lot," he said. It's helped me deepen my roots in Adventism."

Ferguson said this fellowship allows him to share his faith with others that don't know about Seventh-day Adventists.

Children in the Wooster Seventh-day Adventist Church raised \$36 from their Sabbath School Investment project.

They called their project the "Investment Coat." Patches were sewn onto a coat, and the inside of the patches were filled with money.

Through Investment projects, the Wooster church raised nearly \$1,500.



## Church Ministries

## Future looks bright for Ohio youth

The Ohio Conference has made changes in its church ministries (CM) department. Though the department's office staff has been reduced, the new model envisions the selection of people from local congregations who will carry out the responsibilities the CM staff traditionally carried.

Two of the areas of CM affected are children ministries and youth ministries. Traditionally, these departments functioned by means of Sabbath schools, rallies, Vacation Bible School programs, summer camp programs, Pathfinders and miscellaneous other special events.

Due to the work done by Jeanie Haldeman, former director of children's ministries, and Thom Juarros, former youth ministries director, planning groups and conference-wide coordinat-

ing committees are currently making plans and sponsoring events for the young people in the Ohio Conference.

Marwood Hallett, director of church ministries for Ohio Conference, said it is encouraging to know that as the new CM model is presented around the conference and recommendations are sought for church ministries field associates, more names have been turned in for children's ministries and youth ministries than for any of the other areas of

ministry emphasis.

"Ministry to the young in Ohio is alive and well," he said. "The new church ministries model has brought changes, but the future appears brighter than ever."

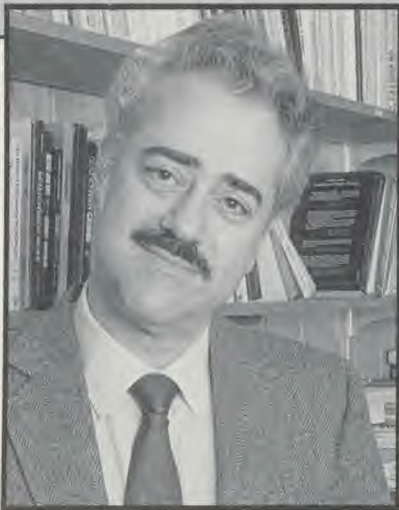
Hallett said as soon as the CM field appointments are made, they will be announced to the churches.

For more information about the new CM model, call Ohio Conference church ministries department: (614) 397-4665.



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# Potomac People

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## What's happening around Potomac

### March 15 & 16

Spanish PEDDs meeting  
Capital Spanish Church

### March 22 & 23

Metro-Area PEDDs  
Takoma Academy Gym

### April 5-7

Adult Bible Conference  
Camp Blue Ridge

### April 12 & 13

Family Life Conference  
See page 10

### April 26 & 27

Alumni Weekend  
Takoma Academy

### May 5

Graduation  
Columbia Union College

### May 26

Graduation, Shenandoah  
Valley Academy

### June 7

Graduation  
Takoma Academy

### June 18-23

Camp Meeting  
Shenandoah Valley  
Academy

## Potomac People

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## Potomac's pastor/teacher/LE/member team breaks records with 865 baptisms



Ralph Martin

The Potomac Conference shattered all previous records for church growth in 1990. This is the second time in three years that we have set a new mark for baptisms and professions of faith. In 1988, we baptized 742 new members, which broke the previous high set back in 1975. We added an electrifying 865 new Adventists to our church in 1990. This is 123 more than our previous record.

This milestone was achieved, I believe, because our church is moving away from the controversies that have plagued and divided our congregations in the past few years and returning to its divine mission: to save God's lost family for the heavenly kingdom. The Holy Spirit is obviously working in partnership with pastors, school teachers, LEs and church members.

These 865 new members are not confined to a few churches. Seventy-four of the 93 churches and companies in Potomac had one or more baptisms. Many of the leading churches are Spanish, but all cultures and all regions show growth. The largest growth by churches are Langley Park Spanish with 73 baptisms; Capitol Spanish had 63; Seabrook, 45; Arlington Spanish, 42; Sligo, 40; Manassas Spanish, 29; Southern Asian, 28; New Market, 26; Takoma Park, 24; Rockville, 24; Powell Valley, 21; Norfolk, 20; Beltsville, 20; and Alexandria Spanish, 20.

Other churches that make me very proud because of their unusual achievement are Amicus with 36 members and 13 baptisms; Elkton with seven new members; Staunton, 16; Winchester, 14; Burnt Mills, 13; Capital Memorial, 14; Hyattsville, 13; Forest Hills, 14; Danville, 11; Konnarock, nine; and Radford, 13. Unless you have been in these churches, you cannot know the rejoicing over these new members. We thank God for what they mean to their new church families.

Public crusades continue to be most productive evangelistic endeavors, but Sabbath morning invitations to accept Jesus Christ are becoming more frequent. The cooperation and teamwork in evangelism in Potomac this year was the best. Of the 89 pastors who served Potomac during the year, 85 added members to the church.

The record is encouraging, but it is only the launching pad. Our new evangelism director, Roger Weiss, is so enthusiastic that he has set his sights on Potomac adding 1,000 new members a year. I believe that we can make this happen because of the great team we have in Potomac—pastors, teachers, literature evangelists and members—all anxious to get on with God's work.

RALPH MARTIN  
*President*

## Potomac churches expand facilities

The new **Damascus, Maryland, church** is wood frame with brick veneer and quarry stone and a fiber-glass steeple and spire. The front stained glass window is a six-foot octagonal created by John Sullivan. The sanctuary will seat 300 and the choir loft 27. There are 10 classrooms, a pastor's office, a secretary's office, a worship training room and a nursery. The fellowship hall with a beautiful stone fireplace will seat as many as 300 people. This church is one of the few in Montgomery County with a full fire sprinkler system throughout the entire building.

Trivia compiled by Damascus members reveals the following:

- There are 436,500 nails in the building.
- Some 192,000 of those nails hold the shingles on.
- Worshipers are surrounded by 45,000 bricks held together by 26,950 pounds of mortar and 110 tons of sand.
- In the sanctuary, there are 138 light bulbs, 42 in the chandelier.
- Elsewhere, 420 fluorescent bulbs illuminate the remainder of the building.
- Boundaries and order are maintained by 79 solid core doors.
- Under foot, 5,118 square feet of carpet were installed.
- The walls contain 1,250 sheets of 4' x 12' drywall.
- The walls are covered with 285 gallons of paint.
- The sound and security system has more than 15 miles of copper.
- The church contains 862 feet of plastic pipe.
- About 600 checks were written to pay the cost of about \$1,500,000 to erect an 18,000-square-foot facility, built on 6.6 acres, for a mortgage greater than \$600,000.

And there are mega-tons of faith that the Lord will bless this effort with active, giving members filling the church and sharing His love with the world.

The **Rocky Mount congregation** in southern Virginia held its initial worship service within the newly constructed church on November 24.

Nearly 100 people gathered to celebrate God's blessings and providences in the first Adventist church in Frank-



The Damascus, Maryland, church

lin County. The participants in the program that day were Potomac President Ralph Martin, former Pastor Marlyn Kurtz and former members Myrna and Bill Gibson.

Plans for the church have been in operation for more than six years. On October 4, 1984, more than 20 Franklin County Adventists began meeting in a Presbyterian church in Rocky Mount. The Presbyterian pastor at the time, now retired, had gained a high regard for Adventists, leading the way for a warm relationship through the years.

In March of 1985, this group became the Rocky Mount Seventh-day Adventist Company, and by April of 1987, 27 Rocky Mount members were accepted into the sisterhood of churches in the Potomac Conference. During February of that year, two and one-half acres of land were purchased on North Main Street for a future church home. The land, providentially located, though not advertised at the time of purchase, was acquired at a very reasonable price.

The Rocky Mount, Virginia, church



After the land purchase, members began working in faith that the Lord was going to provide funds to build His church. Major portions of funds received were through sacrificial gifts of money, labor, materials and equipment by church members and through friends and relatives of the Rocky Mount church.

The new facility will also house a church school and a Community Services area.

The baptismal font was initiated on January 12, when three new members were baptized.

Church members have made a commitment to ongoing soul-winning, which began this past month.

Just recently completed is the new parents' room within the **Sligo church**. Five or six rows of seats were removed from the back of the main sanctuary in the Takoma Park, Maryland, church to accommodate parents with babies and young children.

Sligo's parents' room has several rows of pews and is glassed in so that they feel like participants in the services.

At the back of the room is a bathroom, counters with a sink and a play area for toddlers. Other provisions for child care are a crib, infant swing and a changing table.

The **Takoma Park, Maryland, congregation** has been working on a pair of construction projects, one of which was indoors and the other outside.

The construction of a mothers' room at the rear of the Takoma Park sanctuary actually carries the church back to

Family Life

Temper Tantrums

Someone once said, "If you can't say something nice, it is better to say nothing at all." Practice telling your children, "Thanks for listening so carefully; it means a lot to me. I appreciate you! I love you! You are a gift from God."

Studies show that during preschool years, boys tend to have more temper tantrums than do girls. Girls, however, seem to catch up very rapidly once school has begun.

Unfortunately, it seems that some children never outgrow the manipulative anger of temper tantrums. I read where a man divorced his wife because she took his false teeth and held them for a \$2 ransom!

Adults also tend to use manipulative anger—temper tantrums—concerning discipline. Because most kids tend to obey when they are screamed at by an adult, their obedience reinforces that parent's tantrums.

However, children are quick to discover that they need only obey when the parent loses his or her temper. Adults throwing a tantrum are not respected by adults any more than they are by their own children.

Sometimes parents' attempts at child discipline degenerate into temper tantrums, and they end up embarrassing themselves and the child.

My wife recalls arriving home from a double date just a few minutes past her curfew. She lingered in the car saying goodbye longer than she probably should have, and then was shocked to hear the house door open and see her father come out to the car clothed only in his undershirt and jockey shorts. Needless to say, she paid more careful attention to the curfew after that incident. Facing her friends at school after that was not easy.

Because anger is an emotion given by God and instilled in each one of us at conception, there must be a way to control its destructive tendencies.

Actually, there is a simple formula, found in Scripture, that works every time: "My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires."—James 1:19-20, NIV.

LEN MCMILLAN  
Family Life Director



The Takoma Park, Maryland, church's parking lot (above); the parents' room (right) at the Sligo church, also in Takoma Park, Maryland



its original design intent. The first architectural plans for the church included a mothers' room, which was never built. In fact, three other proposals for such a room since then did not come to fruition. The recently completed room is a \$13,000 addition to the church and was designed by the original architect, Ronald Senseman.

A parking lot to accommodate 120 vehicles has been built behind the Takoma Park Church Center. The lot is a result of a three-year project and cost \$430,000.

Members from the Williamsburg, Virginia, church believe that Seventh-day Adventists must have a felt presence in the cradle of religious liberty. They have responded to a felt need to serve that historic community as well as the millions who come to celebrate its rich heritage.

The members have bought 9.22 acres along the beautiful John Tyler Highway, where they will build a center for meeting community needs, along with promoting the three angels' messages.



An artist's drawing of the Williamsburg, Virginia, church

### Behaviorial experts headline conference

Three outstanding lecturers will be featured during the Family Life Conference co-sponsored by the Potomac and Chesapeake conferences April 12 and 13. This will be held in the main auditorium of the General Conference headquarters, 12501 Old Columbia Pike in Silver Spring, Maryland.

**Teen Sexuality.** Participants will have the opportunity to join "Dr. Frank" Franasiak as he teaches teens and parents about teen sex. Using a blend of medical facts, societal and biblical perspectives and practical information, Franasiak presents a distinctly Christian view on teen sex and sexuality.

Dr. Frank doesn't advocate "just saying no," as that admonition simply doesn't work. Instead, he advocates knowledge

about human sexuality and developing a personal value system to help teenagers survive their teenage years.

As a practicing physician, lecturer and author on women's health care, Dr. Frank appears on national and local talk shows discussing sexuality.

He believes that teens and parents need to become "sexually literate" to combat the strong influences and loss of Christian values in today's world.

**Human Behavior.** Understanding how other people "tick" is an invaluable skill in today's world. What makes people behave the way they do? Why are people so different and yet so alike?

Florence Littauer will answer that question during the afternoon of April 13 in her most popular and best-loved seminar, "Personality Plus." Thousands of lives have been changed, marriages restored and families healed in the 20 years she has shared this presentation. She helps participants understand what makes them, their families and friends act the way they do using humorous illustrations from her own marriage, children and grandchildren.

An internationally known Christian speaker, Littauer has the unique ability to exhort, encourage and entertain—all at once. Her sparkling personality and sense of humor enable her to convey exciting concepts that stick in the mind long after hearing her.

Littauer has authored many books, including *Personality Plus*, *Your Personality Tree*, *Blow Away the Black Clouds*, *How to Get Along with Difficult People* and her latest, *Looking for God in all the Right Places*.

In addition to frequent interviews on radio stations across the country, she inspires television audiences on such broadcasts as the 700 Club, the PTL show and the Gary Randall Show.

**Sleight of hand.** God's love is a wonderful, almost magical, thing. Christian illusionist Steve Varro utilizes his sleight-of-hand skills to visually communicate the gospel to people of all ages.

Varro's ability to incorporate spiritual lessons and Bible truths with his gifts is truly unique. By showing audiences the methods used by psychics and mind readers to deceive, then exposing how they're done, Varro effectively shows how easy it is to be deceived by man.

Telling others the importance of a love relationship with Jesus Christ is the first and foremost part of Varro's program. Sleight of hand is simply the method used to illustrate the Bible concepts he teaches.

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