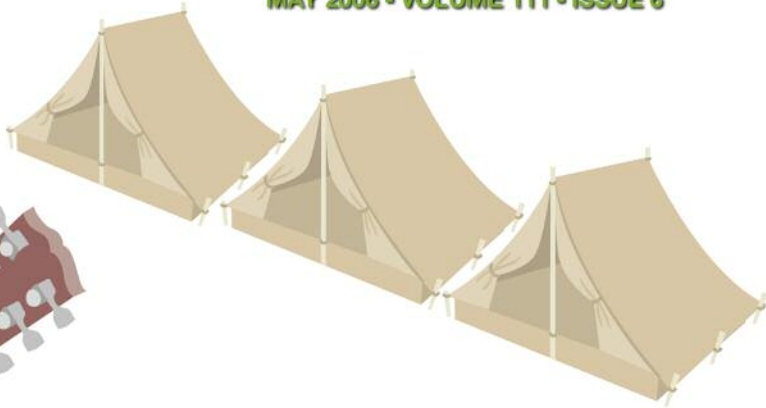
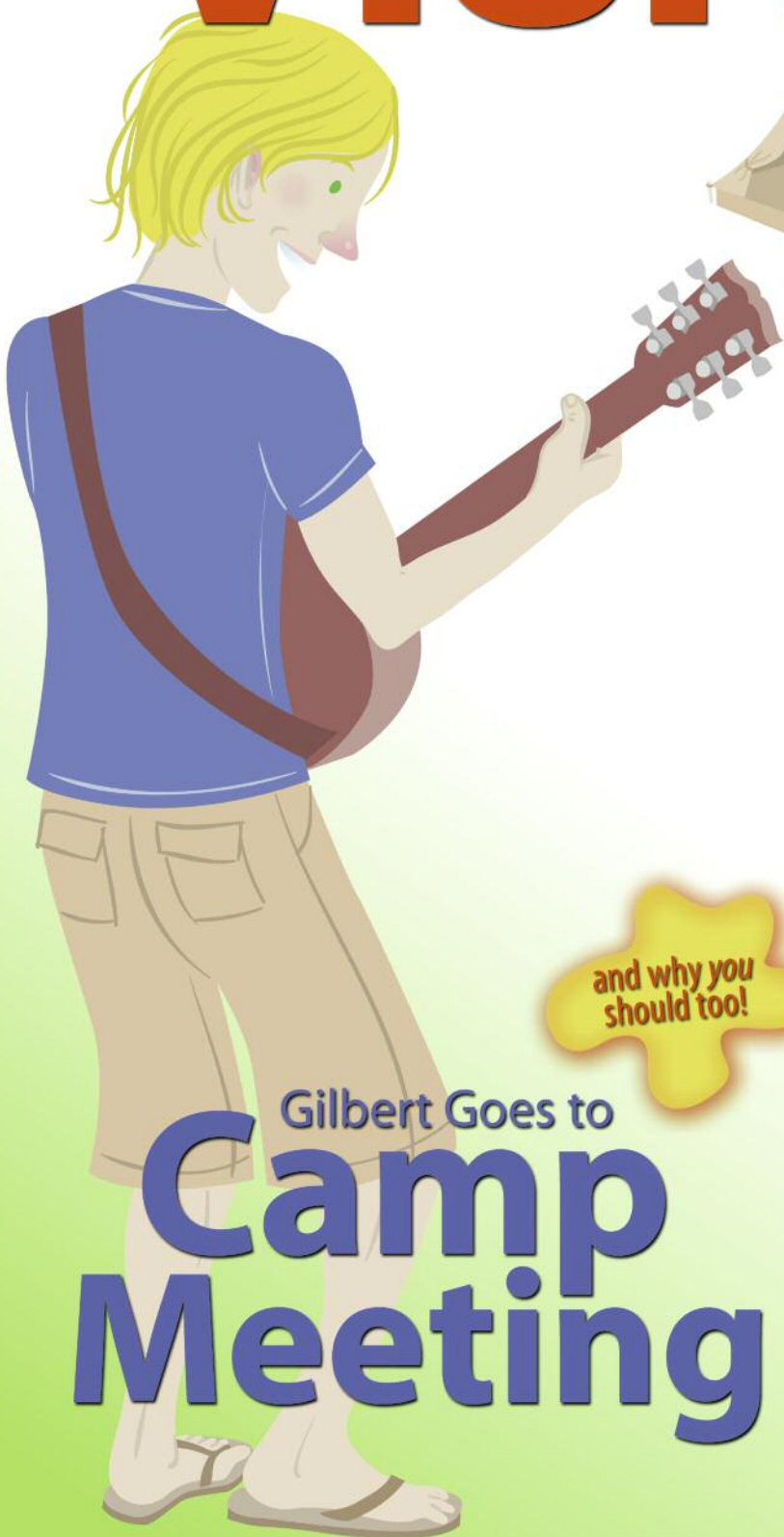


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*Lori Peckham*

Hey kids, have you ever been to camp meeting? It's a spiritual oasis (retreat) from your busy school and church life—where people from all the churches meet to worship God and learn more about Him. In this story Gilbert learns about camp meeting, how it started, and why he should go. After reading it, we hope you'll want to go too.



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## Camp Meeting—The Gift That Keeps on Giving

**Y**ou wander into a room and see an eight-foot orca whale hanging from the ceiling, with fish and seaweed climbing the walls. Then you notice a 22-foot-long Noah's Ark, complete with moving waves. Where are you? You've entered the children's division at camp meeting.

Just visit any of these wonderfully decorated rooms and you'll discover the excitement children experience. There may be an eight-foot tall giraffe or Egyptian pyramids, towering in the corner next to a golden Pharaoh's throne, with costumes for kids to have their pictures taken. Combine that with friendly welcoming smiles, warm hugs, and laughter. Then you get to sing uplifting Christian songs with fun hand motions, led by kids belting out their love and adoration for Jesus Christ.

To youngsters camp meeting has all the excitement, magic, and wonder of Disney World! The main difference is the added spiritual dimension and the emphasis on how special they are to God. So special, that this issue of the *Visitor* is dedicated to children's camp meeting.

In every children's division there are fun activities—to learn teamwork, get exercise, or demonstrate a lesson—planned each day. Craft projects are a beautiful way to teach them about God's love. Puppet shows illustrate Bible stories or modern day situations. Animals show kids God's awesome creations. And skits make them laugh and learn.

There are also other activities like swimming, horseback riding, or nature walks. Older kids might participate in white water rafting, rock climbing, obstacle courses, song service, group discussions, and problem-solving activities.



*Pikesville (Md.) church Pastor Roosevelt Marsden and his daughter Daedre-Ann pose in Egyptian costumes during Chesapeake's 2005 children's camp meeting.*

### The Best Part

These are just some of the things I've observed at camp meeting in the Chesapeake Conference. I've heard many testimonies of wonderful programs at other conferences too, and witnessed incredible dedication from camp meeting leaders who coordinate dynamic children's programs.

My kids haven't missed a year and look forward to reconnecting with buddies they've met over the years. They phone their camp meeting pals so they can share a cabin at summer camp. My daughter emails new-found friends, and we have them visit in the summer for a day of fun or a sleepover. Great relationships are made at camp meeting! But the best one, for young and old alike, is the one forged and strengthened with God.

If you haven't been to camp meeting recently, you and your family are missing out on an incredible experience! There are seminars and gifted, inspirational speakers for adults and a smorgasbord of spiritual delight for the kiddos. Just think, a trip to the beach would cost you a bundle, but camp meeting is an affordable retreat. It's the gift that keeps on giving long after the suitcase is unpacked. Plan now to bring your kids.

*Stacey Bondurant, a wife and mother of two, is Children's Ministries director at the Chesapeake Conference.*

## Mountain View Members Elect New President

On the last Sunday in March, 200 delegates and guests gathered at the Summersville, W.Va., church gymnasium to participate in the 67th Business Session (Third Quadrennial Session) of the Mountain View Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Soon after the meeting began, Kingsley Whitsett—president from 2002-2005—surprised some attendees by announcing his retirement.



*Columbia Union president and session chair Harold Lee leads attendees in applauding Kingsley Whitsett and his wife Nancy for 40 years of dedicated service.*

“I am announcing retirement from church service, but not from the Lord’s service,” he reassured them in his report to constituents. Using PowerPoint, Whitsett recounted some of the conference’s achievements during the last four years. This included “rekindling the flame” spiritually among members; “communicating the vision” through newsletters, area meetings, and a 2006 calendar; “refueling the vision” by addressing the conference’s financial

challenges; and “retaking the torch” through aggressive soul winning, evangelism rallies, lay training, and increased member involvement. As a result of these concerted efforts, the conference experienced an increase in tithe (3.45 percent in 2005) and membership (329 baptisms).

“This is the highest number of baptisms since 1983,” noted Whitsett, who has served the conference for 20 years as a pastor, departmental leader, and administrator.

During his financial report to members, Victor Zill (introduced as the “youngest officer in the North American Division”) thanked members for their sacrificial support. “God has richly blessed this conference with faithful members; we are much stronger than we were two years ago. And for a small conference of 2,350, we really get a lot done!” he said, drawing delegate applause.

Next attendees received reports from the nominating committee, as given by its secretary, Jonathan Myers of Morgantown. They elected executive secretary Larry Boggess (right) to serve as president and



re-elected Zill as treasurer (pictured with their wives). They voted to increase the size of the conference executive committee from 13 to 15 and voted new members to serve on it and the board of education. They also voted to refer the executive secretary vacancy to the executive committee. After lunch, the delegates spent over an hour working through changes recommended by the constitution and bylaws committee and adopted a new conference purpose statement.

At the close of the session, Boggess, who has served in Mountain View since 1989 as a pastor, evangelism coordinator, ministerial director, and executive secretary, shared his vision



*After the Kingwood church was voted into membership, delegates warmly welcomed these members.*

for the future. “I see a church on fire with Holy Ghost revival; a church involved in ministry,” he declared. He outlined “Vision 2009,” which calls for the conference to reach 3,000 members by 2009. He then invited attendees to participate in this mission. Those who accepted were given a special sharing packet. Boggess closed the meeting with a prayer of dedication.

# Ohio Officers Re-elected



**A**t the 39th Regular Constituency Session of the Ohio Conference last month, president Raj Attiken, executive secretary Hubert Cisneros, and treasurer Joanne Rude (pictured above) were re-elected to serve from 2006-2010.

Over 430 delegates and guests packed the Worthington church sanctuary for the session. They learned that from 2002-2006 Ohio welcomed 1,358 new members, enjoyed a tithe increase of 5.5 percent to \$9.3 million, planted 11 new churches, and opened three new schools. The conference has English-speaking, Ghanaian, Korean, Hungarian, Serbo-Croatian, French-Creole,



*Janet Scalera, Elizabeth Flores, and Juan Cancel represent Ebenezer Spanish, newly welcomed into Ohio's sisterhood of churches.*

and Hispanic congregations. There are also 900 students at 20 schools.

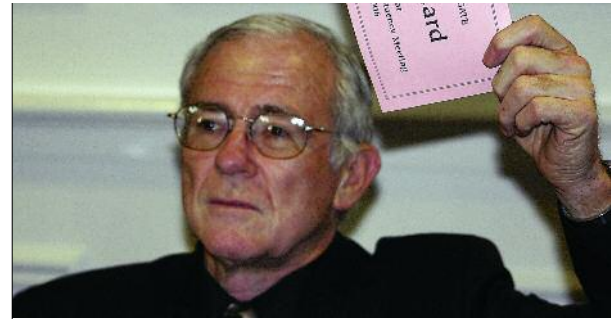
The president's video report, themed "This is our Story," highlighted the efforts of the conferences 93 churches to spread the gospel in Ohio. "Our churches have taken



seriously the call of Christ to provide ministries in our communities," Attiken announced. The video told of day-care centers, thrift shops, community picnics, food pantries, coat drives, work with halfway houses, and many other activities. "May God bless you as you look for more ways to 'tell the story' in your communities," Attiken concluded.

Following the reports, delegates voted a new slate of members to serve on the conference executive committee, conference association board, and the Mount Vernon Academy (MVA) board. They also voted a couple changes to the conference constitution and bylaws, including one that lowered the number of attendees required for a session quorum.

"I'm proud to be a part of this; it's good to see how the church is organized," beamed



Adan Ramos, 23, a first-time delegate who attended with fellow church mate and first-time delegate Earl Caulley. Both (pictured left) are members of the newly planted Worthington Spanish congregation. On the other end of the spectrum was Willis Adams (pictured above), pastor of the Springfield and New Carlisle congregations, who sounded a bit nostalgic. "After 40 years of service with the Adventist church, including 23 in Ohio and 11 at my present churches, this will be my last constituency as an employee," he noted.

By lunchtime, the meeting was adjourned.



*"At MVA, fostering spirituality is our number one objective," reported principal David Daniels who spoke about three weeks of prayer, daily prayer meetings with "campus families," and the school's recent prayer conference.*

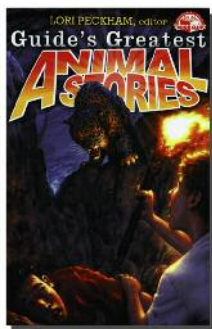
## Potluck

CELESTE RYAN BLYDEN

### What's New?

#### Books > **Guide's Greatest Animal Stories**

Kids will love the thrilling animal adventures in *Guide's Greatest Animal Stories* (Book 7)



in a series presented by the editors at *Guide*, an Adventist magazine geared toward children ages 10-14. The book contains 26 true accounts that begin innocently enough, but end with high drama and a spiritual

lesson. In "The Snake and I," a 14-year-old girl learns the danger of self-importance when she comes face-to-face with an angry, seven-foot banded cobra.

The animal stories, printed in *Guide* over the years, were compiled for this book by Lori Peckham, a writer and editor from Falling Waters, W.Va. For more exciting stories about angels, prayer, or miracles, visit [www.adventistbookcenter.com](http://www.adventistbookcenter.com) or call (800) 765-9655.

—Tanisha Greenidge

#### **The Palomino**

If you love horses, *The Palomino*—the first of four books in the Sonrise Farm series—is for

you. Engaging and full of emotion, this book captures the dreams, wishes, and hopes of young girls everywhere. Author Katy Pistole found her passion at age 11 when she received her first horse, a palomino named Black Jack. Now she shares her love for God and horses with young readers. "The series is written to inspire your mind and nourish your soul," she writes on her website.

The characters and locations in the Sonrise Farm series are a combination of places this grade-school teacher has lived. To learn more, trot over to [www.thepalominobook.com](http://www.thepalominobook.com).  
—Tanisha Greenidge

## Get to Know > Charles Mills

**C**harles Mills can't seem to stay busy enough. He's editor of *Vibrant Life* magazine; president of Christian Communication, a media production services company he runs with his wife Dorinda in Berkley Springs, W.Va.; a radio talk show host; and the author of hundreds of magazine articles and more than 30 books.

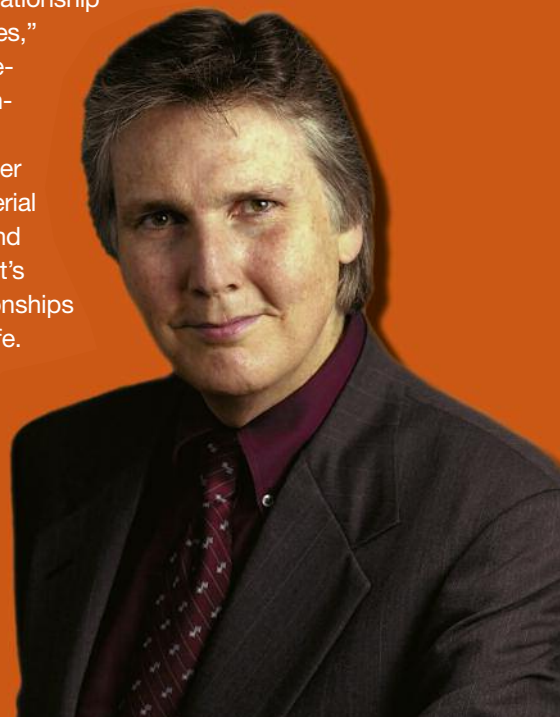
Many of the books are aimed at helping kids experience a dynamic relationship with God. "I've always had a very special place in my heart for kids' stories," explains Mills, born in Seoul, Korea, to missionary parents who moved frequently. "When I grew up, [books] were my link to the rest of world, a constant reminder that I was a part of a bigger family."

But don't expect to find fairytale endings. This former teacher believes it's important for children to read material with substance. "Kids want you to be totally honest and give them something to think about," he explains. That's why his characters move forward slowly in their relationships with God and each other—just as they would in real life.

Mills briefly attended a college in Beirut, Lebanon, before earning a bachelor's degree in communication from Southern Adventist

University in Collegedale, Tenn. From there he worked with Faith for Today to produce *Westbrook Hospital*, a weekly Christian drama series (no longer in production).

His books include the Shadow Creek Ranch series; the Honors Club Story series about Pathfinders; devotionals for kids ages 9-12; and audio CDs. Mills can also be heard on LifeTalk Radio Network, where he hosts three programs: *Vibrant Life*, *LifeQuest Live*, and ADRA's *World Radio*.—Tanisha Greenidge



## Keeping Score

- 5** How often, in seconds, someone goes blind.
- 6.1** Number of cases, in millions, of sight impairments in the Columbia Union territory.
- 40,000** Number of people in America who receive materials from Christian Record Services (CRS).
- 25,000** Number of people visited by field representatives from CRS.
- 3,000** Number of people visited within the Columbia Union territory.
- 90** Percent of people getting materials who aren't Adventist.

*Christian Record Services, the Adventist Church's ministry to the blind, needs volunteers to serve as missionaries to the blind. They visit blind people, become their friends, and help them "see Jesus." To volunteer, call David Klinedinst at (402) 488-0981 or email david.klinedinst@christianrecord.org.*

## Ministry Spotlight

### Rainbows

When tragedy strikes a family, the children grieve too. If adults misunderstand or overlook a child's grief, it can cause pain and anger. Rainbows is a ministry that helps grieving children and families deal with death, divorce, or the incarceration of a parent, etc. In many cases, the intervention process helps prevent future problems. Created 27 years ago, Rainbows has served nearly 1 million children worldwide. Now 15 churches in the Mountain View and Ohio conferences are among those piloting the program within the Adventist Church. "I am so glad that our church got involved in Rainbows," says Jeba Moses, pastor of Cincinnati's Franklin church. He is present every "Rainbows night" to interact with parents from the community.

Since August 2005, the North American Division (NAD) Children's Ministries Department has subsidized the training of 109 Adventist Rainbows facilitators and coordinators and the start-up costs for 21 church-based sites. "When Jesus said, 'Suffer the children,' He meant *all* children—not just the sons and daughters and grandchildren of church members," states Noelene Johnsson, NAD Children's Ministries director. "His kingdom vision was one of outreach, especially to hurting children everywhere."

To get your church involved, email [childrensministries@nad.adventist.org](mailto:childrensministries@nad.adventist.org). For more information, go to the NAD site [www.childmin.com](http://www.childmin.com) or [www.rainbows.org](http://www.rainbows.org).—*Tompaul Wheeler*

## WholeHealth

### How Nutrition Effects Inflammation

This morning in the clinic, I saw a lady who said she was feeling "so much better." Her rheumatoid arthritis symptoms were dramatically less than they had been just two months prior. Her blood tests that once showed quite a bit of inflammation (think chemical fire that makes things hurt and swell, etc.) had improved. All we had done was adjust some of her supplements and have her see the dietician two to three times.

Most people don't realize that the kinds of foods we eat have a tremendous effect on how much inflammation we have in our system. As I tell patients, "oxidation is inflammation, *anti*-oxidants are *anti*-inflammatory." Whole plant foods—especially foods with a

lot of color like broccoli, carrots, and blueberries, etc.—will decrease inflammation in the system.

The pharmaceutical companies are paying attention. There is now more than one prescription-only "medical food" on the market. The latest one is a concentrated, anti-inflammatory plant compound that in one study relieved arthritis symptoms.

What this patient learned, and many of us need to learn, is that our Creator has been very good in letting us know that the quality of our blood—as largely determined by the quality of our food—is the basis of health and healing.—*Marc Braman, MD*





# Gilbert Goes to Camp Meeting

(and why *you* should too!)

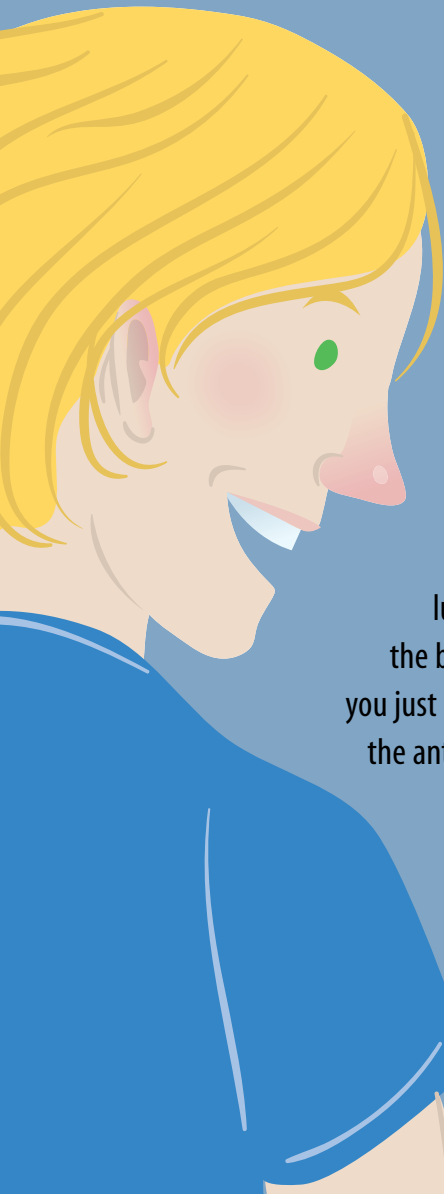
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“What’s camp meeting?” Gilbert asked his Sabbath School teacher one Sabbath.

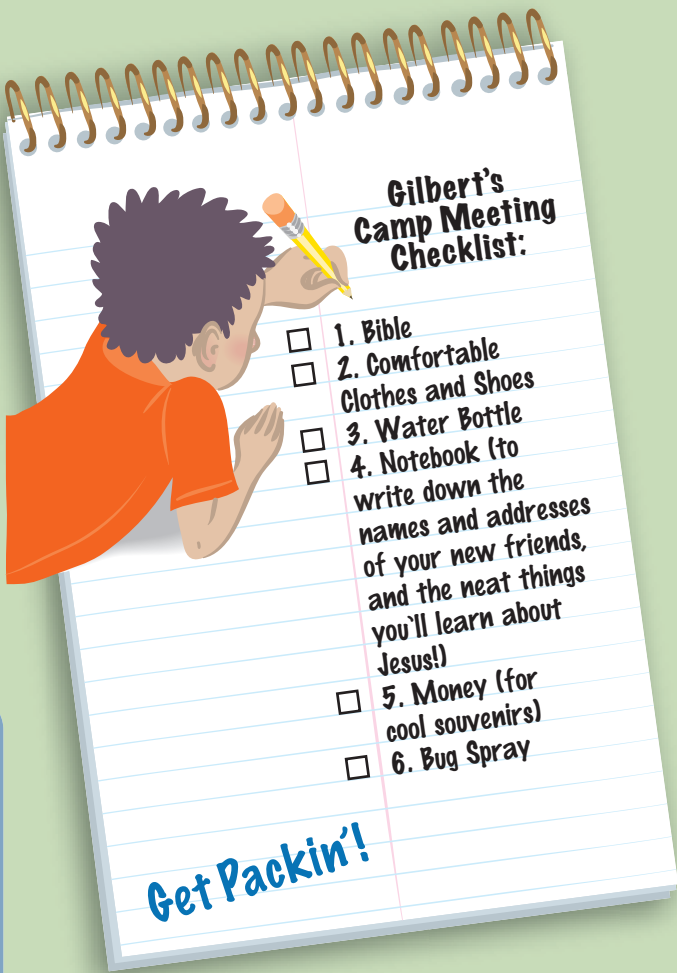
“It’s like Sabbath School in a camp setting,” he answered. “Every summer, all our friends from church travel to a *big* camp site to spend the day, weekend, or a whole week. We sleep in tents, trailers, or cabins and go to programs where we learn more about Jesus.”

“Well, what *e/else* do you do?” Gilbert asked curiously.

“We sing songs, listen to Bible stories, go hiking, and do tons of fun activities. For lunch, we get corn dogs at the snack shop, eat in the cafe, or share a picnic lunch on the grass outside the big tent. It’s great! Except you just have to watch out for the ants,” he chuckled.

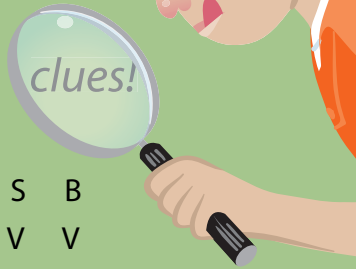






## What will you find at Camp Meeting?

Help Gilbert search for



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- Activities
- Bible
- Bugs
- Crafts
- Friends
- Jesus
- Music
- Recreation
- Service
- Stories
- Tents

"Well, who *invented* camp meeting?" Gilbert persisted.

"You sure ask a lot of questions!" his teacher replied. "I really don't know. But, look in this book about camp meeting; it says that the very



first Adventist camp meeting happened a *long* time ago—in 1868! One of the first speakers was a guy named John Nevins Andrews. He was a missionary."

"A *what?*" Gilbert was puzzled.

"Like an adventurer who travels around the world teaching people about Jesus. But nevermind that. Let's get back to *camp meeting*. People liked it so much that church leaders made plans to have more. In fact, Ellen



and James White helped plan these early camp meetings and preached at many of

them. It was at a camp meeting many years before that 12-year-old Ellen met Jesus and gave her heart to Him. So, besides all the fun and stuff, camp meeting can *really* change your life!"

"Well, can I go?" Gilbert exclaimed.

"Yeah! Get packing! It starts next month. ..."



## Camp Meeting 2006

# What's in it for Kids?

*With Bible lessons, safaris, swimming, and friends, camp meeting is the perfect place for kids! But don't take my word for it. Check out the action with this inside peek at camp meeting around the Columbia Union:*

### Allegheny East

**Place:** Pine Forge Academy, Pine Forge, Pa.

**Date:** June 29-July 9

**General Theme:** "Children of Promise"

Children will participate in arts and crafts, exercise programs, Bible lessons, skits, and visit the Children's Museum in Philadelphia. On the last Sabbath, they will perform a short program inside the adult pavilion showcasing what they learned throughout the week.

### Allegheny West

**Place:** Allegheny West Campgrounds, Thornville, Ohio

**Date:** June 16-18, 21-25

**General Theme:** "Noah's Ark"

Kids will listen to health segments, go on a bug safari, watch puppet ministry performances, tie-dye, bake, create pottery, and make candles. On Sabbath afternoons, they will launch balloons carrying Bible texts and prayers into the air.

### Chesapeake

**Date:** June 13-17

**Place:** Highland View Academy, Hagerstown, Md.

**Themes:** *Beginners*—"Get on Board for Jesus";

*Primary*—"Digging to Know God"

Young children will learn about Noah and the flood. Older kids will dig in the sand, in the Scriptures, and in their hearts, to discover God's will for their lives. Experienced teachers will engage them with music, finger plays, story time, and other activities.

### Mountain View

**Date:** June 16-24

**Place:** Valley Vista Camp, Huttonsville, W.Va.

**Themes:** *Cradle Roll*—"Little Boy Jesus"; *Kindergarten*—"Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus"; *Primary*—"Heaven's Orchard County Fair—The Fruits of the Spirit"

In addition to morning devotions, swimming, and crafts, children will enjoy wonderful programs, nature hikes, and plenty of hands-on activities.

### New Jersey

**Date:** June 24-July 1

**Place:** Tranquil Valley Retreat Center, Tranquil Valley, N.J.

**General Theme:** Sun Treasure Island

The cross marks the spot, as children discover Jesus through activities and songs. A special visit by a reptile rescue team will leave kids awed by a coati mundi and other reptiles on Sabbath afternoon. "The kids are going to get a kick out of that," said Linda Cortes, Children's Ministries coordinator. "It's a great experience for them."

### Ohio

**Date:** June 11-17

**Place:** Mount Vernon Academy, Mount Vernon, Ohio

**Theme:** *Primary*—"Trusting in God"

Kids will learn how to trust God for their freedom, safety, and direction during well-planned programs and Bible activities. "Last year 70 percent of those attending during the week were children," said Mike Stevenson, Children's Ministries director. There will also be visits to Camp Mohaven.

### Pennsylvania

**Date:** June 9-17

**Place:** Blue Mountain Academy, Hamburg, Pa.

**Themes:** *Beginner I*—"The Rainforest"; *Beginner II*—"Zoo"; *Kindergarten*—"Life on the Farm"; and *Primary and Juniors*—"The Life of Christ and 1st Century A.D."

Kids will meet a beekeeper, see an enclosed hive, and learn about animals found in the jungle and barnyard. They will also learn songs and act out Bible stories. New this year is an optional program called "Zoo in Bible Prophecy."

### Potomac

**Place:** Shenandoah Valley Academy, New Market, Va.

**Date:** June 20-24

**General Theme:** "Connecting with Jesus"

With different themes, crafts, and Bible lessons, there is something for each age group. "These activities will help kids learn that having God in their lives makes a big difference," said Lisa Seeders, children's division coordinator. Expect two new programs this year for non-Adventist community children and the mentally and emotionally challenged.

# New Resource Aims to Help Adventists Become Known

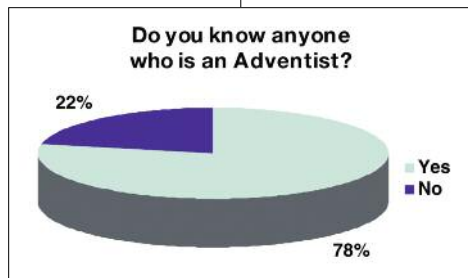
The Seventh-day Adventist Church is a worldwide denomination blessed by God to exist in 203 of the 228 countries recognized by the United Nations. There are over 14 million members worshipping in 53,500 congregations. Adventists operate the largest unified Protestant school system in the world with 5,600 schools. We provide ministries of healing at 600 healthcare facilities and publish books and

magazines in 340 languages from 56 publishing houses. We have several satellite television and radio networks that broadcast the gospel, and ADRA provides humanitarian aid in 119 countries.

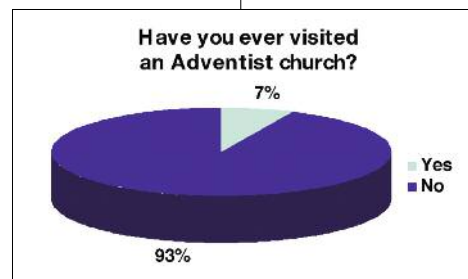
In the Columbia Union, there are eight local conferences, 104 schools, two colleges, more than 90 healthcare facilities, several community services centers, 700 churches and companies, and over 120,000 members.

This is impressive, but all too often people in our communities—leaders, business people, the media, work associates, even our neighbors—aren't aware of our presence, our deep faith in

God, our healthy lifestyle, and how we make a difference. According to research conducted by the Center for Creative Ministry, only a third of the general public in Newark, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, and Philadelphia (large Columbia Union cities) recognize the name Seventh-day Adventist.



And though many know a member, they're unlikely to have visited our church (see graphs\*).



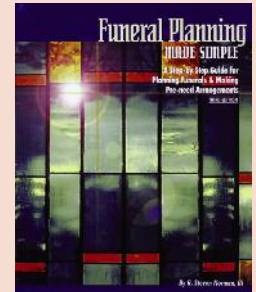
How can we change this and raise the public's awareness of Seventh-day Adventists? Columbia Union Communication Services has developed a toolkit to help churches, schools, and other Adventist organiza-

tions become known in their communities. It includes a 40-page booklet (*Going Public: 10 Ways to Raise Public Awareness of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Your Community*)—published in English and Spanish—that features a self-assessment tool, information about the public's views of Adventists, and 10 practical ways to raise public awareness. The toolkit comes

## Funeral Planning Made Simple

Author: Steve Norman, III

Local churches may want to provide a broad range of service projects to reduce stress for those who are dealing with funeral preparations.



Families and friends often welcome guidance for the planning process. This guide includes invaluable preplanning instructions and a variety of worksheets to assist with finances, a funeral planning checklist, biographical information, an arrangements timetable, a chart to track the arrival and lodging of relatives, and a log for important numbers and addresses for thank you cards. The last section helps the bereaved deal with the post-funeral sense of loss. Price: \$5.95. To order, contact GESS Books International, P.O. Box 70249, Nashville, TN 37207, call (615) 491-1851, or email [rsn3@bellsouth.net](mailto:rsn3@bellsouth.net).

with brochures and pamphlets as well as a catalog of resources for purchase.

To get a free toolkit for your church or school, call (410) 997-3414, ext. 220, or email [cryan@columbiaunion.net](mailto:cryan@columbiaunion.net).  
—Celeste Ryan Blyden

\*Source: Public Perceptions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America (©2003, North American Division).

## Visitor Blog

GINA S. BROWN

# 8,000 Miles for What?

Recently Gina Brown, PhD, RN, chair of the Nursing Department at Columbia Union College, traveled to Valley View University in Ghana, Africa. She journaled her experience as follows:

**Day 2** Ghana, West Africa—located on the west coast of the continent of Africa—is the hot, sultry home of Valley View University (VVU). Established in 1979, this school is dedicated to all who serve in the field of missions. Harold Lee, our union president, commissioned me to assist in the establishment of a nursing program here.

With the help of Adventist HealthCare (AHC), Columbia Union Missions Abroad is sponsoring a brand new nursing build-

ing—Columbia Union Hall—that should be completed in the next 12 months. In addition, AHC is working with Kettering Adventist HealthCare to build a new radiography wing on the new clinic, so people can receive much-needed healthcare, something they don't have now. Our first task was to review the entire nursing curriculum—three large documents—and assess, plan, implement, and evaluate the needs of the university and its ability to start a program. We spent several days working on that with administrative officers and evaluating needed classroom space.

**Day 5** Today we visited the nursing board for Ghana and met with its officials. Every day we spend time running away from scorpions, praying for the heat to relent, and praying for the success of the program.

**Day 6** We've been blessed to experience a mega crusade preached by former General Conference president Robert Folkenberg and a team. Sabbath was the most exciting part because he made an altar call. *Within seconds*, hundreds of people came forth and gave their lives to the Lord! Some were baptized (pictured right) in their Sabbath clothes!

**Epilogue** Initially, I wondered why the Lord dragged me 8,000 miles to evaluate a program. But from my experience, I learned that mission work is the essence of life. Without giving back to help others, life holds no meaning. Jesus' work of redemption is based on the foundation that we will spread the word *wherever*. He calls us to go.



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Local administrators and Columbia Union visitors—(left to right) Andrew McNeil; Lydia Andrews, Seth Laryea, Samuel Larmie, Emmanuel Nlo-Nlo, and Gina Brown—worked together to evaluate the nursing program.



## New Legislation to Benefit KCMA Physician Assistants

Mindy Claggett

The recent passing of an important piece of state legislation has faculty and administrators at Kettering College of Medical Arts (KCMA) excited about the opportunities that will be extended to graduates of the school's physician assistant (PA) program. Senate Bill 154 was recently passed in the House and received concurrence from the Senate. Now awaiting the governor's signature, SB154 should become effective soon.

This means that Ohio physician assistants can now practice with the same latitude and influence as those in other states. Ohio was one of only two states that did not allow PAs to write prescriptions and was the only state that did not allow them to see new patients. This new bill will also lower healthcare costs in Ohio and extend physicians' practices both in their offices and state hospitals.

The new legislation makes several provisions:

- Permits physicians to delegate increased responsibilities to PAs
- Allows physicians to delegate prescriptive authority to PAs for certain medications
- Permits PAs to see new or existing patients with new conditions
- Requires newly certified PAs to have a master's degree (as of 2008)

"We are so pleased with the passing of this bill," said Sue Wulff, director of the physician assistant program at Kettering College. "It means a lot to PAs who have been practicing and also to those preparing to graduate. For the college it

means we are now educating PAs who will be more inclined to stay in Ohio to practice. It also means PAs can be better utilized, with the opportunity to see new patients and write prescriptions. Overall, there should be better utilization of healthcare which, of course, benefits patients."

The only school in southwest Ohio to provide this course of study, KCMA has also received approval from the Ohio Board of Regents and the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant for its new Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies program. This new program becomes far more vital since newly practicing PAs will be required to have the advanced degree.

During the legislative process, Kettering College's president, Charles Scriven, testified on behalf of certified PAs. One of five schools in Ohio that offers an accredited physician assistant program, KCMA has educated one-in-four of the state's practicing PAs.

Kettering College of Medical Arts, a division of Kettering Medical Center, offers certificate programs, two-year associate of science degrees, a Bachelor of Science in Health Professions with four specialty tracks, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing completion degree, and a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies. Eighty percent of Kettering College graduates live and work in Ohio, with the majority settling in the Dayton area.

*Mindy Claggett is public relations officer at Kettering College of Medical Arts.*



# Healing the and Spirit

*Mario Ceballos*

**A**s I came down from one of the upper floors of the hospital, my pager sounded. Since faith and spirituality can take me anywhere in the hospital, I have had to join the beeper crowd. One of the surgeons wanted to see me right away. I went to the physician's lounge to meet with him and he explained the case to me.

A gentleman had come in for a second surgery. As they began to open his chest, a hidden vessel was cut and blood began pouring out. It took about 15 minutes before they were able to control the bleeding, stabilize the patient, and proceed with the surgery.

The surgeon wanted me to speak with the family and explain that the situation was very tense and difficult. In doing so, I learned that they were a devout spiritual family, so we knelt down and prayed together.

Several of the patient's daughters were out of the country. Also, there was some emotional and spiritual healing that needed to take place. We prayed and several hours passed. Then the surgeon came out and explained that he was able to get the heart beating again, and that the surgery had been completed successfully. He said that the patient was on his way to the recovery area and, after several hours of observation, if there were no further complications, the family could see him.

The surgeon, however, expressed concern that the patient might not recover consciousness and, if he did, that he may have had some "brain damage." One of the daughters looked at me and said, "I know he is going to be okay. I have asked God to give me one more opportunity to speak with my father." Then, the wife looked at the surgeon and said, "Doctor, thank you very much. How can we ever repay you?" To that the surgeon replied, "Don't thank me. Thank God. Your husband was dead, but is now alive."

The hours went by. The days went by. The patient regained consciousness and was able to speak with his family. Not only had physical healing taken place, but spiritual healing had also occurred.

## Twin Guardians of Healing

Different religions and “faith” traditions use prayer to speak or communicate with their concept of God, to ask what is in their hearts, or to render worship and thanksgiving. Within the Jewish and Christian traditions, we have several examples of prayer. The first is the prayer of Jabez (1 Chron. 4:9-10). Some have criticized Jabez’s prayer while others love it and pray it every day. No matter what camp you are in, you can’t deny the fact that he was a just man and God answered his prayer. In Matthew 6:9-14, we find a prayer similar in content. But instead of asking for *me*, it asks for *us* and is more inclusive of others.

“There has been an integration of medicine with religion, of spirituality with medical practice—called the twin guardians of healing—through the ages,” said Dale Matthews, MD, a leading proponent of prayer and spirituality, and associate professor of medicine at Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C. This new interest in prayer and medicine has spawned a new description for “prayer as therapy” or, as some call it, “Complementary Medicine.” It does not take the place of medicine nor is it an alternative to medicine, but it combines prayer and traditional medicine.

## The Dimensions of Prayer

Surveys are showing that a great majority of Americans want their healthcare providers to pray for, or with, them. And a good number have experienced the power of prayer in their lives.



In the areas of psychology and religion, Paul Presser, a psychologist and author of the book *The Minister as Diagnostician*, identifies seven dimensions of spirituality. We can also see the same dimensions in prayer:

1. **God’s Care**
2. **God’s Existence**
3. **Grace**
4. **Faith**
5. **Repentance**
6. **Vocation**
7. **Communion/Sense of Belonging**

We can say that prayer is a way to *communicate* by faith to a God whose *existence* we are very aware of. God will answer our prayer by *grace*, not because we deserve it but because we *belong* to Him and He *cares* for us. Prayer is an act of *repentance* and dedication to Him by our *vocation* as believers in His power.

The message above is simple. We must seek beyond physical healing to embrace spiritual healing. It is this kind of spiritual healing that connects us with God and with those around us.

*Mario Ceballos, MDiv, is director of Spiritual Services and Mission at Kettering Adventist HealthCare.*

### KAHC Assists Fire-Ravaged Hospital in Former Soviet Republic

A fire ravaged overseas hospital will be receiving \$81,099.31 worth of emergency aid and supplies, thanks to the mission's team at Kettering Adventist HealthCare (KAHC).

The medical center in Tbilisi, Georgia (an independent nation formerly part of Russia), burned a year ago, leaving residents of this capital city without access to healthcare. KAHC is working with Counterpart International, a nonprofit organization that assists underdeveloped nations in sending a 40-foot container of medical and furniture supplies.

"It's such a rewarding experience to get these needed medical items to the people of Tbilisi,"



*Karen Bragg and Marge Cook hold a map of the world, illustrating the many places that have received medical donations from the KAHC.*

said Marge Cook, Project Missions Coordinator for KAHC. Supplies include: gurneys, hospital beds, neck supports, tables, chairs, lockers, wheel chairs, and over \$10,000 worth of gowns and syringes. KAHC is supplying



*Kettering Adventist HealthCare volunteers prepare to load supplies for the Russian hospital.*

95 percent of the inventory.

"They are opening a new medical center and desperately need this furniture and supplies," said Sara Magill, Program Assistant at Counterpart International. After being picked up from Kettering's warehouse, the load will be taken to a seaport in either New York or Baltimore. From there it will be shipped to an overseas port in Georgia and trucked to the hospital.

The Kettering Adventist HealthCare missions' team has serviced over 40 countries in previous years. Upcoming loads will be sent to India, Peru, and Zambia. The team is also assisting with Hurricane Katrina relief, the largest humanitarian effort in United States history.

—Abigail Axe

### Three KAHC Hospitals Recognized by HealthGrades

Grandview, Southview, and Charles F. Kettering Memorial hospitals received the 2006 Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence, ranking them in the top 5 percent.

HealthGrades, the leading healthcare ratings company, conducted the study on 5,000 hospitals and concluded that

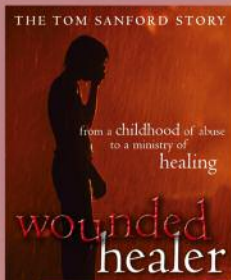
hospitals in the top 5 percent in the nation had mortality rates that were, on average, 27 percent lower than other hospitals, and major complication rates that were 14 percent lower.

This marks the third year in a row that Grandview/Southview hospitals have been recognized with this distinction. The hospitals were also recognized for excellence in several areas of care including pulmonary, gastrointestinal, and stroke. Grandview/Southview hospitals ranked among the top 10 percent of hospitals in the nation in pulmonary and GI care while Kettering has ranked among the top 10 percent for stroke care since 2003.

"This award truly speaks to the culture of quality at Grandview/Southview hospitals and Charles F. Kettering Memorial Hospital," said Frank Perez, president and CEO of Kettering Adventist HealthCare. "It is one thing to be recognized for excellence in a single service area or at a single hospital, but something all together different to achieve this level of recognition across all service areas at three of our hospitals. Every day we envision delivering care that is second to none," Perez said. "It is only through teamwork and the dedication of our staff that this vision becomes a reality at our hospitals. It is because of these individuals that we are among the best in the nation, and other hospitals actually come to us for advice on improving their quality."

—Kevin Lavoie





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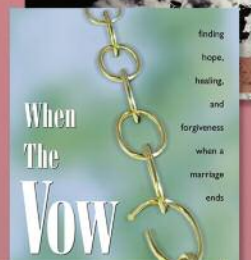
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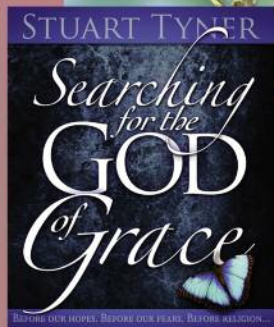
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## ALLEGHENY EAST

## Exposé

## Welcome

**M**y Dear Friends, I can sense the excitement that exists among you about Camp Meeting 2006. I know it is going to be a blessed occasion since we did not have the privilege of meeting last year.

As I contemplated a theme and met with the Camp Meeting Committee, we decided that our theme for 2006 will be "It Could Happen Tomorrow." Our sermons will focus on the prophecies of God as they relate to the signs and conditions that we see in American society and in the world today.

I look forward to seeing and greeting you June 29-July 9.

God bless you with safe travel and good health.  
—Charles L. Cheatham,  
President



## It Could Happen Tomorrow

**Pine Forge Academy ■ June 29-July 9**

### Sabbath, July 8

**Ella Simmons ■ Sabbath speaker**  
Ella Simmons, EdD, holds the distinction of becoming the first woman to serve as a vice president of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church. An educator throughout her career, Simmons has served in departments of education as chair (Kentucky State University), associate dean (University of Louisville), and professor (Oakwood College, La Sierra University). She has also added administrative experience as academic vice president of Oakwood and provost and academic vice president for La Sierra.



Simmons has been a prominent member of accreditation and corporate boards within the church and in the community. She holds graduate degrees from Andrews University (master's) and the University of Louisville (doctorate). Simmons and her husband, Nord, a retired high school teacher, have two adult sons, Darryl and Christopher, who are also educators.

## Camp Meeting Highlights

### Workshops ■ Weekdays

During the week, attendees can participate in free workshops on health, community services, family life, and more.

### Men's Ministries Rally ■ July 1

### Pathfinder Day ■ July 2

Featuring 600 Pathfinders on parade, drill competitions, floats, crafts, and more.

### Annual Friends and Family Day ■ July 6

Featuring games and activities for the whole family.

### Ordination ■ July 7

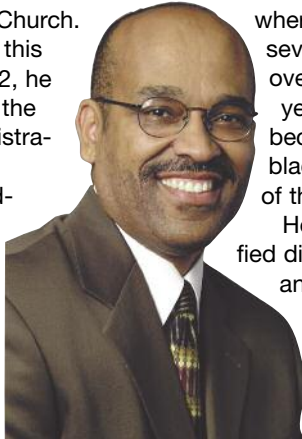
### Singles Potluck ■ July 8

Bring a dish and share a dish in this annual singles event.

## Youth

### Sabbath, July 8

**Roscoe J. Howard III** ■ Youth Sabbath speaker Roscoe J. Howard III is the secretary of the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Before being elected to this position in October 2002, he served for five years as the vice president of administration of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Mid-America located in Lincoln, Neb. Prior to serving the Mid-America Union he was the special assistant to the president and regional affairs director of the Seventh-day



Adventist Church of the North Pacific Union. His ministry began in the Washington Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in 1978

where he pastored several churches over a period of 10 years and later became the first black youth director of the conference.

Howard is a certified diversity trainer and has preached the gospel in Russia, Africa, England, Canada, and all across the

United States.

He received his undergraduate degree from Pacific Union College and later received a Master of Divinity from Andrews University. Presently he is a candidate in the doctor of ministry program at Fuller Theological Seminary.

During his senior year while attending Oakwood College in Huntsville, Ala., he met Osceola Wimbish, who later became his wife. Out of that union came forth two children, Heather and Seth. Howard loves young people and has a passion for preaching and seeing individuals come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

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## Welcome

I would personally like to invite each and every member of the Allegheny West Conference family to join us for camp meeting 2006 on June 16-24. Our theme this year is "Countdown to His Coming," and we are going to take a strong look at end time events and their impact on our lives today. This theme will be evident throughout our sermonic presentations and seminars. One seminar in particular will be a five-part series on the book *Preparation for the Final Crisis*. Although we'll look at some updates, this 40-year-old book—written in 1966—is still relevant.

On Sabbath, June 17, we'll have a special dedication ceremony for our new youth pavilion. This is the result of many years of dedicated work and service. On June 18, we will honor our seniors with our first-ever camp meeting brunch. T. Marshall Kelly will be the speaker. We hope this will be one of many events where we can honor those who have been used by God to make our conference what it is today.

These are just a few of the camp meeting activities we have planned. But the most important ingredient is your presence. I

look forward to seeing all of you there.  
—James Lewis,  
President



# Countdown to His Coming

## Allegheny West Campground ■ June 16-25

### Speakers

#### Divine Worship ■ June 17

**Emil D. Peeler** is currently senior pastor of the 1,200-plus-member Dupont Park church in Washington, D.C. The author of *The Zacchaeus Effect*, his powerful preaching and teaching has taken him around the world. Peeler is also speaker/director of Open Bible Ministries, Inc.



#### Youth Speaker ■ June 17

**Calvin Preston** is a graduate of Oakwood College and Andrews University. He has pastored churches across Georgia and North Carolina and served as executive secretary of the South Atlantic Conference for six years. Preston has preached the everlasting gospel in England, New Zealand, Bermuda, Bahamas, and Africa. He is presently senior pastor of Bethany Adventist Church in Macon, Ga.



#### Divine Worship ■ June 24

**Abraham J. Jules, DMin**, is a featured speaker at numerous revivals, weeks of prayer, workers meetings, camp meetings, and seminars on evangelism and church administration. Currently Dr. Jules pastors the Mt. Vernon church in Mt. Vernon, N.Y.



#### Sabbath Evening ■ June 24

**G. Edward Reid** is an ordained minister and licensed attorney. He is certified as a teacher and counselor by Crown Financial Ministries. Reid has done considerable study on the topics of Christian money management and eschatology. He is the author of six books: *It's Your Money*, *Isn't It?*, *Even at the Door*, *Sunday's Coming*, *Ready or Not*, *Almost Home*, and *Battle of the Spirits*.



## Seminars/Presenters

### Youth Seminars

#### “Not Yet Lord, I’m Not Ready”

**Carla Valles** has been involved in youth ministry for over 15 years. She is a favorite at youth camps and youth congresses and federations. Carla is the founder of No Excuses Ministries a youth group dedicated to strengthening the lives of young people.

**Ruth-Ann J. Mosby**, a native of Saginaw, Mich., resides in Pittsburgh, Pa. She has served as a Women’s Ministries leader and director of a youth mime group



called God’s Hands. A creative genius in her own right, Ruth-Ann developed and portrays the comedic church lady character

Gethel A. Jones, whose zeal for the cause of God has inspired and entertained audiences of all ages. As a public speaker, Ruth-Ann has presented in various venues around the country. She is the creator and presenter for the “Through The Tears Grief Recovery” and “Choices: Living In The Open Field” workshops. These workshops are designed to provide healing for all types of loss including the death of a loved-one or friend. They also address a variety of issues pertaining to high-order living, purpose in life, and self-awareness.

**Stan Hood** served the Bethany Adventist Church in a “youth pastor” capacity in 1986 at the age of



16. He became Bethany’s youngest elder in 1988 at age 18. He is a veteran of Desert Shield, Desert Storm,

Bosnia, and Somalia. Stan has also served as AY leader, Pathfinder director, Sabbath School superintendent, Personal Ministries leader, and Prison Ministry leader. He has written dozens of plays that are currently being performed in

churches in all 50 states and 19 countries. He currently serves as pastor of New Hope Adventist Church in Canton, Ohio.

### Children’s Seminar

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**T. Marshall Kelly** has spent a lifetime singing to patients in hospitals and nursing homes as well as during large-scale evangelistic meetings in America, Australia, Ghana, Fiji, and regions beyond. He doesn’t hesitate to sing to people on life support, and was told by one woman that she heard his singing while she was in a coma. She listened, was encouraged, and recovered! Most recently Kelly sang in Japan at the naval air station for servicemen returning from duty in Iraq.



**3AM**, formed in 1984 by four young men from the Tampa Bay area, who developed a well-deserved reputation by singing in churches and schools. Various personnel changes have brought the group to its current roster of Roger Mike, Edward Jones, Jamal Gosin, Roy Sadler, Jeff Henderson, and Kelvin Mitchell. Their look is crystal clean and contemporary, and all share a strong commitment to family, community, and God.

# "COUNTDOWN TO HIS COMING"

Time	Friday June 16	Sabbath June 17	Sunday June 18	Wednesday June 21	Thursday June 22	Friday June 23	Sabbath June 24	Sunday June 25
6:45 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Morning Manna		6:45 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Lloydston Burton	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.		6:45 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	6:45 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	6:45 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Steven Valles	8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Jeffrey Baskin
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9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Weekday Seminars		9:00 a.m. - 9:20 a.m. 9:20 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Sabbath School	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Senior Citizens Brunch T. Marshall Kelly		9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Daily Seminars	9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Daily Seminars	9:20 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Sabbath School	
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Mid-Day Worship		10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Institutional Promotions			11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Mid-Day Worship Alfred Booker	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Mid-Day Worship Joseph Harris	10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Institutional Promotions	
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. LUNCH		10:45 a.m. Sabbath Worship Emil Peeler	ADULT PROGRAM 2006			LUNCH		
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5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. SUPPER		4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Youth Pavilion Dedication			3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Seminar	3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Seminar	4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Womens' Ministris	
7:15 p.m. Prelude To Worship					4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Workers Meeting	4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Workers Meeting G. Edward Reid		
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Evening Worship		7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Vespers Luke Robinson			7:00 p.m. - 7:20 p.m.	7:00 p.m. Until 8:30 p.m. If I had 15 minutes 3 Speakers?	6:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Stewardship G. Edward Reid Q & A	Vespers
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# "COUNTDOWN TO HIS COMING"

Time	Friday June 16	Sabbath June 17, 2006	Sunday June 18, 2006	Monday June 19, 2006	Tuesday June 20, 2006	Wednesday June 21, 2006	Thursday June 22, 2006	Friday June 23, 2006	Sabbath June 24, 2006	Sunday June 25, 2006
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9:00 am Urli 12:00 pm Weekly Seminars 1		9:30 a.m - 10:30 a.m Seminar Ruth Ann Masley							9:30 a.m - 10:30 a.m Sabbath School Seminar Stan Hood	
		10:45 a.m - 11:40 a.m Praise Team					10:00 a.m - 11:00 a.m Daily Seminars	10:00 a.m - 11:00 a.m Daily Seminars	10:45 a.m - 11:00 a.m Praise Team	
		11:00 a.m - 1:00 pm Divine Worship Clayton Preston					11:00 a.m - 12:00 pm Daily Seminars	11:00 a.m - 12:00 pm Daily Seminars	11:00 a.m - 1:00 pm Divine Worship James Doggett	
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		6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Education Service at Adult Pavilion					1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Recreation	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Recreation	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Recreation	
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm SUPPER		7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Choir Festival Vespers Youth Pavilion								
7:00 pm Concert										
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Evening Worship	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Adult Pavilion Vespers	9:30 pm - 12:00 pm Recreation					7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Joint Vespers at Adult Pavilion	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm IF I had 15 minutes Adult Pavilion	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm 3AM Tampa Florida Concert & Vespers	
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Youth  
Program  
2006

"ABC CLOSED ON SABBATH"

ABC BOOK SALES - 9:00 a.m. - UNTIL 9:00 pm



# THE CHALLENGE

chesapeake conference newsletter

## Welcome

I am always impressed with the crucial role of the Spirit throughout the New Testament. The New Testament depicts the Spirit as an empowering, experienced reality in the life of the church and believer. As believers we live by the Spirit, walk in the Spirit, are led by the Spirit, sow in the Spirit, and bear the fruit of the Spirit. The Spirit conforms the believer into the likeness of Christ. The Spirit is the empowering presence of God for living the life of God. This life abounds in hope, lives in joy, prays without ceasing, exercises self-control, experiences a robust conscience, has insight into God's will and purposes, and endures every kind of hardship and suffering. Being a believer means being "filled with" or "living in or by" the Spirit.

Please join me for our annual camp meeting on the campus of Highland View Academy in June. The speakers, seminar presenters, and musicians have been selected to make your experience memorable. The theme "Life in the Spirit" expresses our desire to allow the Holy Spirit to have complete control of our lives corporately and individually.

—Rob Vandeman,  
President



## Life in the Spirit

Highland View Academy ■ June 13-17

### Speakers



**Frank Ottati, DMin,** has been the senior pastor of the West Houston church in the Texas Conference for the past six years. During his tenure,

church attendance has increased nearly tenfold. Many of our constituents will remember Dr. Ottati from his years in the Columbia Union, where he served as ministerial director and coordinated evangelism and multilingual ministries. He was also a frequent guest at Chesapeake camp meetings.

**Dwight K. Nelson, DMin,** adjunct professor at Andrews University Theological Seminary, has served as senior pastor of the Pioneer Memorial church (on the university's campus) since 1983. He is also speaker for the weekly radio and television program *New Perceptions* and host of *The Evidence* television program. Nelson has authored 10 books including *The Eleventh Commandment*, *What "Left Behind" Left Behind*, and *Pursuing the Passion of Jesus*. He is married to Karen Oswald Nelson, and they have two children—Kirk and Kristin.



**James W. Gilley** is senior pastor of the Dallas First church. He previously served as a general vice president of the Adventist Church in North America and oversaw ministerial, evangelism, stewardship, media ministries, and special assignments. He was also a pastor, evangelist, ministerial director, and conference president. His latest book is *Keep On, Keeping On*. Gilley and his wife Camille are former members of Chesapeake's largest congregation at Spencerville.



**Harold B. Smith, PsyD,** is on the staff at Andrews University. He is an ordained minister and a licensed psychologist in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin. Dr. Smith received his doctorate in Clinical Psychology from the Adler School of Professional Psychology in Chicago. Much of his practice has centered on attention deficit disorder in children and adults. He sees himself as a coach who enables people to grow in their relationship with their heavenly Father. He also spent 10 years as a missionary in Alaska.



## Seminars

**Going Public With Your Faith** will be presented by **Frank Bondurant**, assistant to the president and director of Adult Ministries for the Chesapeake Conference. This seminar will help you discover how understanding “faith stages” is the key to sharing your faith without losing your friends. You will be amazed at how simple it is to draw people to the love of Jesus when you know their



faith stage. No more fear, pushiness, or hesitation. Those familiar with Bondurant’s teaching style can expect this seminar to be interesting and practical.

**Experiencing the Holy Spirit** is the theme of **Willmore Eva’s** seminar. Eva, an associate pastor of the Spencerville church, has a wealth of experience as a pastor, administrator, and editor within the Adventist Church. There are all sorts of ideas and “theologies” about the Holy Spirit, but encountering God’s Spirit and knowing His empowering presence in our lives is ultimately important. How did the New Testament believer come to an ongoing, experiential bonding with the Spirit? And how may we? This will be an interactive and prayer-oriented study.



**Forgiving the Unforgivable** is the theme of the seminar being taught by David Newman, DMin. Dr. Newman is the senior pastor of Chesapeake’s fastest growing congregation—New Hope in Burtonsville, Md. His seminar, held on Wednesday and Thursday only, will cover the topics “Is Forgiveness Always Unconditional?” and “How to Forgive God.” For more practical messages and articles by Dr. Newman, visit the church’s website at [www.mynewhopechurch.com](http://www.mynewhopechurch.com).



Daily Schedule	BEGINNERS Ad Building	KINDERGARTEN Music Hall	PRIMARY Church Basement	Daily Schedule	JUNIORS Boys Dorm Chapel	EARLI-TEENS Nature Center	YOUTH Camp Lodge
9:15-10:45am	*	*	*	9:15-12:00pm	*	*	*
2:15-3:45pm	*	*	*	2:00-5:00pm	*	*	*
7:15-8:45pm		*	*	7:15-8:45pm	*	*	*
Sabbath Schedule				Sabbath Schedule			
9:15-12:30pm	*	*	*	9:15-12:30pm	*	*	*
2:30-4:30pm	*	*	*	2:00-5:00pm	*	*	*
7:15-8:45pm		*	*	7:15-8:45pm	*	*	*

All departments begin programming on Tuesday night except the Beginners who have no evening programs

## Musicians

**Enjoying Effective Intercessory Prayer** is being presented by Rick Remmers, DMin, senior pastor of the Hagerstown church. We have all been challenged to pray for someone in need. Seminar participants will examine Bible promises and great examples of intercessory prayer found within its pages. Dr. Remmers will also explore the principles of effective intercessory prayer and ways of dealing with difficulties. Discover tools for a stronger and deeper prayer life. Come learn how!



### Sabbath School

**Gary Krause** is director of the Office of Adventist Mission at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. This office has the twin tasks of caring for the church's



Global Mission initiative, and informing members on how their mission offerings are changing lives around the world. He

is married to his best friend Bettina and they have a 7-month-old baby, Bethany Grace. Bettina works full time at home caring for Bethany and part time for the World Church president on special projects. Gary was previously communication director for Global Mission and creative director for the South Pacific Adventist Media Center in Australia. Born in Fiji to missionary parents, Gary says he, Bettina, and their American daughter are now missionaries in the jungles of North America.

**Jeannie Pedersen-Smith** is an adjunct professor of voice at Andrews University and a certified music teacher with experience at every academic level. An ethnomusicologist, she was granted funding from the National Endowment for the Arts to collect and catalog St. Lawrence Island native songs. An experienced oratorio singer, she has performed throughout the country. She received her Master of Music from Andrews University in 2002 and is currently working on her doctorate at Michigan State University. She and husband Harold enjoy singing together. (We may even hear her sing with her sister, Charlotte McClure.) For biographical information on Harold, please refer to the speaker's section.



**Charlotte McClure** directs the camp meeting music for adult meetings and programs. She has coordinated the music using the talents of members throughout Chesapeake for six years. She is an associate pastor of the Spencerville church in Silver Spring, Md., where she is also active musically. Charlotte began formal music training at age 5, when her pastor-father took her to lessons and her teacher-mother monitored her daily practice. One of her college majors was music, and she has enjoyed opportunities to play and sing professionally. She loves hymns and other sacred music and believes they are active worship.



**Tim Crosby**, DMin, baritone, pastors the Willow Brook church in Boonsboro, Md. Previously he served as acquisitions editor at the Review and Herald Publishing Association (RHPA) and director of production at the Voice of Prophecy in Thousand Oaks, Calif. Author of nine books and composer of several songs, this is Tim's first venture into vocal performance since singing in the chorale at Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tenn., where Hale and Wilder held a concert every year.



**Richard Tooley**, tenor, is periodical division vice president at the RHPA in Hagerstown, Md., where he has worked for 20 years. He has performed with The Paul Hill Chorale and had lead tenor roles in operas such as *La Boheme* and *Pirates of Penzance*. He has also served as a singing evangelist for the *Quiet Hour* in a meeting conducted in Ethiopia. His CD is entitled *Richard Tooley Sings the Classics*.



	JUNE 13 Tuesday	JUNE 14 Wednesday	JUNE 15 Thursday	JUNE 16 Friday	JUNE 17 Sabbath	
6:30-7:30am	<i>Life in the Spirit</i> Chesapeake Conference Camp Meeting Highland View Academy June 13-17, 2006	Harold B. Smith	Harold B. Smith	Harold B. Smith	Harold B. Smith	
7:30-8:15am		B R E A K F A S T				
8:15-8:45am		PASTORS' MEETING (Administration Building - Library)				Morning Worship* 8:15 & 11:00am Dwight K. Nelson
9:15-10:45am		SEMINARS Frank Bondurant <i>Going Public With Your Faith</i> Willmore Eva <i>Experiencing the Holy Spirit</i> David Newman <i>Forgiving the Unforgivable</i> Rick Remmers <i>Enjoying Effective Intercessory Prayer</i> Others seminars to be announced		Frank Ottati	Frank Ottati	Sabbath School* 9:30-10:45am Gary Krause  Young Adult Service 9:30-12:30pm
11:00-12:00n		Frank Ottati	Frank Ottati	Frank Ottati	Frank Ottati	
11:45-12:45pm	L U N C H					
1:00-2:00pm	F R E E T I M E					
2:15-3:45pm	SEMINARS Frank Bondurant <i>Going Public With Your Faith</i> Willmore Eva <i>Experiencing the Holy Spirit</i> David Newman <i>Forgiving the Unforgivable</i> Rick Remmers <i>Enjoying Effective Intercessory Prayer</i> Other seminars to be announced				Music & Mission Special 2:30-4:30pm	
4:00-5:15pm		FREE TIME		BOOK SALE*		
5:30-6:15pm	S U P P E R					
6:30-7:00pm	F R E E T I M E					
7:15-8:45pm	James Gilley	James Gilley	James Gilley	Dwight K. Nelson	Dwight K. Nelson	

\* All adult worship services will be held in the academy church except those marked with an asterisk which will be held in the school's gymnasium

# MOUNTAIN VIEW POINT

## Welcome

But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd" (Matt. 9:36). Envision Mountain View when God's people are motivated and empowered with the compassion of Jesus. Compassion for our Savior, compassion for our neighbors, compassion for our families, compassion for each other, compassion for the truth, and compassion for those we don't like! When the compassion and love of God floods our souls it will be evident on the outside.

Our weekly sessions will emphasize how to become empowered with God's compassion (morning seminars) and the results of being filled and empowered with compassion (afternoon seminars). We pray that you will experience the real joy of being filled with God's compassion at this year's camp meeting 2006.

(Our sincere thanks to Kingsley Whitsett for planning this year's camp meeting.)



**Larry Boggess**  
President



**Victor Zill**  
Treasurer

## Empowered With Compassion

Valley Vista Adventist Center ■ June 16-24

### Mid-Week Speakers

**Sunday through Friday** - Don't miss the exciting week planned to inspire, convict, motivate, and empower you! Our dedicated presenters include **Maurice Bascom**, from the *Voice of Prophecy*; **Harold Lee**, Columbia Union Conference president; **Robert Boggess**, Florida Conference director of missions; **Samuel Koranteng-Pipim**, Andrews University author and professor; **Hamlet Canosa**, Columbia Union Conference vice president for Education; **Omar Nunez**, youth pastor from New England; **Kenneth Cronje**, pastor, professor, and administrator from Africa; **Javier Diaz**, pastor from Alabama; **Stewart Pepper**, Mountain View Conference pastor and evangelist; **Kevin Morgan**, Carolina Conference author and pastor; **Brian Jones**, Mountain View pastor and author; and **Ed Rockwell**, Mountain View pastor and publishing leader.



Maurice Bascom



Harold Lee



Robert Boggess



Samuel Koranteng-Pipim



Hamlet Canosa



Omar Nunez



Kenneth Cronje



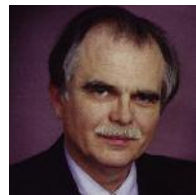
Javier Diaz



Stewart Pepper



Kevin Morgan



Brian Jones



Ed Rockwell

## Opening Sabbath



### Devotional Study ■ 6:30 a.m.

**Robert Boggess** will begin our morning series, "Empowered Through His Love." He serves as director of mission for the Florida Conference and formerly served as pastor, departmental director, and president of the New Jersey Conference.



### Sabbath School ■ 9:15 a.m.

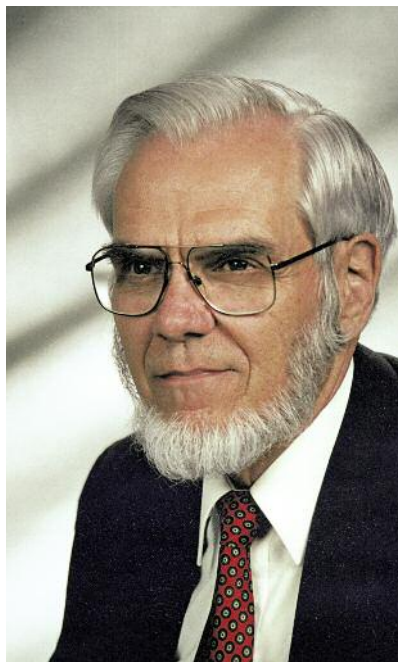
**Bill & Gayle Clark** Sabbath School superintendents, are co-founders of Miracle Meadows School (MMS). Bill is pastor of Central Hills/Fairmont; Gayle is principal of Mountain State Academy and staff trainer at Miracle Meadows School. MMS will share its mission, and Robert Boggess will lead in the lesson study.

### Worship the Lord ■ 11 a.m.

**Marvin Moore** editor of *Signs of the Times*, will lead us in our worship by sharing God's message. God is using him in a powerful way to present His present-truth message with clarity, surety, and hope. He has a keen interest in the study of God's Word, especially prophecy as it relates to current events.

### Evening Meeting ■ 7:15 p.m.

We are honored to have **Marvin Moore** with us for a fascinating three-part series the first weekend (Friday through Sunday evenings). As an earnest seeker for Bible truth, his message will certainly prove to be most inspiring as he speaks on the theme, "Empowered for the Finale."



### Musical Concert ■ 2:30 p.m.

You won't want to miss the beautiful melodic tones and personal testimony of **Vonda Beerman**. She provides musical ministry for *The Quiet Hour*, and was with us several years ago with speaker, Bill Tucker. Welcome back, Vonda!

### Concert ■ Jeff Hunt

Recording artist Jeff Hunt will have a mini concert on Friday for adults and a full concert for youth on Saturday night.



### Mission Adventure to India ■ 4 p.m.

**Robert Robinson** comes to us directly from the enchanting land of India where he serves as assistant to the president for evangelism. Don't miss the thrilling stories and pictures of how the Holy Spirit is being poured out in this predominately Hindu society.



## Closing Sabbath

### Devotional Study ■ 6:30 a.m.

**Hamlet Canosa** will begin our morning series, "Empowered



Through His Love." He is the vice president for Education at the Columbia Union Conference.

### Sabbath School ■ 9:15 a.m.

**Randall Murphy** will be our Sabbath School superintendent.

Murphy retired in 2002 after serving as president of the Mountain View Conference for over 13 years. He now serves as



Valley Vista Camp manager.

Mountain View Conference schools will be our mission emphasis.

**Hamlet Canosa** will lead our study into God's Word.

### Worship the Lord ■ 11 a.m.

**William Johnsson**, born in Australia, has served the Lord in India, at Andrews University, and currently as the executive publisher of the *Adventist Review*, and *Adventist World* editor-in-chief. He has authored 18 books, including four books on Hebrews, and has written about 800 periodical articles. It is an honor to have him as our special guest.



### Evening Meeting ■ 7:15 p.m.

We will conclude camp meeting 2006 with the third message from **William Johnsson** who will challenge us to all be "Empowered for the Finale."

## Musicians



### Musical Concert ■ 2:30 p.m.

**Message of Mercy** ■ A warm, tight blend of harmony vocals, heartfelt solos and personal testimonies make Message of Mercy performances a blessing to audiences—young and old alike. With a focus on the simple elegance of the gospel, Message of Mercy enjoys performing in hopes that listeners will be drawn into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Don't miss this special concert!

# Mountain View Conference Campmeeting Schedule

## “Empowered with Compassion!”

Valley Vista Adventist Center

June 16-24, 2006

Friday June-16	Sabbath June-17	Sunday June-18	Monday June-19	Tuesday June-20	Wednesday June-21	Thursday June-22	Friday June-23	Sabbath June-24
<b>6:30 a.m. - Empowered Through His Love</b>								
Robert Boggess			Omar Nunez	Omar Nunez	Kenneth Cronje	Javier Diaz	Hamlet Canosa	Hamlet Canosa
<b>Breakfast 7:30 - 8:30</b>								
8:15 a.m. - Rm 10 - Conference Employee' Meetings								
9:15 - Sabbath School Supt: Bill & Gayle Clark <i>Lesson by:</i>		8:30 - Auditorium Lay Advisory	Neville Harcombe	Harold Lee	Maurice Bascom	S. Koranteng-Pipim	Hamlet Canosa	9:15 - Sabbath School Supt: Randy Murphy <i>Lesson by:</i>
Robert Boggess			Brian Jones	Brian Jones	Brian Jones	Brian Jones	Brian Jones	Hamlet Canosa
<i>Mission Emphasis</i>		10:30 ABC						<i>Mission Emphasis</i>
<i>Miracle Meadows School</i>		Big Book Sale						<i>Mt. View Schools</i>
11:00 - Worship Hour								11:00 - Worship Hour
Marvin Moore			Stewart Pepper	Stewart Pepper	Stewart Pepper	Stewart Pepper	Samuel Koranteng-Pipim	William Johnsson
<b>Lunch 12:15 - 2:00</b>								
Senior Citizen Lunch								
2:30	Vonda Beerman							2:30
<b>2:30 p.m. - Empowered for Victorious Living</b>								
		Kevin Morgan	Kevin Morgan	Kevin Morgan	Kevin Morgan	Kevin Morgan	Kevin Morgan	Message of Mercy Quintet
4:00	Robert Robinson “Adventures in India”							4:00
<b>4:00 p.m. - Empowered for Compassionate Ministry</b>								
		Maurice Bascom	Maurice Bascom	Maurice Bascom	Maurice Bascom	Maurice Bascom	Maurice Bascom	Samuel Koranteng-Pipim
<b>Supper 5:15 - 6:30</b>								
Health Professionals Supper								
<b>7:00 p.m. - Empowered for the Finale</b>								
Marvin Moore	Marvin Moore	Marvin Moore	Harold Lee	Harold Lee	Samuel Koranteng-Pipim	Samuel Koranteng-Pipim	William Johnsson	William Johnsson

Registration



# news

## NEW JERSEY

### Let's Come Together

In New Jersey we are excitedly looking forward to our first, full week, combined camp meeting, June 23-July 1. This wonderful experience will be filled with many new adventures!

First, we'll all come together for a full week of shared blessings.

Second, last year's huge tent is back so our multicultural group will unite under the big tent for both Sabbaths.

Third, morning seminars will include segments on health, diabetes, and vegetarian cooking. Then, each evening, there will be English-, Spanish-, French-, and Korean-language meetings with special guest speakers.

There will also be concerts, baptisms, Christian Olympic games, and "The Torch" ceremony by the lake.

Speakers include **E. Lonnie Melashenko**, **Alejandro Bullón**, and **José Vicente Rojas**. And 3ABN will be there to cover it all! Bring your family, and a friend, and join us for a week of spiritual

blessings at Tranquil Valley Retreat Center.  
—Leroy Finck,  
President



## Disciples Making Disciples

### Tranquil Valley Retreat Center June 23-July 1

#### Speakers

##### **José Vicente Rojas**

is an accomplished musician, recording artist, author, and passionate preacher of the Word. He holds a Honoris Causa Doctor of Divinity degree from Southwestern Adventist University and bachelor's and master's degrees in religion from Loma Linda University. Rojas directs Volunteer Ministries and the Office of Young Adult Ministries for the Adventist Church in North America.



**Alejandro Bullón** is a well-known International evangelist, author, and ministerial secretary of the South American Division. His evangelism campaigns—via satellite, Internet, and personal sermons—attract thousands, and many souls have been baptized through his efforts. He has authored



several articles and books in Portuguese and Spanish.

##### **E. Lonnie Melashenko**

is director/speaker for the *Voice of Prophecy*, which is one of the oldest continuous religious broadcasts in the world. Pastor Melashenko has authored or co-authored a number of books including *Stand at the Cross*, *In the Presence of Angels*, *More Than Amazing Grace*, and *What the Bible Says About ...*, and more.



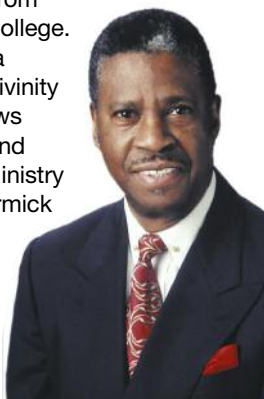
**Sung Kwon** has served as the national executive director of Adventist Community Services in North America since 2001. He studied at the University of Maryland, received a bachelor's in theology from Columbia Union College, and earned a master's in public administration from Ohio's Wright State University.



Currently he is pursuing a doctoral degree in leadership at Andrews University.

## Seminars

**Harold Lee** has served as president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the eight-state region served by the Columbia Union Conference since 1998. This territory includes Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Lee graduated from Oakwood College. He earned a Master of Divinity from Andrews University and Doctor of Ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, Ill.



**Neville Harcombe** currently serves as executive secretary at the Columbia Union Conference. His dad, Joseph Douglas Harcombe, served in various pastoral and administrative positions in South, East, and Central Africa. As a result, Harcombe grew up in several African countries including Zimbabwe, Kenya, and Tanzania. He has served as conference president and executive secretary, as well as ministerial, long range planning, evangelism, stewardship, communication, and Sabbath



School director, and senior pastor.

**José Cortes** is executive secretary and evangelism director for the New Jersey Conference. He has a long and fruitful denominational career as pastor, evangelist, writer, departmental director, and administrator. Cortes studied at Antillian College in Cuba and received a master's degree in pastoral ministry from Andrews University. He also has a master's in family counseling and a doctorate in psychology from Carolina University.



**LeRoy Finck**, New Jersey Conference president, has served in California and Oregon and helped establish churches in Russia, El Salvador, and Africa. Finck is a thoughtful leader who enjoys leading by consensus. A true man of God, this seminar presenter knows the Shepherd's voice.



**Mario Thorp** is pastor of the Edison and Long Branch churches and conference Spanish evangelist. He was also youth director and field secretary at the Costa Rica Mission in Central America. He is a powerful speaker and seminar presenter.



**Sheldon Cooper** pastors the New Brunswick and First Bilingual churches. He also serves as conference English evangelist and has worked throughout the United States and Puerto Rico bringing many souls to Christ.



**Joel Soto** uses his God-given pastoral and leadership skills to equip lay evangelists and small groups in his Bridgeton, Cape May, and Pan Americana Spanish churches. They are baptizing more than 100 souls per year.



**Jorge Aguero**, conference Spanish family life director, pastors the Paterson East Side, Paterson Temple, and Paterson South churches. He and his wife Amalia are coordinating the music for this year's camp meeting.



**Laffit Cortes** is the conference youth and health director. He is passionate about helping youth who are going through difficult times.



**Chef Julio Barillas**, executive chef and health instructor, studied at New York's Culinary Institute of America and has a bachelor's degree in food science industry management from New York University. He was part of the Hilton International Corporation team and has trained many people in culinary skills. He also volunteered with the American Cancer Association by teaching a "Taking the Control" course.



## Morning Seminars

Topics include:

health  
diabetes  
and vegetarian  
cooking

## Evening Speakers

English-, Spanish-, French-, and Korean-speaking groups—  
**enjoy your own special guest speakers**

## Extras

Don't miss the *musical concerts, baptisms, and Christian Olympic games* by the lake!

Also, "The Torch" will make its way home after a yearlong journey.

## Youth Speakers

**Terry Johnsson** is youth pastor at Sligo church in Takoma Park, Md. He loves history and politics and once served as an honor guard at the White House for many years. A youth counselor, Johnsson hosts WGTS radio's "Teen Talk" program.



Jewish Carpenter named Jesus," before nearly taking his life with a loaded gun. Ramos uses ghetto-style poetry, sermons, and a touch of humor to share his testimony. He has appeared in films such as *Big Trouble* with Tim Allen and Rene Russo and *The Disciples* with Ice T. He is best known for his song "Jesus Loves Me: Ghetto Version." A cartoonist, Ramos is starting his own business called Escogido Streetwear.

**Willie Ramos** was born in Chicago and raised in South Florida. A gang member from an early age, he was "rescued by a

## Spanish

**Sara Orfilia Silva de Bullón** is the wife of Alejandro Bullon, the mother of four adult sons, a mother-in-law, and a grandmother. A librarian, she is working toward a master's degree in information sciences from Brazilian University.

## French

**Omelea Pierre**, assistant pastor at Horeb Adventist Church in New York, will be the guest speaker for the French-speaking churches.



*Remember last year's huge tent? It's back! And this year we have two Sabbaths to enjoy the splendor of nature and the spiritual word together.*

NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
MULTICULTURAL CAMP MEETING

# “Disciples Making Disciples”

Tranquil Valley Retreat Center  
Friday, June 23–Sabbath, July 1, 2006

## Friday ■ June 23

7:00 p.m. Neville Harcombe – Speaker

## Sabbath ■ June 24

7:00 a.m. Breakfast  
8:30 Garden of Prayer  
9:00 Sung K. Kwon – Speaker  
10:00 Music and Mission  
11:00 Harold Lee  
12:30 Lunch  
2:00 p.m. Fellowship  
3:00 Concert  
5:30 Dinner  
7:00 Christian Torch (at the lake)  
8:00 José Rojas

## Sunday ■ June 25

9:00 a.m. Sung K. Kwon  
10:00 Seminars  
12:00 noon International Food Fair  
Pathfinder Fair  
5:00 p.m. Dinner  
6:00 Parade of Nations  
7:30 Garden of Prayer  
8:00 José Rojas

## Monday ■ June 26

9:00 a.m. Sung K. Kwon  
10:00 Seminars  
12:30 p.m. Lunch  
2:00 Christian Olympic Games  
5:30 Dinner  
7:30 Garden of Prayer  
8:00 José Rojas

## Tuesday ■ June 27

9:00 a.m. José Rojas  
10:00 Seminars  
12:30 p.m. Lunch  
2:00 Christian Olympic Games  
5:30 Dinner  
7:30 Garden of Prayer  
8:00 Lonnie Melashenko and  
Alejandro Bullón

## Wednesday ■ June 28

9:00 a.m. José Rojas  
10:00 Seminars  
12:30 p.m. Lunch  
2:00 Christian Olympic Games  
5:30 Dinner  
7:30 Garden of Prayer  
8:00 Lonnie Melashenko and  
Alejandro Bullón

## Thursday ■ June 29

9:00 a.m. José Rojas  
10:00 Seminars  
12:30 p.m. Lunch  
2:00 Christian Olympic Games  
5:30 Dinner  
7:30 Garden of Prayer  
8:00 Lonnie Melashenko and  
Alejandro Bullón

## Friday ■ June 30

9:00 a.m. José Rojas  
10:00 Seminars  
12:30 p.m. Lunch  
2:00 Christian Olympic Games  
5:30 Dinner  
7:30 Garden of Prayer  
8:00 Lonnie Melashenko and  
Alejandro Bullón

## Sabbath ■ July 1

9:00 a.m. Lonnie Melashenko  
10:00 Music and Mission  
11:00 Alejandro Bullón  
12:30 p.m. Lunch  
2:00 Fellowship  
3:00 Concert  
5:30 Dinner  
7:00 Baptismal Ceremony (at the Lake)  
7:30 Garden of Prayer  
8:00 LeRoy Finck and José Cortes

# Mission Ohio

OHIO CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER

**Ghanaian  
Camp Meeting  
July 19-23**

**Kenyon College  
Gambier, Ohio**

guest speaker:

**John Nixon**  
Senior Pastor  
Southern Adventist  
University



*Also, don't miss!*  
**Ghanaian Youth Camp  
at Mount Vernon Academy  
July 18-23 (ages 15-30)**



## Organic Faith— Growing Where Life Happens

**Hispanic Camp Meeting ■ June 9-11  
Mount Vernon Academy**

### Salvacion en Cristo Solamente



*Hernandez and Ramirez*

The theme for the 2006 Ohio Hispanic Camp Meeting is "Salvation in Christ Alone." You will be blessed to hear speakers Edwin Hernandez and Johnny Ramirez as they open the Holy Scriptures and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. These two men co-wrote the book *Avance* which discusses the first study of Seventh-day Adventist Hispanic members in America. Pastor Hernandez works for a research corporation and lives with his wife and family at Andrews University, in Berrien Springs, Mich. Pastor Ramirez is a professor of religion at Loma Linda University School of Medicine in California. They will share the speaking schedule, which begins Friday night with Pastor Ramirez. This meeting will be for "delegate leaders" only. Hernandez and Ramirez will make their important textbook available to leaders who want to help create a dynamic future for the Hispanic work in Ohio.

Junior Kelly Marchena will give a concert Saturday night. He is the singer for *La Voz de la Esperanza* and performs concerts around the world. You will be thrilled to hear this marvelous music to the glory of God.

In addition, a baptism is planned for Sabbath afternoon. Make plans now to attend this important reunion.

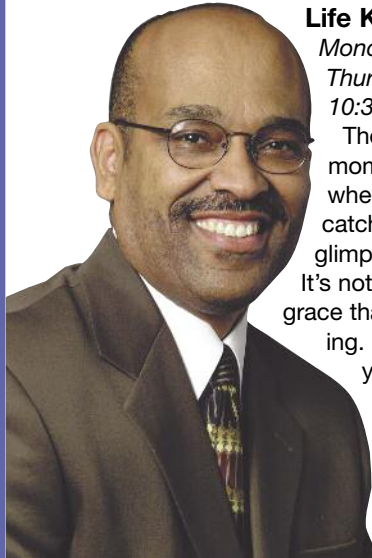


Escuche a Junior

## Ohio Camp Meeting ■ Mount Vernon Academy ■ June 11-17

“On the inside,  
where God is making a new life,  
not a day goes by without ...  
His Unfolding Grace”

**Soul Café** ■ *Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.*  
■ Begin the day by refreshing your soul through an encounter with God. This “hour of power” will give you opportunities to engage in an interactive group study of the Word of God. This daily experience will be like freshly baked bread for the soul, served with the power of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. It will foster a deep, “thirst-quenching” connection with God!



*Roscoe Howard*

There are moments when we catch a glimpse of God. It's not just His grace that's amazing. Maybe you've seen His awesome power like a cascading waterfall. Maybe you've sensed His sovereignty when faced with a difficult decision. At times like these, when we grasp all that makes God great, we naturally respond in worship.

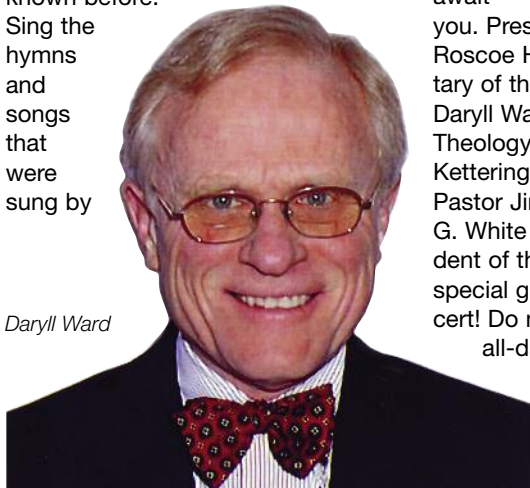
**Life Line** ■ *Monday-Thursday, 2:30 p.m.* ■ Weaving faith into life. What could the people of God do for the kingdom of God if they really wanted to? Ask, “How can I use

what I've got?” rather than “How can I be what I'm not?” The world is waiting for your ministry, what are you waiting for?

**Life Source** ■ *Sunday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m.* ■ Worship—sheer wonder at the beauty of God, gratitude for the gospel of Christ, eagerness to deepen self-giving service in God's world. Worship—a rhythm of grace and challenge that shapes the household of faith. Join fellow worshippers and be drawn into the presence of God. Reach new heights in your spiritual life through this daily worship gathering.

**Stories of Faith** ■ *Friday, June 16 and Sabbath, June 17* ■ Hear the stories of people and events connected with the beginnings of Adventism. Learn about the faith, courage, and commitments of those who responded to the call of God and shaped the fledgling movement in the 19th century. Be inspired by aspects of the birth story of Adventism that you may not have known before. Sing the hymns and songs that were sung by

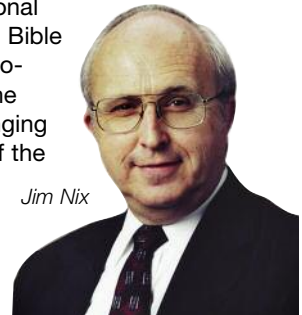
*Daryll Ward*



*Raj Attiken*

our forebearers. Renew your commitment to the onward journey of Adventism into the future. Do not miss the seminars and presentations by Pastor Jim Nix, director of the Ellen G. White Estate, headquartered at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Silver Spring, Md.

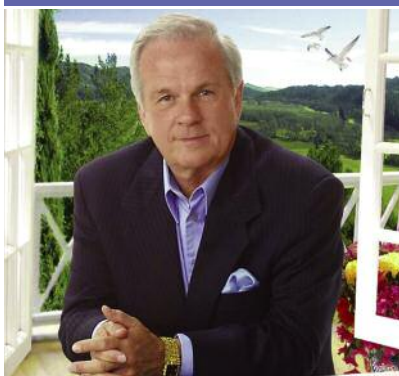
**A Sabbath Celebration** ■ *Sabbath, June 17* ■ A Sabbath Celebration of inspirational worship, Bible study, stories of the life-changing power of the gospel, music, and fellowship await



*Jim Nix*

you. Presenters include Pastor Roscoe Howard, executive secretary of the North American Division; Daryll Ward, associate professor of Theology and Ethics at the Kettering College of Medical Arts; Pastor Jim Nix, director of the Ellen G. White Estate; Raj Attiken, president of the Ohio Conference; and special guest Joe Pearles in concert! Do not miss any part of the all-day Sabbath Celebration, concluding at 9 p.m.

## Musician



**Joe Pearles**, who currently lives in Nashville, Tenn., says music has always been a part of his life. He has recorded 11 albums and three music videos. "God has led me all of these years ... gently leading me to where I am today," he says. "It is so exciting to see what he has done for me in the past, and what he still has for me in the future."

## Activities for All Ages

**Camp meetings are very special times**  
*for youth and children.*

**Ohio Camp Meeting '06 will offer an**  
*exceptional quality program,*  
**directed by our dedicated and skilled staff.**

*The careful balance of spiritual, social,*  
**and recreational programs will make**  
*camp meeting a delightful experience*  
**for youth and children.**

### Sports Camp

June 12-16

**Featuring Basketball and Soccer**

Mount Vernon Elementary School (MVE) Gym  
Monday-Friday, 8-10 a.m. for boys and girls ages 10-17  
\$25 Fee; Register Monday at 8 a.m. at MVE

*Sponsored and conducted by Columbia Union College*

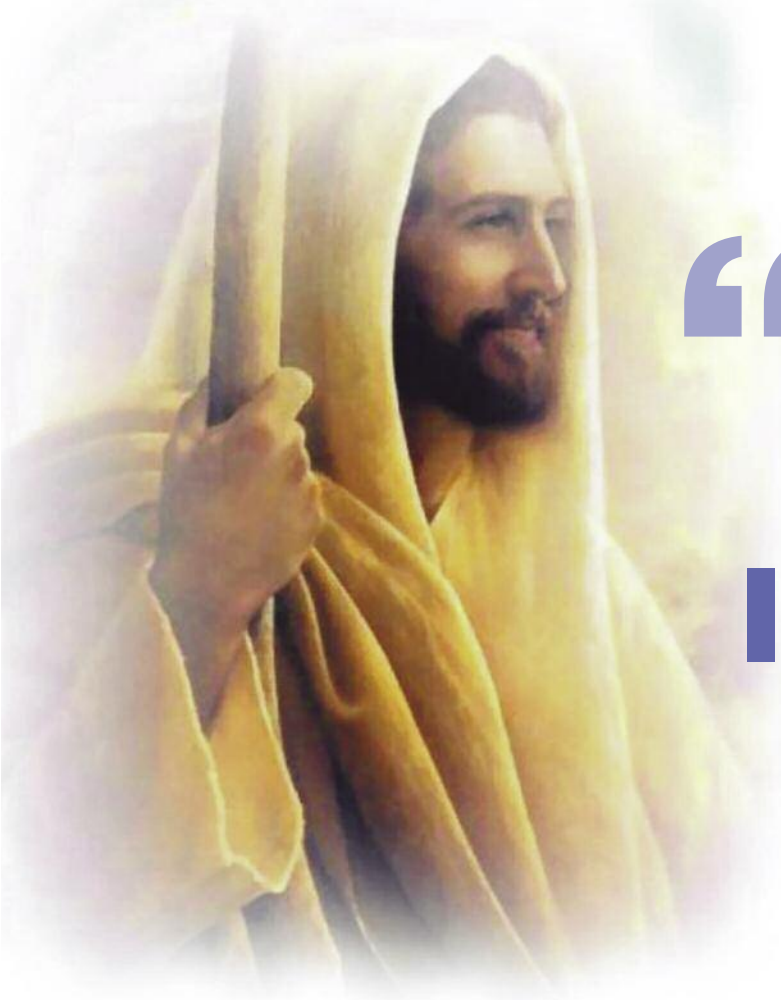
## Ohio Camp Meeting 2006 Schedule

	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sabbath
<b>8 a.m.</b>		<b>Soul Café</b>					Sabbath School Daryll Ward
		"Hour of Power" <i>Interactive Group Bible Study</i>					
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>		<b>Life Keys</b>				<b>Stories of Faith</b>	Worship Roscoe Howard
		Tom Hughes			Mike Stevenson	Jim Nix	
<b>12 p.m.</b>					<b>Women's Tea</b>		
<b>2:30 p.m.</b>		<b>Life Line</b>				<b>Stories of Faith</b>	<b>Sabbath Afternoon</b>
		"Weaving Faith Into Life"				Jim Nix	Jim Nix
<b>4 p.m.</b>						<b>ABC Sale</b>	
<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Life Source</b>						
	Dave Hutman	Jeba Moses	Loren Seibold	Hazel Burns	Loren Seibold	Roscoe Howard	Raj Attiken <i>Concert: Joe Pearles</i>

# Lakeside Friendship Get-a-Way

June 29-July 2

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“Meet  
me  
by  
the  
lake.”  
—Jesus

## **Maumee Bay State Park near Toledo on Lake Erie**

is the gathering spot for this year's Lakeside Friendship Get-a-Way. Whether you camp in a tent or hotel; whether you jet-ski or rollerblade; whether you like watching the sun rise or watching it set ... this first weekend in July will be that kind of moment when the words of Jesus, through His Spirit, will be heard clearly!

Join hundreds from around Ohio and beyond for canoeing, swimming, beach volleyball, reading, jet-skiing, beach walking, biking, sand castle construction, golf, birding, sailing, sun-tanning and ... a Sabbath afternoon beach hike with stories Jesus told on the shores of Galilee.

**For information about housing and registration,  
go to [www.ohioadventist.org](http://www.ohioadventist.org) and click on  
the “Event” button or call (740) 397-4665, ext. 165.**

**Ohio Conference sponsored ...  
*everyone welcome!***



Featuring morning and evening worship with Clarissa Worley—a pastor, writer, and composer from Oregon.



# Pennsylvania Pen

## Welcome

What a joy to spend time in the spiritual refreshment of camp meeting. You will be richly blessed and uplifted as we share in the messages of powerful speakers surrounding our theme of "Abiding in Christ." Enjoy inspiring worships and the joy of spending an entire week on the Pennsylvania campgrounds.

This year we are delighted to host well-known Christian recording artist Michael Card for our community invitational concert. Purchase tickets in advance, and invite your friends and family to the Sunday evening concert so they can taste a little of the Adventist camp meeting experience.

While you're here, let me encourage you to reach out to others in attendance, and share the blessings of Christ in your life. Exchange the discovery of powerful encouragement from the Word of God, and take time to pray together. There will be programs and activities for the whole family. Join us in praying for the Holy

Spirit's refreshing presence!  
—Ray  
Hartwell,  
President



## Abiding in Christ

Blue Mountain Academy ■ June 9-17

### Speakers

#### Friday-Sabbath, June 9-10

**George W. Brown** ■ A well-known preacher, educator, and administrator, George Brown has served the Adventist Church for over 40 years. He has been a pastor-evangelist, dean of men, college professor and president, union and



division youth director, division field secretary, and president of the Inter-American Division of Seventh-day Adventists (for the last 13 of his 40-year ministry). He is the author of two books, *Portraits of Jesus* and *The Fruit of the Spirit*. Brown will speak Friday evening, Sabbath morning, and Saturday evening.

#### Monday-Sabbath, June 12-17

**Gary Gibbs** ■ Gary Gibbs is the vice president of Hope Channel, the

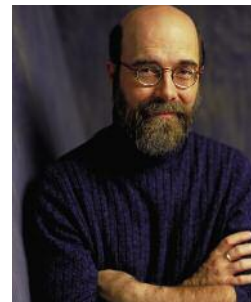


Adventist Church's official television network. He hosts the *Prophecies of Hope* television series and the *Bible*

Talk radio program. Gibbs has authored numerous books including the *Prophecies of Hope* Bible lessons, *Winsome Witnessing—Dynamic Ways to Share Your Faith!*, and *Winsome Studies in Prophecy—Dynamic Bible Studies You Can Give!* Join Pastor Gibbs each evening for "Hope for the End Time" as he looks at what the Bible has to say about living a hope-filled life in the last days. He will also speak for the last Sabbath during the morning and evening worship hours.

#### Sunday, June 11, 7 p.m.

**Michael Card** ■ In a career that spans 25 years, Michael Card has recorded over 20 albums, authored or co-authored over 14 books, hosted two radio programs, and written for a



wide range of magazines. In everything he does, Card encourages his audience to join him in the journey to know and be known by God. Invite your family and friends to this ticket-only concert. Tickets may be purchased in advance through local churches, or at the locating office, at \$12.50 for regular seating and \$18.50 for the artist circle.

## Seminars

**Julie Cassell** ■ Pennsylvania Conference Children's Ministries director Julie Cassell will present "Body Building 102," sharing practical exercises for building spiritually strong children and a lively, strong church body.



In this practical and hands-on seminar series, you will learn specific tools for working with children in your church and community and meet requirements for certification.

### Margaret and Roger Dudley ■



Director of the Institute of Church Ministry at Andrews Theological Seminary, Roger Dudley, EdD, and his

wife Margaret Dudley, PhD, will present "Maximum Marriage." Discover some of the big issues in marriage including communication skills, time priorities, intimacy, child-rearing, and conflict resolution.

### Andrew Francis and Randy Preston ■

Young adults no longer have to choose between attending youth meetings or adult meetings. This year pastor Andrew Francis and Randy Preston will speak for the young adult meetings both weekends and every evening during the week.



"Giving God What He Wants" will inspire and challenge the college-age through 30-something crowd.



**Gary Gibbs** ■ Vice president of Hope Channel and host of the television series *Prophecies of Hope* and the radio program *Bible Talk*, Gary Gibbs will



share simple skills to lead people to Christ, insights to revitalize your church, a proven strategy for interesting Bible studies, and more in "Winsome Witnessing—Dynamic Ways to Share Your Faith!"

**Shirley Grear** ■ Speaker, writer, and workshop leader Shirley Grear is an internationally known master quilter and teacher. She will present "In the Midst,"



Sunday afternoon, offering hope to women caught in the middle of relationships. During the week, Grear will discuss living "Beyond Forgiveness" in God's healing.

**Neville Harcombe** ■ Columbia Union Conference executive secretary Neville Harcombe will be the speaker for our ordination and commissioning service. He previously served as the Chesapeake Conference president.



**Fred Hardinge** ■ Learn how you can reach people for Christ from your own computer. Hardinge, DrPH, RD, director of Internet Ministries for *It Is Written*, and co-founder of Bibleinfo.com, shares about touching the lives of people in nearly every country of the world.



**Ray Hartwell** ■ Why does the local church exist? In these last days, we need to be right on target with the mission of Christ for the local church. Pennsylvania Conference president Ray Hartwell will share his heart's conviction for our churches and his vision for the future in "Give Away Your Church."



### Michael Hasel ■

Director of the Institute of Archaeology and professor of Near Eastern Studies and Archaeology at Southern Adventist University, Michael G. Hasel, PhD, will present "The Sufficiency of Scripture in a Postmodern Age." He will demonstrate how we can experience God's Word in our personal lives and confront a world that has become disillusioned with truth. His seminar "Archaeology, History, and Faith" will bring to life the ancient world and reaffirm the biblical roots of our faith.



### Tamyra and Tim Horst ■



Whether you need to preach, speak, sing, or just present the morning announcements, you can be "Up

Front with Confidence." Learn practical skills from author and speaker Tamyra Horst, and her husband Tim, who have presented at events across North America and in Australia.

**Sergio Manente** ■ We live in a world where the family unit has become increasingly complex and often dysfunctional. Sergio Manente, leadership director at Blue Mountain Academy, will share practical ways to minister to people who are lost and broken in "When Parents Give Snakes and Stones."



**Ben Maxson** ■ Pastor of the Paradise Adventist Church in California, Ben Maxson will present two series. In "Living Like Jesus, Loving Like God," Maxson explores biblical



## Seminars

principles for living with Christ. He will discuss Christianity as discipleship, lived in partnership with Jesus Christ as Lord, in "Normal Christianity."



### Mary Maxson ■

What does grace look like? Mary Maxson, associate pastor for discipleship and nurture at

the Paradise church, will show how "Grace-Filled Living" can turn lives upside down, change relationships, fill us with joy, and draw others to God.

### Bill McClendon ■

Are you tired of reading about all the growth happening elsewhere and want it to happen in your church? Bill McClendon shares how church planting is the best way to refocus on the original message and mission of the Adventist movement. He planted and pastors South Tulsa Adventist Fellowship, one of the fastest growing churches in North America.



**Solomon McCullum ■** What is "God's Priority?" Youth are invited to join Solomon McCullum, recent Andrews University graduate, in discovering what's important to God. High school-aged youth will spend the week in worship, community outreach, and recreational activities.

### Derek Sandstrom ■

Music is as ingrained in Derek Sandstrom as breathing; he can't imagine life without it. A singer, songwriter, composer, arranger, instrumentalist, teacher, and lover of music, Sandstrom will present a concert featuring music about how God has changed his heart.



**Barry Tryon ■** Family worship will feature Barry Tryon, ministerial director and executive secretary for the Pennsylvania conference. "Heart for Worship," will impact people of all ages with titles like "The Water Gun," "The Weekend Date," and "A Family Affair."



### Lilly Tryon ■

Despite an endless array of health information, many fail to live healthfully.

Explore proven keys to lasting lifestyle change with Lilly Tryon, RN, certified wellness coach for Adventist WholeHealth Network and Pennsylvania Conference Health Ministries director.

### Bill Knott and Bonita Shields ■

*Adventist Review* colleagues Bonita Shields and Bill Knott explore life-changing stories of Jesus' ministry to individuals in



pain, doubt, and loss in "One on One: Encountering Jesus in the Gospel of John." They will also present a Bible study discussion entitled "The World Turned Upside Down."



**Voices From PA ■** Enjoy an afternoon of sacred music with musicians from across Pennsylvania as Larry Karpenko leads the "Voices From PA" concert.

## Hispanic Camp Meeting

### Sabbath ■ June 17 (in the chapel)



Vanston Archbold Jr.

**E**l pastor Vanston Archbold Jr. oriundo de Colombia, nace dentro de un hogar Misionero. Egresado de la Universidad Adventista de Colombia UNAC en el 2002. Actualmente se desempeña como pastor de jóvenes en la iglesia de Logan Square de la Asociación del Lago.

El pastor Richard García es originario de la República Dominicana. Actualmente es pastor de la Asociación del Lago, donde ha fundado dos ministerios, uno radial "la Gran Mañana" que se transmite desde la ciudad de Chicago y el ministerio evangelístico "Jesús Vive". Richard es un apasionado de la predicación, a la cual ha dedicado los últimos doce años de su vida, desde diferentes púlpitos y en distintos países, donde miles han aceptado a Jesucristo como su Salvador personal.



Richard García

# “Abiding in Christ”

## Pennsylvania Camp Meeting – June 9 - 17, 2006

TIMES (M-F)	FRIDAY June 9	SABBATH June 10	SUNDAY June 11	MONDAY June 12	TUESDAY June 13	WEDNESDAY June 14	THURSDAY June 15	FRIDAY June 16	SABBATH June 17
Morning Worship 6:30-7:15 a.m.					Living Like Jesus, Loving Like God <b>Ben Maxson</b> Chapel (M-F)				
Breakfast	<b>B R E A K F A S T</b>								
Weekday Seminars 8:20-9:35 a.m.		Sabbath School 9:15-10:40 a.m. The Church of My Dreams <b>Bill McClendon</b>	Morning Worship 8:30-9:20 a.m. Chapel <b>Ray Hartwell</b>						Sabbath School 9:15-10:40 a.m. God's Mission Throughout PA <b>Ray Hartwell</b>
Weekday Worship 9:45-10:45 a.m.		Sabbath Worship 10:50 a.m.-12:15 p.m. <b>George Brown</b>	Give Away Your Church <b>Ray Hartwell</b>			<b>Family Worship</b> The Heart for Worship <b>Barry Tryon</b> Chapel			Sabbath Worship 10:50 a.m.-12:15 p.m. <b>Gary Gibbs</b>
Morning Assembly 11 a.m.-12 noon			<b>ABC Book Sale</b> 9:30-11:30 a.m. Gymnasium		One on One: Encountering Jesus in the Gospel of John <b>Bonita Shields and Bill Knott</b> Chapel				
Lunch	<b>L U N C H</b>								
Early Afternoon 1-1:50 p.m.			1:15-3:15 p.m. Up Front With Confidence <b>Tamyra and Tim Horst</b> Choir Rm Growing Your Church Plant <b>Bill McClendon</b> Chapel			<b>Prayer and Praise</b> Come for praise, intercessory prayer, and sharing Chapel			
Group Meeting 2-3:15 p.m.		3-4 p.m. Sacred Concert <b>Larry Karpenko and Voices from PA</b>	2-4 p.m. Kids' Water Slide Pavilion 3:30-5 p.m. Women's Ministries In the Midst <b>Shirley Grear</b> Chapel Men's Ministries Snakes and Stones <b>Sergio Manente</b> Boys' Dorm				The Sufficiency of Scripture in a Postmodern Age <b>Michael Hasel</b> Chapel		2:30-3:30 p.m. Sacred Concert <b>Derek Sandstrom</b> 3:30-5 p.m. Ordination and Commissioning Service <b>Neville Harcombe</b>
Weekday Seminars 3:30-4:45 p.m.		4-5 p.m. Bibleinfo.com: Harnessing the Power of Technology for God <b>Fred Hardinge</b>				<b>Julie Cassell</b> : Body Building 102; Transform Your Church Thru Children's Ministries-Home Ec Rm <b>Margaret and Roger Dudley</b> : Maximum Marriage- Chapel <b>Shirley Grear</b> : Beyond Forgiveness-Room 4 <b>Ben Maxson</b> : Normal Christianity-Girls' Dorm Worship Rm <b>Shields &amp; Knott</b> : The World Turned Upside Down: Kingdom Values in the Parables-Boys' Dorm Worship			
Supper	<b>S U P P E R</b>								
Evening Worship 7-8:30 p.m.	Evening Worship <b>George Brown</b>	Evening Worship <b>George Brown</b>	Community Invitational Concert <b>Michael Card</b>		Evening Worship Hope for the End Time <b>Gary Gibbs</b>			Evening Worship <b>Gary Gibbs</b>	Fellowship Supper 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship <b>Gary Gibbs</b>

# Potomac People

## Welcome

When you are falling in love with your partner for life it's amazing how the relationship consumes your attention. All of a sudden this person becomes the central focus of your future plans.

Camp meeting is a time when we gather, as one great family, from all corners of Potomac's territory, with the common experience of being in love with Jesus. We set aside the chores and cares that capture our daily attention and practice living a life that currently only the angels enjoy; a life that is *all about Jesus*.

We invite you to experience a life that is *all about Jesus—His love ... His grace ... His coming!* Each morning, afternoon, and evening, you will hear devotional messages and dynamic preaching that will fuel a renewed experience with Jesus. The seminars will equip you to take full advantage of the resources and blessings that are available to those who make the commitment of discipleship. The fellowship will enrich your experience and promises to become a key reason for your wanting to return in years to come.

Remember that your life, as busy and full as it can be, was really created for one purpose, and "It's All About Jesus!"  
—Dave Weigley, President



## It's All About Jesus!

Shenandoah Valley Academy ■ June 20-24

### Speakers

#### Shawn Boonstra,

a native of British Columbia, is speaker and director for It Is Written (IIW) International Television. He made the decision to commit his life to gospel ministry after attending an IIW evangelism series in Victoria 12 years ago. His clear grasp of Scripture and warm, dynamic presentations have been an inspiration to many. Boonstra, who lives with his wife Jean and their two daughters in Southern California, will share timely messages during the evening worship services.



#### Derek Morris,

DMin, is senior pastor of the Forest Lake Church in Apopka, Fla., and an adjunct professor of preaching at Southern Adventist University. His greatest joy is helping people experience a life-changing encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ. His favorite hobby is writing Scripture songs with his wife Bodil Chen. They have two sons, Christopher and Jonathan. Dr. Morris will lead the early morning, life-changing prayer series.



**Hans Diehl, DrHSc, MPH, FACN,** is a world-renowned lifestyle interventionist, author, and researcher. He is founder of the international CHIP (Coronary Health Improvement Project) program, director of the Lifestyle Medicine Institute, and serves as editor of *Lifeline Health Letter*. He holds a doctorate in Health Science, with an emphasis on Lifestyle



Medicine, and a master's degree in Public Health Nutrition from Loma Linda University. In addition to the seminar, he will speak about health for the 11 a.m. service.

**Ted N. C. Wilson, PhD,** is a general vice president at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. He was born in Maryland but grew up in Egypt. Wilson was previously president of the Review & Herald Publishing Association. He has served in Africa and Russia and in urban ministry in New York City.

Ted is married to Nancy, and they have three daughters: Emilie, Elizabeth, and Catherine. Dr. Wilson will deliver the Sabbath morning message.



## Seminars

### Regeneration: 12-Step Christ-Centered Recovery Ministry ■

*Willie Boyd, Potomac Conference pastor* ■ Regeneration is a Christ-centered, 12-step family recovery, support group network that makes real the recognition of our need, our powerlessness, and God's power to restore and renew us. We can then take inventory of personal assets and character defects and make amends to God, others, and ourselves.



### Meeting the "Left Behind Issues" ■

*Ron Rogers, Potomac Conference evangelist* ■ The greatest obstacle, in evangelical America, to understanding the three angels' messages of Revelation 14 is the teaching of "a secret rapture followed by seven years of tribulation and the rise of the antichrist." This seminar will enable the layperson to present the truth regarding the end times in a clear and convincing manner. Bring your Bible, *Early Writings*, and *The Great Controversy*.



### Family Feature ■

*Barbara Manspeaker, Potomac Conference Children's Ministries director* ■ *The Seasons of Marriage* – Which seasons are you currently in? *The Empty Nest Syndrome* – You thought it would be great to get the children out on their own. How do you relate to adult children? *Say What You Mean, Mean What You Say* – Explore techniques to better express yourself. *Understanding Other People's Brains* – How the right and left hemisphere of the



brain affects the way we think and act. *Birth Order – Real or Fiction?* Does birth order really affect us?

### Behold the Bridegroom

**Cometh** ■ *Ron Goss, Potomac Conference revivalist* ■ In Matthew 25:6 Jesus stated, "And at midnight there was a cry made, 'Behold the Bridegroom cometh; go out to meet Him.'" Are we living in the midnight hour of earth's history? Is the cry going out to awaken the foolish as well as the wise? Can we know if the second coming is near? How can we survive the shaking and sifting spoken of in Scripture? These and other questions will be addressed in this challenging seminar.



### Health Issues ■

*Hans Diehl, DrHSc, MPH, FACN, world-renowned lifestyle interventionist, author, and researcher* ■ Dr. Hans Diehl will lecture on lifestyle medicine and health enhancement, and the prevention and reversibility of diseases. Topics include: Modern Medicine: Miracles, Money, Mirages; Unmasking America's #1 Killer; Eat More, Weigh Less; Reversing Hypertension and Diabetes; Reversing Disease with Fork & Knife; CHIP & the Optimal Diet.



### Wild at Heart ■

*Joey Pollom, Potomac Conference pastor* ■ God designed men to be dangerous. Simply look at the dreams and desires written in the heart of every boy: to be a hero or a warrior, to live a life of



adventure and risk. Sadly, most men abandon those dreams and desires. This seminar will give men permission to be what God designed them to be—dangerous, passionate, alive, and free.

### When Probation Closes: Studies in Revelation 14-19 ■

*Bob Banks, Potomac Conference pastor* ■ This seminar will make practical the most recent scholarship on these important Revelation chapters.



### SVA Recruiting ■

*SVA Administration* ■ Are you interested in sending your child to Shenandoah Valley Academy (SVA) but have questions about finances, work, classes, etc.? If so, don't miss this question and answer seminar. If your child desires to



attend SVA, we want to do all that we can to see that it happens. So come and let's see if, together, we can make it possible.

## Camp Meeting Reservations Contact:

Nancy Crickenberger

(800) SDA-1844, ext. 203

or

(540) 886-0771, ext. 203

# Potomac Conference Camp Meeting

June 20-24, 2006

“It’s all about Jesus...His Love...His Grace...His Coming!”

TIME	JUNE 20 Tuesday	JUNE 21 Wednesday	JUNE 22 Thursday	JUNE 23 Friday	JUNE 24 Sabbath	
6:00-6:30 am	<b>WELCOME TO POTOMAC CAMP MEETING  2006</b>	EARLY MORNING PRAYER (Church - Mothers' Room)				
7:00-8:00 am		EARLY MORNING SERIES (Tent)				
7:30-8:30 am		Derek Morris	Derek Morris	Derek Morris	Derek Morris	
9:00-10:45 am		MORNING SEMINARS (See seminar page for locations)			7:30-9:30 am Women's Ministries Prayer Breakfast	
11:00 am-noon		MID-DAY WORSHIP DURING WEEK - (Tent)			Sabbath School 9:30 am - All Divisions 9:30 am - Tent	
Noon-1:30 pm		Hans Diehl	Hans Diehl	Hans Diehl	Worship Service 10:45 am Ted N. C. Wilson (Tent)	
2:00-2:30 pm		LUNCH				
3:00-4:45 pm		PRAYER SERVICE (Price Hall Chapel)		ABC BOOK SALE 2:00 pm, Main Tent		Sabbath Afternoon: 3:00-5:00 pm
5:00-6:00 pm		AFTERNOON SEMINARS (See seminar page for locations)				Wintley Phipps Concert <i>Testimonies</i>
7:00-9:00 pm		SUPPER				
	EVENING WORSHIP					
	Shawn Boonstra (Tent)	Shawn Boonstra (Tent)	Shawn Boonstra (Tent)	Shawn Boonstra (Tent)	Shawn Boonstra (Tent)	

## Musician

**Wintley Phipps** ■ Born in Trinidad, West Indies, and raised in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, Wintley Phipps is a pastor, world-renowned vocal artist, motivational speaker, and education activist. He currently serves as senior pastor of the Palm Bay Adventist Church in Florida. He is the founder, president, and chief executive officer of the U.S. Dream Academy, a nonprofit organization that mentors children of prisoners and those falling behind in school. Phipps previously served as senior pastor to several churches in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. He attended Kingsway College, earned a Bachelor of Arts in Theology from Oakwood College, and a Master of Divinity from Andrews University. He also holds an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Waynesburg College. A humanitarian and visionary, Dr. Phipps inspires others to excellence and the realization of their life goals. He is married to Linda Galloway Phipps and they have three sons: Wintley, Winston, and Wade. Wintley will bless us with his music on Friday and Sabbath.



## 2006 CAMP MEETING—YOUNG ADULT, YOUTH, AND CHILDREN'S SCHEDULE

Division/Locations	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sabbath
<b>Camp Cozy Care</b> (ELEMENTARY SCHOOL)	_____	7:00 - 9:00 pm	7:00 - 9:00 pm	7:00 - 9:00 pm	7:00 - 9:00 pm
<b>Beginners I (Birth - 2 yrs)</b> (ELEMENTARY SCHOOL) Leaders: Anita Richards Alisha Boggess <b>Beginners II (2 - 4 yrs)</b> Co-Leaders: Clarice Rickard Krista Wolters	_____	9:00 - 10:45 am 3:00 - 4:45 pm	9:00 - 10:45 am 3:00 - 4:45 pm	9:00 - 10:45 am 3:00 - 4:45 pm	9:30 - 11:00 am 3:00 - 4:45 pm
<b>Kindergarten (4 - 5 yrs)</b> (ELEMENTARY SCHOOL) Co-Leaders: Tamara Barker Ruth Cress	_____	9:00 - 10:45 am 3:00 - 4:45 pm	9:00 - 10:45 am 3:00 - 4:45 pm	9:00 - 10:45 am 3:00 - 4:45 pm	9:30 - 12:30 pm 3:00 - 4:45 pm
<b>Primary I (6 - 7 yrs)</b> (ELEMENTARY SCHOOL) Co-Leaders: Kevin Powell Shelly Jo Powell	_____	9:00 - 10:45 am 3:00 - 4:45 pm 7:00 - 9:00 pm	9:00 - 10:45 am 3:00 - 4:45 pm 7:00 - 9:00 pm	9:00 - 10:45 am 3:00 - 4:45 pm 7:00 - 9:00 pm	9:30 - 12:30 pm 3:00 - 4:45 pm 7:00 - 9:00 pm
<b>Primary II (8 - 9 yrs)</b> (ELEMENTARY SCHOOL) Co-Leaders: Debbie Gray Wendy Wood	_____	9:00 - 10:45 am 3:00 - 4:45 pm 7:00 - 9:00 pm	9:00 - 10:45 am 3:00 - 4:45 pm 7:00 - 9:00 pm	9:00 - 10:45 am 3:00 - 4:45 pm 7:00 - 9:00 pm	9:30 - 12:30 pm 3:00 - 4:45 pm 7:00 - 9:00 pm
<b>Juniors (10 - 12 yrs)</b> (CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL) Leader: Michael Messervy Debbie Eisele, Assist.	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	9:00 - Noon 3:00 - 4:45 pm 7:00 - 9:00 pm	9:00 - Noon 3:00 - 4:45 pm 7:00 - 9:00 pm	9:00 - Noon 3:00 - 4:45 pm 7:00 - 9:00 pm	9:30 - Noon 3:00 - 4:45 pm 7:00 - 9:00 pm
<b>Earliteens (13 - 14 yrs)</b> (GIRLS DORM CHAPEL) (Please bring \$10 for Thursday) Leader: Grant Wolters Daniel Royo Reed Richardi	7:00 pm to 8:30 pm	9:00 - Noon 2:00 - 4:45 pm 7:00 - 8:30 pm	9:00 - Noon 1:00 - 8:30 pm: Off Campus Activity Bring \$10 for trip!	9:00 - Noon 2:00 - 4:45 pm 7:00 - 8:30 pm	9:30 - Noon 3:00 - 4:00 pm - Hike 7:00 - 8:30 pm
<b>Youth (High School Age)</b> (SVA GYM) (Please bring \$15 to supplement outing expenses) Leader: Sonia Perez	7:00 pm to 8:30 pm: Identity Theft 101 8:30 to 9:30 pm: Mistaken Identity: Capture the Flag	9:30 - 11:00 am: Capturing Your Identity - Delving into the Word 1:00 - 5:00 pm: Secret Identity Disclosed - Sports & Community Outreach 7:00 - 8:30 pm: Identity Theft 201 8:30 - 9:30 pm: The Christian Challenge	9:30 - 11:00 am: Capturing Your Identity - Delving into the Word 1:00 - 5:00 pm: Secret Identity Disclosed - Sports & Community Outreach 7:00 - 8:30 pm: Identity Theft 301 8:30 - 9:30 pm: The Christian Challenge	9:15 - 10:15 am: Identity Search 10:20 am: Leave for Harrisonburg Mall, Lunch on your own, Bowling & Ice cream \$15 Return by 5:00 pm 6:30 - 9:30 pm: Identity Validation: Vespers and Agape Feast	9:30 - 10:45 am: Identity Disclaimer Activity 10:45 - 10:55 am - Break 11:00 - 12:15 pm: Identity 401 Afternoon Activity: Flag Camp Outreach Closing Program: 7:00 - 8:00 - A Celebration of you!
<b>Collegiate (18-22 yrs)</b> (STUDENT CENTER) (Time to be announced) Co-Leaders: Shane Anderson Brandon Koleda	<b>Note to Parents:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Registration for children ages birth through 9 years is required for safety and insurance.</li> <li>■ Pre-registration is Tuesday night in the gym.</li> <li>■ Children's Divisions will open 15 minutes prior to each meeting and remain open 15 minutes after each meeting. To make camp meeting more enjoyable, please respect the ages for each division and the meeting times. Before and after programs, you are responsible for the supervision of your children around the pond and ball field areas. For the safety of your child, please know where he/she is at all times.</li> </ul>			7:00 pm Evening Program for collegiate age young people.	9:30 am - Beginning of All Day Sabbath Program for collegiate age young people.





# COMMUNIQUE

MAY 2006

## Graduation—Just the Beginning

It's spring, and having just completed alumni weekend, we now turn our attention to graduation. This causes me to think back to when I was a senior at Blue Mountain Academy (BMA) in 1981. We were so excited! Our lives were finally complete! We had finally arrived! Nothing, it seemed, was bigger than us—the graduating class of 1981.

Twenty-five years later I look back and see that, rather than arriving, we were merely primed for take off. Our graduation wasn't the end; it was the beginning of opportunities and possibilities. And yet as I talk with classmates about where we have ended up, I can't help wondering, in some cases, what could have been (a sad thought).

If there's one message I would leave with you, it is this: If when you look back on your life you ask, "What could have been?" I'd like to encourage you in the same way that we are encouraging our seniors, to not get caught up with the pursuit of worldly success, but rather to pursue a life that is consecrated to God. Maybe you question if God can use you, 10, 20, or even 30 years after graduation, years that saw you choose some rough paths. The answer is *yes!* God can still use your life to honor Him, for we serve a wonderful, loving, magnificent God.

I'll leave you with a thought from the class that graduated from BMA 25 years ago: "We know not what the future holds, but we know who holds the future." God bless you as you serve "Him that is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy" (Jude 1:24, NIV).



David Morgan  
Vice Principal

## Two Students Baptized

In addition to providing a serious academic program, Blue Mountain Academy seeks to draw our students into a relationship with Christ that will grow stronger as they mature and go out into the world.

Peter Toussaint ('07) and Daniel Wagner ('09) were recently baptized. The *Communique* staff asked Peter and Daniel who or what prompted them to take this important step in their spiritual lives.

Wagner, who was raised a Seventh-day Adventist and had been thinking about baptism for a while, says Chaplain Dave Ferguson and the fall F.O.C.U.S. week



Pastor Duane Ferguson prepares to baptize an excited Peter Toussaint.

*Peter is born again! Praise the Lord!*



Daniel Wagner is all smiles as he and Pastor Dave Ferguson head for the baptismal tank.

are what influenced him to be baptized. Toussaint—the first Adventist in his family—credits Pastor Duane Ferguson and the influence of Daniel Wagner (who had made his decision a few weeks earlier), as prompting him to take this important step.

When asked about spiritual battles that he has faced since his baptism, Toussaint said, "Since I've just pulled closer to God, Satan is trying extra hard to bring me back down." But he will not be deterred: "I feel better, refreshed, and ready to do whatever it is that God wants me to do," he says.

"It is often a struggle," Wagner admits, "but the hope of the future of heaven and all makes me happy and helps me to keep going."

## Fourth Annual Elementary Music Festival A Hit

Four years ago, Blue Mountain Academy and the Pennsylvania Conference Education Department hosted what was to become the first annual Elementary Music Festival. This year's theme, "Let There Be Peace on Earth," was organized by Dave Morgan, BMA vice principal and recruiter. The choir was directed by Hector Flores, and the band was led by Eric Engen.

Nine of our elementary schools were represented, as well as a group of young people from Connecticut and several local home-school students. The joint choir numbered more than 110 visiting students, and the band included 11 visiting performers.

After a hard day of standing, singing, sitting, playing, and making friends, our young guests had the chance Friday night to sit back and listen to La Sonnette, the String Ensemble, the Concert Band, and the Sylvan Singers perform.

Sabbath morning the elementary choir sang for church, and in the afternoon several schools shared unique talents through chimes, bells, guitars, keyboard and vocal solos, and even a band.

Saturday night concluded the festival with a secular concert, in which the festival band played several selections, including "The Lion Sleeps Tonight," and the festival choir shared additional songs.

A special thank-you goes to all the principals, sponsors, teachers, and students who participated in the festival. God was truly praised by the efforts of each one.  
—Dave Morgan



Students from several schools share in a large choir experience.

## BMA Hosts 16th Annual Career Day

Margaret Adams presented the keynote message, taking us from our earliest introduction of careers as missionary nurses, doctors, and preachers in the cradle roll division of Sabbath School, to the challenges of identifying our strengths and talents as teenagers looking toward college. She encouraged students to follow their dreams and to pay more attention to what they enjoy doing, and then look at areas of study that complement those abilities.

Following the keynote message, the students separated into 11 groups and rotated through four sessions.



Participants pictured are (front row, left to right): Roy Schaeffer, electrical engineering; Jerome Frederick, communication; Sharon Prest, photo imaging and video editing; middle row: Cheryl Schaeffer, MD, podiatric medicine and surgery; Margaret Adams, marriage and family counseling; Mark Ullum, photo imaging and video editing; Michele Bissell, radiology technologist;

back row: Ralph Jean-Pierre, communication; John Larrabee, hospital marketing and strategic planning; Arlene Johns, occupational therapy; Wayne Johns, physical therapy; Lori Nase, nurse practitioner. Not pictured: Keith Adams, home construction; Allen Link, electric company line work.—Kathleen Sutton

## Coming EVENTS

- May**  
**3** Service Explosion  
**5** La Sonnette Home Concert  
**6** Sylvan Singers Vespers  
 Band Concert  
**7, 8** Academy Days  
**26-28** Graduation Weekend  
**30** Summer Work Program Begins

- August**  
**18-19** New Student Registration  
**20** Registration Day  
**21** Classes Begin

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## Alumni Weekend Inspires Service and Strengthens School Ties

Columbia Union College (CUC) celebrated Alumni Weekend, April 7-9, with a flurry of activities on campus. There were programs for everyone including: an Open House for future students, G. Arthur Keough Lectures, and the Tastes of Takoma community festival. Special recognition was given to the honor classes of 1946, 1956, 1966, 1976, 1981, 1986, and 1996.

Alumni who arrived on Friday enjoyed a guided bus tour of the new sights in Washington, D.C., a banquet, vespers service, and stirring messages. One thought-provoking message took place in H.M.S. Richards Chapel and marked the 25th anniversary of the G. Arthur Keough Lectureship. Mikhail Kulakov, PhD, and professor of philosophy and political studies at CUC, gave this year's presentations titled "The Infinite Diversity of Persons: Individual Personality in the Orthodox East."

### Missionaries, Community Leaders, and Author Highlighted at Vespers

A prayer dedication, led by CUC chaplain Otis Coutsoumpos, committed 13 students who will serve as missionaries in the coming months. They include long-term missionaries: Ralph Jean-Pierre to Japan, Joseph Krueger to Mexico, Jasper Corpuz to the Marshall Islands, and Kimberly Wright to Kenya. Short-term missionaries headed to Panama later in the summer are Lorena Guardado, Ruth Charles, Edwin Morales, Edwin Silie, Danielle Urie, Erika Orban, Sylvester Paulasir, Felicia Reynolds, and José St. Phard.

The college also honored alumnus Stevan Vanderhorst and current student Ruth Charles with the



The honor class of 1956 gathered to share memories at CUC's Alumni Weekend.

Zella Holbert Award for their exemplary service to God and humanity. Vanderhorst, '79, was presented the award for his organization Prepare our Youth, a community outreach program. Charles, a senior religion education major, was recognized for her years of outstanding leadership and service with CUC's Campus Ministries. The keynote speaker was Joe Wheeler, PhD, professor emeritus of English at CUC from 1986 to 1996, and author/editor of 55 books including the best-selling *Christmas in my Heart* series.

### Sabbath Messages and Activities

For Sabbath services at Sligo church, The New England Youth Ensemble and Columbia Collegiate Chorale provided beautiful sacred music. Ronald L. Carter, PhD, dean of the School of Science and Technology at Loma Linda University was the featured speaker.

Carter, '69, told the congregation about his fond memories of the college and how its staff changed his life. "At CUC I was cradled in the hands of loving professors," said Carter. He told church members of his struggle to know God's will during his senior year while choosing between medical school and the ministry.

One night as he struggled with his decision, Carter asked God for direction and worked himself into "a faith-frenzy." "That night I felt a warmth and a power that was supernatural," marveled Carter. "God did not give me answers; He gave me His presence."



CUC president Randal Wisbey bestowed Alumni of the Year awards upon Lorenzo Grant, '66, and Betty Ann Howard, '70.

# THE GATEWAY



Ronald L. Carter, PhD, delivered a powerful message during Sabbath worship services in Sligo church.

Even now as a scientist, Carter confessed that scientific data constantly challenges his beliefs. He urged the members to keep focused on Jesus Christ, and when in doubt, ask God for guidance. He concluded by saying that CUC and Sligo have a work that must be completed: “The world is seeking what this campus has been giving for decades.”

On Sabbath afternoon, two special programs took place in Morrison Hall Chapel. The first honored 21 residence hall deans who

served the college from as far back as 1960. Vice president of Student Life A. Jean Warden and former CUC president George Akers made presentations to the former residence hall leaders, and the deans recounted individual experiences and stories.

Following that program was a rousing gospel music concert featuring CUC’s Black Student Union (BSU) Gospel Choir, BSU Chorale, and several alumni performers including Jason DeHaney, Lauri Preston, Shawanna Anderson and Friends, and John Tillery and Living Sacrifice. Alumni and audience members raised more than \$500 to assist the student-led choirs production costs for a future CD.

Alumni weekend culminated at the General Conference Headquarters in Silver Spring, where the CUC Concert Winds, under the direction of Bruce Wilson, performed a number of familiar melodies. CUC president Randal Wisbey bestowed the Alumni of the Year award upon Lorenzo Grant, D.Min, ’66, and Betty Ann Howard, PhD, ’70.

Marilynn Loveless, ’81, PhD, and assistant professor of Communication at Walla Walla College, presented “Cats do not, as a Matter of Fact, go to Heaven.” She made an entertaining case that

the writings credited to William Shakespeare could have been written by his wife, Anne Hathaway.

Sunday brought nearly 200 prospective students to the annual College Days/Open House event. Students met with professors, academic advisors, financial aid experts, and coaches. They also toured the campus and Washington, D.C., during the weekend. Sunday also featured gloriously sunny skies for the annual Tastes of Takoma, CUC’s event to showcase local organizations, talent, and food.

—Rachel Ponder, Val Bossous, and PR Staff

## Columbia Union College Constituency Postponed

Columbia Union College’s Constituency Session, scheduled for May 19, has been postponed until November. Watch for further details in future issues of the *Visitor*.

### CALENDAR

#### May

- 8 Summer Session I Begins
- 29 Memorial Day Holiday:  
*Campus Closed*

#### June

- 5 Summer Session II Begins
- 7 Success Night—School of Graduate and Professional Studies, *Takoma Park*
- 8 Success Night—School of Graduate and Professional Studies, *Gaithersburg*

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CUC alumnus Stevan Vanderhorst was given the Zella Holbert Award for exemplary service to God and humanity. He stands with his wife Gayle and CUC faculty member Lee Wisel.

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## La Segunda Iglesia Adventista de Philadelphia le Hace Discípulos

Excitaron a los miembros de la Segunda Iglesia Adventista de Philadelphia cuando bautizaron a cinco personas como resultado de su serie evangelística reciente con Bruce Patterson. Después de los bautismos, el pastor Gabriel Montalvo hizo una súplica para otras que desearon ser bautizadas. Doce personas vinieron adelante. Pastor Montalvo les invitó a que vinieron adelante para oración mientras prepararon para un bautismo futuro. Montalvo estaba impresionado por el Espíritu Santo para hacer otra súplica a este grupo de 12, así que él dijo: «Hay algunos de ustedes quien saben que este es el tiempo para darse a Jesús y tienen el deseo de ser bautizados hoy, exactamente como aquellos ustedes han atestiguados hace minutos, y están dispuestos a descender a las aguas y a experimentar una vida nueva en Jesús.»

Cinco del grupo, Lixandra Silva, José Díaz, Rodney Quintana, Jonathon Sanchez, y José Antonio Monzon, tomaron un puesto para Jesús y fueron bautizados aquella misma mañana.

Recientemente, el grupo pequeño, a que asisten Lixandra Silva y José Díaz, invitó Pastor Montalvo para dar una estadia Bíblica a una familia pentecostal sobre los diez mandamientos y el Sabado del septimo dia. La señora de la casa decidía guadar el Sabado y estaba en la serie evangelística de la iglesia aquella misma noche de martes.

«Este grupo de creyentes nuevos todavía está creciendo en el merced de nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesús,» dice Montalvo. «La Segunda Iglesia Adventista de Philadelphia ha tomado un paso adelante y está trabajando hacia la creación de discipulos desde creyentes nuevos.

Montalvo alenta cada miembro de la iglesia llegar a ser discípulo de Jesús. Él les diga, «Un miembro de la iglesia solamente se sienta en la iglesia y ve las cosas que ocurrir. Un discípulo hace que las cosas ocurrir meintras que él se sienta en la iglesia.»

### Programa de las Reuniones Hispánicas del Campo

**Neuva Jersey** ■ 23 de Junio – 1 de Julio  
*Tranquil Valley Retreat Center*  
(Campos en Ingles y Espanol se reunirán juntos.)  
*Tema:* Discípulos Haciendo/Creando Discípulos  
*Oradores:* Alejandro Bullón, Sara de Bullón, Julio Barillas, José Vicente Rojas, José Cortes, Mario Thorp, Joel Soto, Jorge Aguero, Laffit Cortes, y más.

**Ohio** ■ 9-11 de Junio  
*Mount Vernon Academy*  
*Tema:* Salvacion en Cristo Solamente  
*Oradores:* Edwin Hernandez y Johnny Ramirez

**Pennsylvania** ■ 17 de Junio  
*Blue Mountain Academy Chapel*  
*Oradores:* Vanston Archbold Jr. y Richard Garcia

**Potomac** ■ 29 de Junio – 2 de Julio  
*Shenandoah Valley Academy*  
*Oradores:* Anunciaria



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## Teacher Awarded for Excellence in Classroom



**D**on Slocum, history and government teacher at Shenandoah Valley Academy (SVA), was recently awarded the 2006 Excellence in Teaching Award by the Alumni Awards Foundation at their convention in Scottsdale, Ariz. He is one of 10 selected to receive this year's award. Individuals chosen represent exemplary Adventist teachers who are demonstrating their commitment and passion for excellence in our schools.

Slocum—an exceptional teacher who is well liked by students—is known for administering college entrance exams, team-coaching girl's varsity basketball, and taking extra time to help students. But most importantly, he is known for the history classes he has taught at SVA for the last decade. In those classes, Slocum makes historical events come alive with a daily review of news events that tie history to the present. Each of his students has a subscription to *US News & World Report* that they must use to write reports that illustrate how every day is living history. In addition, while educating students about the history of the United States, the government, and our nation's capital, he takes them to the Pentagon.

The Alumni Awards Foundation exists to inspire and reward excellence in Adventist K-12 schools, educators, and alumni. Each year they honor five or more secondary teachers, five or more elementary teachers, and one administrator in the North American Division. Over the past 11 years, they have presented 49 awards to Adventist teachers, and 49 awards to distinguished alumni of Adventist schools.



*Hamlet Canosa (center), vice president for Education for the Columbia Union Conference, congratulates Don Slocum (right) on his 2006 Excellence in Teaching Award.*

## Band Director's Composition Featured on New CD



**T**im Rumsey (pictured), band director at Shenandoah Valley Academy, was recently selected as a featured composer whose music will be included on the CD *Masterworks of the New Era*, Volume 11. The album will be the next-to-last installment of a 12-CD series produced by the record label ERM Media. The selected piece—"Freedom Fanfare," written for brass choir and percussion—was recently recorded by the Kiev Philharmonic. The CD will be released next month to stores and radio stations across the country.

"I feel honored to be selected for this recording project," says Rumsey. "It is a rare opportunity to have a composition recorded by a world-class orchestra such as the Kiev Philharmonic." According to [www.numusic.org](http://www.numusic.org), the *Masterworks of the New Era* CD project is intended to "bring the un-heard, un-recorded, and under-played 'masterworks' of our era to the public" through, "a landmark CD series of high-quality new recordings of music by living composers."

Rumsey has written music for choir, concert band, small ensembles, and orchestra, and will complete his master's degree in theory/composition at James Madison University this spring. To listen to his music, visit [www.rumseymusic.com](http://www.rumseymusic.com).

## National Honor Society Inducts New Members

**T**wenty-four new inductees from Shenandoah Valley Academy have become a part of the National Honor Society. These new members joined 28 other National Honor students at the school, which means that 52 Shenandoah students currently participate in this prestigious society. To join, students must have a Grade Point Average of 3.5 or higher—which demonstrates academic excellence—combined with the necessary elements of personal character, leadership, and service. New inductees (pictured) include (back row, left to right): Peter Holler, Donnie Sailo, Curtis Harris, Thomas Lee, Austin Kim. Middle row, left to right: Justin Feltman, Grady Todd, Mykle Chang, Jared Coston, Tucker Coston, Sean Hsu. Front row, left to right: Macey Battle, Lisa Pichette, Caitlyn Carney, Jenifer Jesson, Meghan Battle, Jamie Cosme, Bridgette Matthews, Heather Middag. Not pictured: Andrew Herrington, Paul Hanson, Trevor Jones, Jamie Kim, and Summer Han.



## Handbell Ensemble Performs at Local University

**A** group of people from the Shenandoah Valley community has season tickets to the James Madison University (JMU) basketball games to watch and support Chris Cathlin, a Shenandoah Valley Academy (SVA) alumnus, who now plays for the JMU Dukes. As Cynthia Costin, director of the Shenandoah Handbell Ensemble at SVA, attended the games and watched many different performances of the National Anthem, she thought, “How fun and unusual it would be for our students to perform the National Anthem [at a game].” So she called the ticket office, and was able to get the group on the schedule.

When they performed at the JMU game, there were approximately 1,500 people who were introduced to SVA. The Dukes had not won a game in quite some time, but that night they played extremely well and won their first conference game of the season.

The JMU Marketing Department was very excited. They told the group, “We will be in touch with you for another performance next year.” They especially liked the fact that the handbell players had dyed their gloves

purple and gold (the JMU Dukes’ colors) to support the home team.

The Shenandoah Handbell Ensemble has traveled with the other SVA musical groups to several Adventist churches.

“They are in the Handbell Ensemble for the same reason I am,” Costin says, “because music is our hobby, and we absolutely love working diligently together as a group to learn difficult arrangements.”

There’s also another reason: “Our utmost goal is to glorify God,” Costin states. “It is our greatest honor to use God-given musical talents to express the joy of our Christian experience.”



Members of the Shenandoah Handbell Ensemble, directed by Cynthia Costin (top row, third from right), recently played the National Anthem for a James Madison University basketball game.

### calendar of events

#### May

- 1** Spring Picnic
- 6** Dorm Club Parties, 8:30 p.m.
- 13** Sacred Concert, 4 p.m.
- 13** Secular Concert, 8 p.m.
- 14** SAT Testing
- 18-19** Senior Exams
- SA Best of Everything, 9 p.m.
- 20-24** Senior Class Trip
- 26** Consecration, 8 p.m.
- 27** Baccalaureate, 11 a.m.
- 27** Class Night, 9:30 p.m.
- 28** Commencement, 10 a.m.

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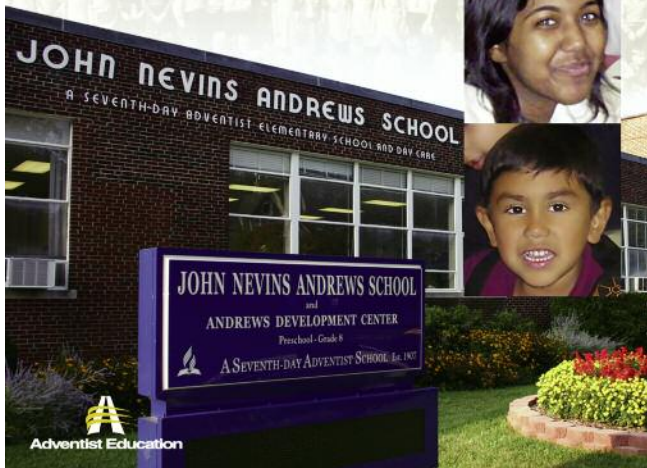


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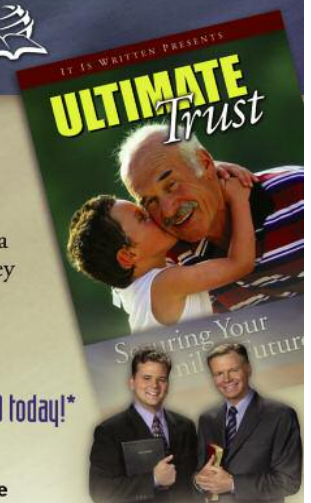
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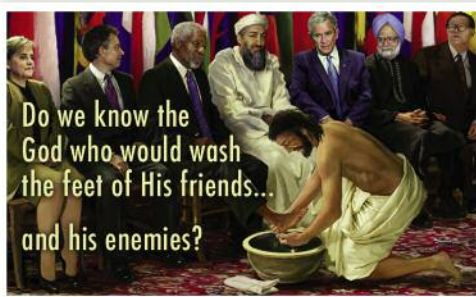


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**COMINGS AND GOINGS**

**Don Bonchack**, ACS-Director Coordinator for the mid-Atlantic states and the Pennsylvania Conference, has accepted a position with FEMA as a specialist of donations and volunteer management.

**OBITUARIES**

**CARLSON, Genevieve**, born September 9, 1929, in McKean County, Pa.; died March 15, 2006, in Kane, Pa. She was a member of the Mt. Jewett (Va.) church. She is survived by two nieces.

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26	June 2
Baltimore	8:04	8:10	8:17	8:23	8:28
Cincinnati	8:35	8:42	8:48	8:54	8:59
Cleveland	8:29	8:36	8:43	8:49	8:55
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Philadelphia	7:59	8:06	8:13	8:19	8:24
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Reading	8:03	8:10	8:17	8:23	8:28
Richmond	8:03	8:10	8:16	8:21	8:26
Roanoke	8:13	8:19	8:25	8:30	8:35
Toledo	8:37	8:44	8:51	8:57	9:03
Trenton	7:58	8:05	8:12	8:18	8:23
Wash., D.C.	8:04	8:11	8:17	8:23	8:28

**SUNSET CALENDAR**

**GRANT, Grace S.,**

born March 21, 1918, in Patterson, N.J.; died March 23, 2006, in Vienna, Va., under the care of Capital Hospice, only two days after her 88th birthday. She was the daughter of the late Clarence S. and Josephine L. Steeves. She attended Plainfield Academy in New Jersey, and earned her BS in Nursing at Washington Missionary College (Columbia Union College) in Takoma Park, Md. In earlier years, she worked at various hospitals in the Washington, D.C., area and as a public health nurse for Montgomery County, Md. After moving to Berkeley Springs in 1974, she served as director of nursing at Valley View Nursing Home until her retirement in 1978. She was a member of the Berkeley Springs church and also active in the leadership of a weekly ecumenical Women's Prayer Fellowship at the local Presbyterian church. She served as chair for disaster response at the Morgan County Chapter of the American Red Cross, where she also taught first aid and CPR classes, and was active in its local Bloodmobile operations. She also was active in other volunteer work. She served the Berkeley Springs church as leader of its Primary Sabbath School Division, sponsored the Pathfinder Club, led many summer VBS programs, and directed its Community Services outreach operations for a number of years.

She is survived by one sister, Margaret (Margie) Roy of Hendersonville, N.C.; one son, Kenneth, of Deltona, Fla., with whom she lived from 2003 until her passing; and three daughters, Carol Rinehart of Columbus, Ohio, Barbara Manbeck of Orlando, Fla., and Denise Grant of Vienna, Va.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Romaine M. Grant, in 1997; two sisters, Catherine "Kitty" Burns, and Alyce Ryals; and two infant brothers. Contributions in her memory may be made to ADRA International, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904-6600; the Morgan County Chapter of the American Red Cross, 187 So. Green St., Suite 6, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411; or Capital Hospice, 6565 Arlington B lvd., Suite 501, Falls Church, VA 22040.

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## Bulletin Board

### HARTLEIN, Ray,

born March 14, 1919, in Shamokin, Pa.; died January 2, 2006, in Takoma Park, Md., at the age of 86. He was a member of the Sligo church in Takoma Park, Md. Ray was a Bible teacher in Adventist academies for almost 40 years, and the last 18 years he served as head of the Bible Department at Takoma Academy. He was a veteran of WWII, and a graduate of Washington Missionary College (today Columbia Union College) and Andrews University. He is survived by his wife Ella May, his daughter Dennise McDonald and her husband Bill; his son Howard and his wife Ria; three grandchildren; a great-grandson; his sister Marion Hartlein; a niece, Bev Boyer and her husband DeWayne; as well as four nephews.

### LAUBACH, Ralph A.,

born December 21, 1916, in Hellertown, Pa.; died December 27, 2005, in Milford, Pa. He was a member of the Mifflintown (Pa.) church. He is survived by his son R. Robert Laubach and his wife Donna; daughters, Janet E. Karpenko and husband Lyle, Judy A. Pettit and husband Ellsworth, and Rebecca "BJ" Hearn and husband Douglas; and a brother, Warren Laubach.

### OTTELO, Locke,

age 97, of Morristown, Tenn., passed away at Life Care Center of Morristown on February 28, 2006. She was a charter member of the Grove City (Ohio) church. Survivors include two daughters, Patty Jones and husband George of Morristown, Tenn., and Peggy Whitehouse and husband Dave of Grove City, Ohio; step-daughter Mabel (Harold) Davis; five grandchildren, Debbie (John) Ratcliff, Bryon Jones, Kent (Carrie) Jones, and Tanda McBride and Shawn Hurley; nine great-grandchildren, Stuart Jones, Jessica Jones, Laura Jones, Cassie Jones, Meghan Jones, Nora Jones, Aubrey (Darren) Place, Jimmie Hott and Kristin Hott; and two great-great grandchildren, Riley Place and Cruise Place.

### VENIS, Nancy,

born December 10, 1942, in Mansfield, Ohio; died October 24, 2005, in Mount Vernon, Ohio. She was a member of the Fredericktown (Ohio) church. She is survived by her husband Lee Venis; and sons Wayne, Eric, and Jerry Venis.

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## Five Reasons Local Churches Grow



How can my local church grow?" That's a question I'm frequently asked. Due to the prompting of the Holy Spirit, as well as practical issues, many pastors and lay leaders are not satisfied with the growth of their congregation. They want to be more effective.

This question has been the topic of considerable research in recent years. We have some clear answers, although some people don't like them. (This information has been published in more detail in *Adventist Congregations Today*, Chapter 2; and *Ministry* magazine, Nov. 2004.)

Five things are indicators of predictable growth in Seventh-day Adventist churches today:

**1. Spirituality**—How well does your church help members deepen their relationship with God? This may happen through preaching, music, worship, small group ministries, prayer meetings, or retreats.

**2. Community Involvement**—Does your church go beyond traditional Adventist Community Services and health ministries to provide creative, non-traditional programs such as job-finding or -training, family counseling, assistance with substance abuse issues, emergency or affordable housing, help for senior citizens, voter registration, or an off-site community center? Does it keep your community well informed about church-sponsored activities? This area has the single most powerful correlation with Adventist church growth.

**3. Intentional Plans**—Do members believe that your church has potential to grow? Does it welcome innovation and change? Is every phase of church activity focused on growth? If you simply continue in your usual patterns or ignore this topic, growth is unlikely.

**4. Atmosphere**—Would attendees say your congregation is spiritually vital and alive? Are the members excited about the future of your church? Does your local church have a cultural heritage or "flavor" that preserves? There has to be a warm, inclusive, mission-driven sense of fellowship for a church to grow.

**5. Sabbath Evangelism**—Does your church have special worship services designed for the nonchurched people in your community? This might take various forms such as a "Friend Day" once a year or more often, revival weekends, or a regular "seeker service" on Sabbath afternoons or Friday nights.

In some ways this is a new paradigm for Adventist church growth. It is also the re-introduction of an older paradigm—perhaps lost in recent decades—as advocated by Ellen White in *The Ministry of Healing*, page 143, and elsewhere.

To share feedback or get information about training and resources to help your local church grow, email [msahlin@columbiaunion.net](mailto:msahlin@columbiaunion.net).

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