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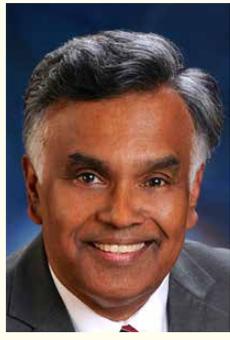
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From the President's Pen

by Leslie D. Louis, Carolina Conference President

Making Jesus My Priority

The golden sun had not quite shown its radiant face early that dawn. As I stepped outside the back door of our house and looked past the chicken coop, my eyes became transfixed on the morning sky. There before me was a scene that evoked a thrill within my heart as a little boy. I saw the silhouettes of the coconut palms as they swayed with the mountain breezes of my island home of Ceylon (today known as Sri Lanka). But behind them was a brilliant amber stream that

the stream of a jet plane look like a flame across the sky from east to west. In my childish mind the prophecy of Matthew 24:27 was being fulfilled right before my eyes: "For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be" (NKJV).

Although that moment of excitement ended with a sense of disappointment, I have continued to anticipate that amazing moment of spectacular joy when I will behold Him face to face in all His glory. That is the passionate hope of this Adventist! And I

This year, 2013, marks a remarkable anniversary...a 150-year milestone in the growth of God's remnant movement around the globe. But it also holds a note of sadness; we should have been home with our Savior long before now. In order to do our part in hastening the Lord's soon coming, we, the members of the Carolina Conference, are joining in a partnership with Elder John Bradshaw and the It is Written team to reach the entire Conference with the Good News, with the epicenter being in Charlotte, North Carolina. The meetings, known as Revelation Today, will be held in Charlotte's Ovens Auditorium and televised live around the world via satellite beginning October 11. Charlotte is the largest metropolitan city between Atlanta and Washington D.C. which makes this a huge project, requiring a large support staff of pastors and personnel. I invite you to be praying earnestly as we make efforts to personally meet, greet, visit and reach thousands with the transforming power and truth of a loving and soon-coming Savior.

In addition to Revelation Today, there will be numerous other efforts all across both North and South Carolina. In August an evangelistic event will be held in Charleston, just in advance of the Southern Union Women's Ministries retreat in that city. I'm personally looking forward to holding a series of meetings in September at Moncks Corner. The list could go on and on as we reach across our two states with a message of His amazing plan of salvation and the precious end-time truths that Christ has entrusted to us, as His

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seemed to split open the sky with fire. I just had to let Dad and Mom know!

"Daddy, come here! Daddy! You've got to see this, Daddy! Jesus is coming...He's really coming!"

Finally getting my Dad's attention, he came out, looked, and smiled. Placing his arm around my shoulder, he gave me the unhappy news. "Leslie, I'm so sorry. That's not Jesus coming, son." Then as gently as he could, he explained that the sun was making

want to do all in my power to bring that day closer. In other words, evangelism is personal to me.

A few weeks ago, thousands of our own church family members joined us for our annual camp meeting gathering at Lake Junaluska. Through nightly testimonies we caught just a glimpse of some of the lives that had been transformed by the power of His Spirit through the ministry of Carolina Evangelism.

The Pisgah Manor Health Care Center has opened its doors – again! After having been in the same building since 1975, it was time for something new.

May 14, 2013, marked the grand opening of the new Pisgah Manor, a state-of-the-art facility that is twice as large as its former building. Over 450 people attended to watch the ribbon-cutting of the new facility, and to help celebrate the big day. Guests enjoyed live music and hors d’oeuvres while they listened to addresses by David Kidder, president and CEO of the Carolina Adventist Retirement Systems; Amy Jackson, representative of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce; and Leslie Louis, president of the Carolina Conference.

The new Manor, constructed using a modified neighborhood design, features numerous stone fireplaces, cozy living rooms, patios, and gardens. With 72 private bedrooms and 23 companion rooms, it has the ability to provide specialized care for 118 people.

“We wanted our residents to feel like they were at home,” said Carolyn Stevenson, director of marketing at Pisgah Valley.

Residents and staff are delighted with the new building.

Call for more information or stop by their campus for a tour. Visit their web site at www.pisgahvalley.org or contact Carolyn Stevenson, director of marketing, at 828-418-2333 or send an email to cstevenson@pisgahmanor.com.

by Kara Holland




PISGAH VALLEY
 A Seventh-day Adventist Retirement Community



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Photos by Ron Quick



Retired pastor and family counselor David White, of the Foster church in Asheville, has a unique ministry.

White (pictured below) works with veterans from the Veterans Restoration Quarters, or VRQ, in Asheville.

Many of the 210 homeless veterans that live at the facility suffer from PTSD, post traumatic stress disorder, or they are there due to family and relationship problems or it could be drug and alcohol issues. Over a period of time White has developed a Bible Study group



that he conducts every Sunday afternoon and evening. He can have as many as 30 to 40 men attending his study. After a number of months of working with the veterans, White learned that Dr. Ron Clouzet was coming to the Asheville/Hendersonville area to conduct an evangelistic field school with meetings titled “Decoding Prophecy.” White invited Clouzet to the VRQ to meet with his Bible study group. The men in the group got to know Clouzet and were invited to the meetings held at the Foster church last Fall.

One of the veterans who attended the meetings was Frankie Scott. Frankie came from a very abusive home. His father was an alcoholic and was mentally and physically abusive to both him and his sister, but especially to his mother. When Frankie graduated with honors from Salisbury High School he was determined to get away from this

Evangelism Works ... Meet Frankie Scott

terrible environment. So he moved to Charlotte. Although he had no way of support, Frankie was determined to go to college. He decided that the only way he could afford college was if he joined the army and took advantage of the “delayed entrance” program. His plan was to get his education, then fulfill his army obligations. However, shortly after his enrollment in college, 9/11 took place and Frankie was immediately activated.

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remnant people. By faith we are investing \$250,000 of Carolina Evangelism funds for Revelation Today in Charlotte. We are also investing heavily in dozens of other evangelistic efforts by our pastors and laymen all around the Conference. To help fund our 2013 evangelism plans we set a faith goal of \$140,000 to be raised at Lake Junaluska Camp Meeting. We are still working on our faith goal. Our super goal was \$160,000. To date we have raised \$123,151.91 in camp meeting offerings and pledges. With God’s blessing and your help, we look forward to exceeding our faith goal and attaining our super goal!

Just think of how easily this can

be done if every one of our 21,000 members gives a gift of \$5.00 for evangelism. That alone would enable us to exceed our super goal for Conference-wide evangelism this year! I realize that participation of 100% of our membership is impractical, but if each one gives according to how God has blessed—with some giving more and some less—our donations could easily average \$5.00 each, or another \$105,000 for evangelism! What an opportunity! What a challenge! What a blessing! We can all be a part of winning lost souls for the Kingdom of God in the Carolina Conference.

Have you prayerfully considered what you can do to reach someone for Christ this year? My wife Carole

and I have decided to double what we devoted to evangelism last year. God has always provided for our needs when we have made His work our first priority.

Will you join us in making Jesus the first priority in your life this year? I long to see the real, brilliant glory of His coming in the skies...and I yearn to see Him very soon! How about you, Friend?

In His Service,

Leslie D. Louis
President

A servant leader for the Lord



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He was among the first groups of military sent into Iraq. It was a three-day convoy from Kuwait to Bagdad. One night as his convoy stopped to rest and refuel, he recalls falling asleep next to an archaeological ruin. Frankie never knew what the “half pyramid” ruin was, until one night at the Ron Clouzet meetings. There, projected on the screen, was a picture of the very same ruin. It was “Ur of the Chaldeans,” located near the Euphrates river. He was excited to learn more!

Because of his PTSD, the doctors had given Frankie drugs to calm his anxiety. This, he claims, was the start of his drug addiction. Frankie will tell you that he experienced very dark days and months. It wasn’t until he had the Bible studies with David White, met Ron Clouzet and attended the evangelistic meetings that he finally realized there was “Hope” once again.

At the conclusion of the meetings, Frankie asked David White to baptize him. He is now looking into a ministry where he can serve his Savior.

by Ron Quick

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Evangelism Works ... Meet Lulama

While growing up in South Africa, there was one thing that she couldn’t resist: beautiful music.

Lulama Rozami loved to sing. When groups came to sing at her school during morning assembly, she would be thrilled. She enjoyed one group in particular that sang songs like “Does Jesus Care,” and “He Hideth My Soul.”

“It sounded angelic,” she recalls.

Wanting more of this beautiful music, she asked the group where she could go to hear more. They said that they were Seventh-day Adventists and they would be at the Adventist church every Saturday.

She decided she would check it out, but only to listen to the music. She already belonged to a church, and wasn’t interested in changing.

When Lulama’s mother passed away in 1996, a group of Adventists came to sing at her mothers funeral. Ever since, the Seventh-day Adventist church has had a very special place in her heart.

In 2001, Lulama moved to the United States and bought a small place in Raeford, NC. From there she moved to Rockingham where worked as a teacher.

One Saturday afternoon, while on her way watch one of her students perform in a play, Lulama heard a familiar noise. It intrigued her. When she got closer, she noticed a sign that read Cornerstone Seventh-day Adventist Church. It was the Adventists!

“Lord, are you bringing back that beautiful music into my life again?,” she wondered.

Lulama slowly opened the door and tip-toed into the building,

not wanting to interrupt. When the choir director spotted her, she asked if she would like to join in.

“Oh yes, I’d love to sing with you,” she replied.

Lulama was excited. She made plans to attend the church with the beautiful singing again the next Saturday.

On Lulama’s second visit, some members invited her to a series of meetings entitled, “Prophecies

Decoded” that were taking place.

She decided to go. Each night, she would receive a commitment card asking to check “yes” if she had understood the presentations and if she wanted to come back the next night.

Lulama always checked “yes.” Eventually, she began checking the boxes without looking. One night, as she was handing in the card, she realized that the questions had changed. Hesitating, she pulled the card back and read that she had marked “yes” for baptism. Not knowing what to do, she kept the card and left the meeting. A battle began to rage inside of her.

But the next Sabbath, the battle had ceased and Lulama was all smiles.

“I talked with my God and he told me that when I marked ‘yes’ on the card, it was not a mistake.”

Lulama was baptized and is currently part of the church choir at the Cornerstone Adventist church, where she continues to make beautiful music to her God.

by Kara Holland

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The Magabook program in Charlotte, NC, this summer consists of two teams of young people fanning out across the greater Charlotte area in preparation for the It Is Written campaign with John Bradshaw at Ovens Auditorium this October. The two teams of students are enjoying the hospitality of two local churches: Charlotte Sharon Church (below) and the Charlotte Spanish Church. (right)





Although the weather is hot and sticky in Charlotte this summer, not every young person on summer break is lounging by the pool.

Eighteen young people have traded their beach towels for walking shoes and have hit the streets. They are dedicating 10 weeks of their summer to knocking on doors to distribute Adventist publications in Charlotte, NC, and the surrounding area.

During each workday the canvassers have a strict regime: up at 7 a.m., chores at 8, breakfast at 9, worship at 9:45, followed by a training session. Around 11:30 a.m., the teams gather in the parking lot saddled with their book bags, radios and sack lunches, and join hands in a circle for a group prayer. With a team cheer, the young people pile into the waiting vans and are off! They are out to conquer Charlotte for Christ, one door at a time.

At each door the canvassers present a selection of books ranging from cookbooks and children's books to devotional books such as the *Desire of Ages*, *Steps to Christ*, and *The Great Controversy*.

"We stress getting out *The Great Controversy* the most," said Daniel Arroyo, leader of one of the teams.

When someone is interested in a book, the student literature evangelist

leaves it with them on a donation basis and asks if they are interested in Bible studies or other programs such as "stop-smoking" seminars. Hundreds of Bible study requests have already come in as a result! The canvasser also gives them an invitation to the It Is Written event, Revelation Today, coming in October.

The canvassers in Charlotte are split up into two teams and are staying at two of the local churches. Their ages range from mid-twenties to as young as 15.

"I've been waiting to go canvassing for seven years!" Lydia Privett, 16, said. She has three older brothers who have canvassed, and is excited that it is finally her turn.

"I am a people person," she said. "My favorite part about canvassing is meeting people."

Around 4 p.m., the canvassers stop for a brief lunch, and then head back to the streets until 8 p.m. when the vans pick them up to go back to their host churches. On the ride home, the canvassers tally up the books that have gone out and the donations they have received.

"My favorite part about canvassing is being able to see *The Great Controversy* played out before my eyes," Richard Maskelony, 21, said.

"Everything I experience shows me that Charlotte is in great need of Christ."

by Kara Holland

Do you think the God of Joshua is still alive and well today? Marli does.

Worship that morning was about Joshua's prayer for God to hold the sun so His army could defeat the nations. That got Marli thinking – if Joshua had enough courage to ask God to hold the sun, why wasn't she asking God for more? Why didn't she have more faith? So, Marli started praying for the faith of Joshua.

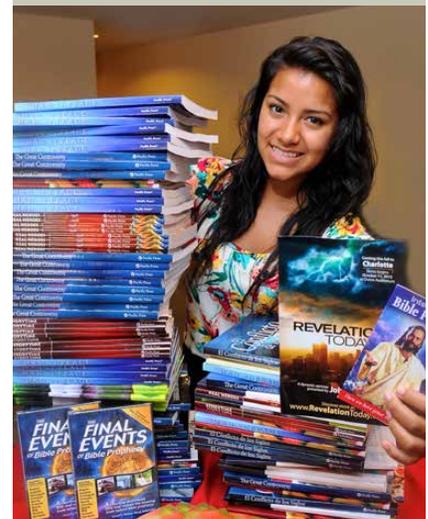
Marli Cavriales is spending the summer doing the canvassing program in Charlotte, NC. Usually Marli's goal is to give out 40 books by the end of the day. That day, however, praying with the faith of Joshua, she set her goal at 50 books.

At lunch Marli tallied up her books, she realized that she already had given away 35 books. With still a good four hours to go in the day, Marli was confident God could give her much more than her goal of 50 books. She started praying for 60.

As the hours passed, books were flying. 50... 55... 59... Marli held her breath... 60. God had answered her wildest prayer! With a total of 63 books and over \$1,000 in donations, Marli set the Southern Union record for the most books out in a day by a single person.

"God always comes through," Marli said, smiling.

by Kara Holland



CONQUERING CHARLOTTE FOR CHRIST

Evangelism Works ... Meet Jeff Donaldson



“I always wanted to believe I could make sense of the Bible,” Jeff recalls.

He wanted to believe that the Bible, with all its imagery and sometimes confusing language, really meant something. As an avid reader of literature, 23-year-old Jeff was familiar with renowned writers such as Shakespeare, Milton and Dickens. He was aware of the many layered themes and foreshadows that they threaded throughout their works.

“If humans can write with such complexity, how much more is God capable of?” He thought.

Thus the young Pennsylvania native began a quest for a deeper understanding of the Bible. In college, he took classes in Hebrew, which he hoped would help him make sense of the age-old book. Jeff



When Jeff graduated from high school he had no plans to be a pastor.

also read many books with spiritual topics, particularly books about the end of time. His search for truth led him through the doors of many an end-time program. However, after hearing interpretation upon interpretation of Bible prophecy, none of which seemed to make sense to him, Jeff grew skeptical.

It was in the midst of this turbulent time of grappling for truth that he received a flyer in the mail. Immediately, Jeff recognized the brightly-colored beasts on the cover as attempts to depict the creatures described in the book of Revelation. His attention sparked, but still a little skeptical, Donaldson came to a series of meetings held by evangelist Dale Pollet.

“When I went to those meetings, the Word of God came alive for me like it never had before,” Jeff remembers.

All the tidbits of truth that he had gathered throughout all his years of studying the Bible began to fit together like pieces of a spiritual puzzle.

“It was like God had taken a thread and loosely tied together every



Jeff and Melissa Donaldson on their wedding day.

experience in my life. When I went to Dale’s meetings, God cinched that thread together and everything finally came full circle. It all made sense,” he explains.

During one night of the series, the evangelist gave a call that touched Jeff’s heart. He determined that he would respond to the call for baptism no matter what his

family or friends would think. It was then that he felt his wife’s hand grab his. Not knowing how Melissa had been responding to the message and thinking that she was trying prevent him from answering the call, Jeff quickly jerked his hand away.

“No,” she explained, “I want to go *with* you to the altar!”

Filled with joy for the new-found truth, and love for their new-found Savior, the two newlyweds were baptized together at the end of that evangelistic series. Sixteen years later, Jeff Donaldson is a pastor at the Orangeburg and West Columbia Seventh-day Adventist churches. Last Fall, things once again came full circle for Jeff as he was able to partner with Dale Pollet, the evangelist who had led him into the church 16 years earlier, in an evangelistic series that led many souls to Christ.

For the Donaldsons there was no turning back.

by Kara Holland

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His Search is Over

Throughout Jeff's young life, he tried to make sense of it on his own, but an evangelistic series made all the pieces fall into place.



He Found Peace

After battling with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder from his war experience, God's peace was just what Frankie Scott needed.



She Found Her Voice

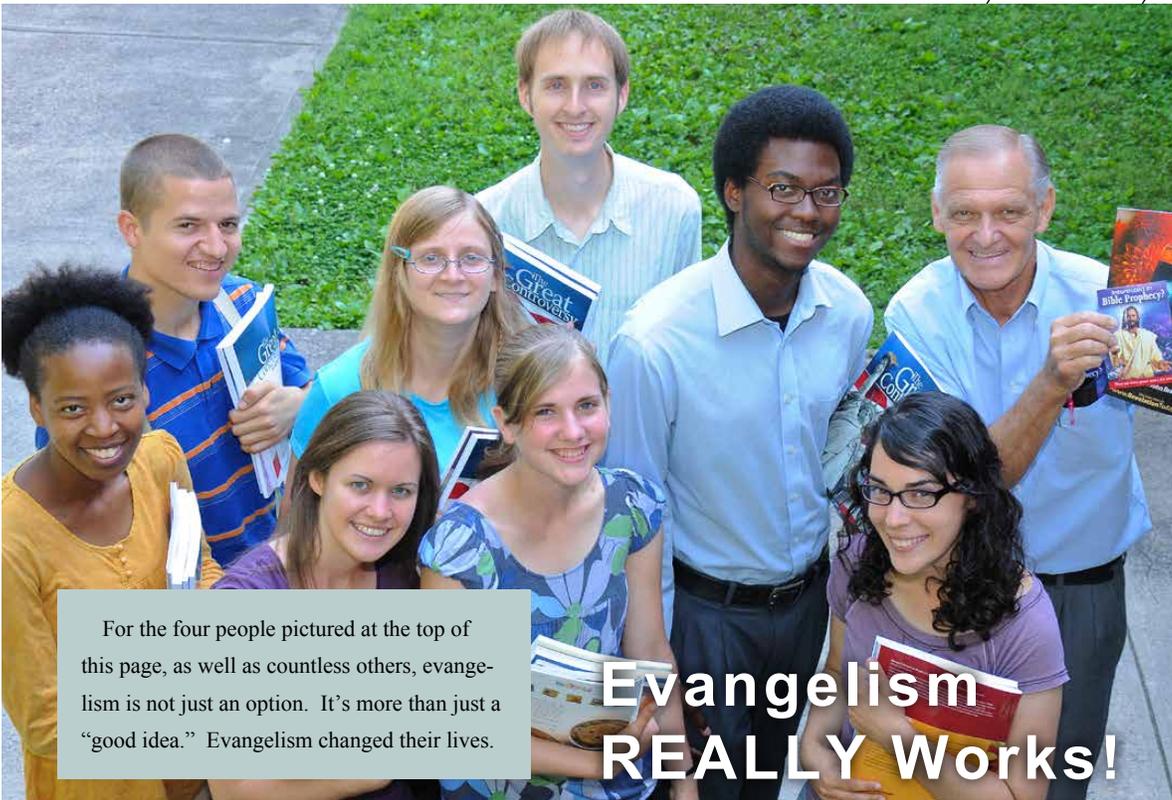
Lulami loves music. She grew up knowing about the Adventists and their beautiful music, and now she has her own song of praise to sing.



She Found Stability

Martha Benton had changed jobs, houses, and churches more than she could count. Now she has finally found a place to call home.

Carolina EVANGELISM



For the four people pictured at the top of this page, as well as countless others, evangelism is not just an option. It's more than just a "good idea." Evangelism changed their lives.

Evangelism REALLY Works!

OFFERING GOAL FOR 2013: \$1460,000

TOTAL SO FAR: \$123,151.91!

FAITH GOAL: \$160,000!

Do you want to be involved in the saving of a soul? Do you want to guide people from their broken lives to the One who can heal them? Get involved with evangelism! It doesn't matter who you are, what your talents are or what your profession is. YOU are called to evangelism.

This year, make it your mission to get involved. Give Bible studies. Share your faith with whomever you encounter. Make evangelism your way of life. Remember, you are an ambassador for Christ.

If you would like to contribute to Carolina Evangelism, please fill out the enclosed envelope and mail it in. Thank you for giving!

2013 Events (BY STARTING DATE)

SEPTEMBER		5	Clemson
5	Fairview	6	Prince Emmanuel Co.
6	Waynesville	6	Raleigh North
19	Wilson First	19	Raleigh Spanish
20	Mills River	25	Sylva
21	Asheboro Spanish Co.	NOVEMBER	
21	Biscoe Spanish	2	Durham Spanish
28	Greenville, NC, Spanish	16	Henderson Spanish Co.
OCTOBER		DECEMBER	
4	Aiken Church	7	Carrboro Spanish Group
5	Charlotte Spanish	13	Statesville

Evangelism Works... Meet Martha Benton

Martha was a church-hopper.

Throughout her life, she had been a member of just about every Christian denomination there was. She had a passion for the scriptures, but somehow each church didn't feel right.

Her personal and professional lives were also on shaky ground. As a single mother of four, Martha spent her life working hard to pay the bills at a series of unstable jobs. She had to move frequently, so she longed for a steady place to call home. In Spring of 2012, Martha found herself living in the midst of a run-down trailer park in a decaying trailer.

"I didn't know where to turn," she recalls. "But I knew I couldn't keep living the way I was living."

Martha poured out her heart to God. She prayed for two things: a reliable home and the filling of her spiritual emptiness.

The next morning Martha received

a call saying that she was accepted into an assisted living facility that she had applied to months earlier. What an answer to prayer! Would God answer the second part of her prayer as well?

Soon, Martha received a card in the mail inviting her to attend a series



entitled *Prophecy Decoded* with evangelist Ron Clouzet. Always interested in the Bible, Martha's curiosity was sparked, but she set the card down, letting it get sucked into the sea of papers on her desk. Eventually the little invi-

tation caught her attention once more. This time she didn't say no.

From the first night on, Martha was hooked. She appreciated that Pastor Clouzet was not giving his own interpretations of scripture, but was substantiating everything from history.

"Even though I thought I knew the Bible," she said, "I found out I really didn't." God had heard the cry of her heart and had given her an answer to her emptiness.

Martha was baptized shortly after the culmination of the series and is currently a member of the Fairview Adventist church.

Her wandering days are over. At age 73, Martha is finally home...and she never wants to move again.

by Kara Holland

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Evangelism Works... Meet Jerald and Valerie

Jerald and Valerie had been looking for love in all the wrong places.

As a child, Jerald had never heard the word "love," nor had he felt it in his family. At 17, he began to focus all his energies into motorcycling, trying to find solace living the wild life. His search for belonging led him to a group of outlaw riders who were just as miserable and destitute as he was.

"But God had my number," Jerald said.

Whatever love Valerie experienced as a child was overshadowed by deep losses. After losing her father to a gunshot wound, in addition to the deaths of two siblings, Valerie's heart yearned for love and belonging that she was not getting from her home life. She got involved in witchcraft and began practicing demonic activities. Her search for acceptance led her to enter a sisterhood of witches.

"Those were dark—very dark—years in my experience," she remembers.

But even then God was planting

seeds in their lives. Looking back, Jerald sees God's loving hand all throughout his past – protecting him during high-speed motorcycle crashes and life-threatening outlaw ambushes.

About four years ago Jerald and Valerie met, and together began searching for the Light. They attended various



churches, but often felt that their many questions remained unanswered. Somewhere deep inside they still felt an unsatiated desire for belonging.

One day, a friend told them about a revelation seminar that had been going on in the area for the past two weeks.

The couple decided to go.

Both Valerie and Jerald soaked in the new knowledge like a sponge. They immediately quit smoking and drinking, and were thrilled to accept the Sabbath truth. Their hearts were ripe for harvest.

"The pastors did not shy away from answering my questions, like so many others had," Jerald said. "Other pastors would get mad when I asked them something they didn't know."

At the end of the series by Evangelist Dale Pollet and Pastor Jeff Donaldson, the couple was baptized.

"I am now nicotine and caffeine free," Valerie said. "I love not having to depend on those things. Instead I depend on my Lord."

The couple is now involved in prison ministries and ministries that reach the rider/outlaw community.

by Kara Holland

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Randy's young life had been immersed in drug addiction. Drugs were so much a part of his being that he barely knew his own identity.

When Randy was stationed in the army in Korea in 1969, he found himself among a crowd of pot-smokers, which only helped add to his addiction.

"Before I got out of the military I did just about every drug there was," Randy remembers.

When he returned to the States his compulsive behavior toward drugs continued, leading him to a crumbled marriage and years spent in and out of jail. After one particularly long spell in prison, Randy was determined to clean up his life. By then he had three children and wanted to be a good example to them.

Not long after his newfound resolution, a flyer came to his door that would change the course of his life forever. The flyer invited him to a series of Bible prophecy meetings held

at a local motel in his hometown of Statesville, NC. Needless to say, Randy began attending those meetings, and was converted. When he rose from the waters of baptism, his drug addictions ceased to control him: his Lord had set him free. He began a new life in Christ.

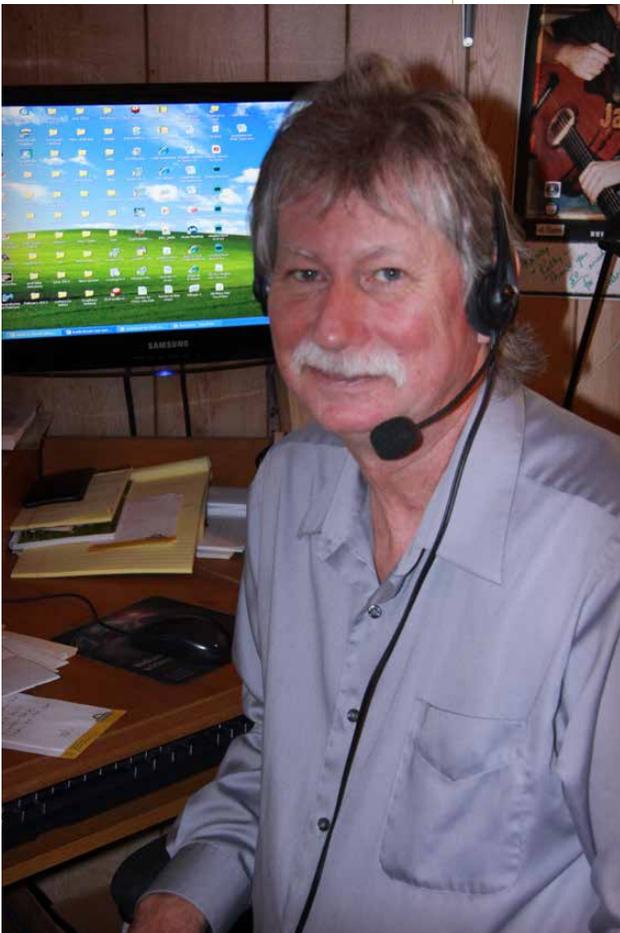
A truck driver by trade, the new Seventh-day Adventist loved to listen to WBAJ, an Adventist radio station in Columbia, SC, whenever he found himself driving a route near there. In his hometown of Statesville there was no Adventist radio station. Randy saw the need and wanted to do something about it. After much planning, praying and promoting, Randy and his church started their own radio station which they called "The Wisdom Hour."

Today, the radio station, which plays a mixture of songs, health talks and spirit-filled messages, is still going strong.

"It is reaching people!" Randy says excitedly.

Announcements on "The Wisdom Hour" radio station brought 10 people to the last evangelistic series held at the their church. Several of those who came were baptized.

"If it wasn't for those radio stations or those flyers, none of us would be here today," Randy says. He is thrilled to be



involved with a work that makes a difference.

*by Kara Holland
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Evangelism Works... Meet Randy Bowen

In his hometown of Statesville, North Carolina, there was no radio station. Randy saw the need, and wanted to do something about it.

Theresa Mae Crews Turns 100

Theresa Mae Crews has a big reason to be thankful this year. On May 31, 2013, she turned 100 years old.

Born in Belleville, MI, Theresa later moved to Chicago to complete her studies at the Hinsdale School of Nursing. Her example as a nurse later inspired her three younger sisters and two cousins to also adopt the nursing profession.

Theresa's encouraging spirit did not stop there. While married to John Crews, she faithfully supported him as he went through medical school at Loma Linda University, putting off her own desires of starting a family until she was 30 years old.

After John finished medical school the couple moved to Florida to raise their three children: Jerry, Jim, and Jan.

Theresa now resides at Spring Arbor West, an assisted living facility located in Hendersonville, NC, and is a member of the Fletcher church. She has two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Photos contributed

Mount Pisgah's Academy Days

This year's Academy Days at Mount Pisgah, held April 26-28, reached an all-time high of over 120 attendees.



Thanks to Beth Grissom, MPA's Marketing and Recruiting Director, the young people who attended were never bored.

Academy Days began with registration on Friday afternoon and ended with a beautiful vespers program with singing and drama, and a testimony from Michael Brackett, senior pastor of the Mount Pisgah church.

MPA's vocal and hand bell choirs performed for Sabbath School and church.

Sabbath afternoon was a time that I personally will never forget. The

students were divided into groups and went around together to different stations. The stations included activities for team building, drama, singing, Bible trivia and getting to know each other.

Saturday night ended with performances by Creative Ministries and Acro, followed by group games and the infamous Ice Cream Mountain.

On Sunday morning, despite heavy rain, students rushed around auditioning for scholarships in all of MPA's performing organizations. All of the visiting students had positive attitudes, even with the bad weather.

Mount Pisgah Academy wants everyone to have the opportunity to attend their school, so on Sunday afternoon they awarded over \$60,000 in scholarships.

It was definitely a high weekend for the whole campus. We would love to invite all 7th – 11th graders to next year's academy days, April 25-27, 2014.

by Abby King, student



“Salvation for People Like You”

That was the theme of the week of prayer for the Hardeeville and Hilton Head Spanish churches this year.

During the two-week series, Pastor Geomar Pena, from the Dominican Republic, shared messages of faithfulness, trust and forgiveness. He preached one week at each church, and at the end of the two weeks, nearly two dozen people were baptized.

Because the Hardeeville church had burned down last year, they met in a hotel meeting room, and were able to use the hotel’s swimming pool for the baptisms.

by Mary Romero



Myrtle Beach Mortgage Shredding

On September 22, 2012, the Myrtle Beach Seventh-day Adventist Church became debt-free with the shredding of their mortgage. After faithfully chipping away at their mortgage for seven years, the church was ready to finally have a bank account no longer in the red.

Six years ago, in July of 2007, the church of 150 moved into their

new building. Although the immense \$450,000 of their mortgage looked overwhelming to them at first, the small group managed to make some headway, and by December 2011 they had whittled it to only \$75,000. Then an unexpected thing happened—an anonymous donor gave \$56,000. Needless to say, the church members were thrilled and thankful to God for His grace and providence. The unexpected large donation gave them the extra push they needed to pay off

the mortgage, which they paid in full by January of 2012.

To celebrate the momentous occasion the church held a shredding ceremony followed by a large potluck dinner. Two hundred people attended. Tom Hughes, pastor of the Myrtle Beach church; Rick Russell, treasurer of the Carolina Conference; Jim Davidson, secretary of the Southern Union and Leslie Louis, president of the Carolina Conference, all participated in shredding the document.

“It was a wonderful time,” said Christina Krawchuk, communication director of the Myrtle Beach church. “We feel fantastic about having the mortgage paid off!”

by Kara Holland





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CAMP MEETING**
Sept. 28, 2013
Greenville North Church
4658 Reedy Branch Road, Winterville, NC
SS Speaker – Pastor George Wennerberg

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Oct. 5, 2013
Summerville Community Church
520 Gahagan Road, Summerville, SC

SPEAKERS:



**EASTERN CAROLINA
RON SMITH**
President
Southern Union Conference



**LOW COUNTRY
ROGER HERNANDEZ**
Ministerial & Evangelism Director
Southern Union Conference

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Camp Meeting 2013 Follow-Up Stories

Yearly Camp Meeting Tradition Has New Participant

Every year after camp meeting, workers, Conference ministers and other volunteers join together to help pack up the books and food items from the Adventist Christian Book



Center to get them back to Charlotte. It's a big job, and frequently takes the team till the early morning hours to finish it. There is, however, a wonderful sense of camaraderie among workers as they box up the books, CDs and other materials for sale, stack them on pallets and load them onto trucks for the journey home.

This year the ministers looked up from their frenetic work to see that they were joined, not only by our conference leadership includ-

ing Leslie Louis and his wife Carol, Haskell Williams, Gary Moyer and Rick Russell, but by one other servant leader: Elder Ted Wilson. When asked if this reminded him of working with ADRA in the past, Elder Wilson said, "Yes, and with Adventist Book Centers and other responsibilities along the way." The packing and clean-up was accomplished in short order, and with great enthusiasm.

Camp Meeting by Cell Phone

Doris Morgan of the North Augusta Church had been longing to hear Elder Ted Wilson speak at Camp Meeting 2013, but health concerns had kept her from being able to attend. But her daughter, Rosanne Richards, was able to attend. On the final night of the meetings, Rosanne went home early and was going to stream the final message online when she had an idea. Why not hold up her phone up to the computer so that her mother, who did not have Internet access, could hear the message, too? Rosanne called her mother and set the phone up beside her computer. Mrs. Morgan was delighted.

by Kevin Morgan

Carolina Obituaries

ARNOLD, Mary Waters, died May 28, 2013, in Lexington, SC. She was a member of the Columbia First church where she served as Sabbath School director and vespers director for several years. A determined businesswoman, Mary was the first female to own an insurance agency in Augusta, SC, where she spent the majority of her life. Surviving are her husband, Michael C. Arnold; one son, Roger Tant (Diana); one daughter, Angela Key (David); two step-sons, Patrick Arnold (Becky), and Mickey Arnold; one step-daughter, Shannon Blackston (Russell); 16 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

CAIN, Beulah V. Whetstone, 92, born Feb. 1, 1921, in Augusta, GA, died Apr. 20, 2013. Beulah was a member of the Columbia First church. Most of her life she was employed by the Orangeburg Regional Hospital and the State of South Carolina. She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, D.J. Cain, Sr.; her brother, Jim Whetstone; one grandson, and one great-grandson. Surviving are her four daughters, Faye Duane Barrett, Jimmie Marian Story, Matella Rudd and Melissa Ann Denny; three sons, Dolfo Jefferson Cain, Walter Maier Cain and Albert Ryan Cain; 16 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

FARIA, Gloria Jewel Harrison, 86, born Mar. 20, 1927, in Columbia, SC, died May 9, 2013. She was a member of the Columbia First church and worked as a dental assistant most of her life. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward C. Faria; a daughter, Beth Akin; and three brothers. Surviving is her sister, Dawn Trout; two daughters, Bonnie Hagenlocher (Don) and Celeste Maginnis; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

GRANT, Laura Mae (Easler), 83, born Dec. 1, 1929, in Skowhegan, ME, died April 22, 2013, in Hendersonville, NC. Laura Mae was the secretary to the presidents of the Northern New England Conference and Colby College. She was a member of the Dexter, ME, church. Surviving are one brother, Norman Easler; two daughters, Diane Sedgwick (Brent), Deb Campbell (Dennis); three sons, Lawrence Grant (Loretta), Allan Grant (Teri), and Richard Grant; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

HUNT, Genella M. Lowder, 88, born Aug. 21, 1925, in Fletcher, NC, died May 17, 2013, in Chattanooga, TN. She was a member of the Collegedale Church. Genella graduated from the School of Nursing at the Mountain Sanatorium and Hospital in Fletcher, NC. She married Donald Carlton Hunt on June 14, 1947. They served at Bugema Adventist University and Uganda & Kamagambo College in Kenya from 1959

to 1964. She is preceded in death by her grandson, Donald S. Hunt. Surviving are her husband, Donald C. Hunt; a daughter, Donelle Houghton; three sons, Donald C. Hunt, Thomas C. Hunt and Keith L. Hunt; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

ILES, Rosemary Richards, 88, born May 13, 1924, in Gary, IN, died April 29, 2013, in Flat Rock, NC. Mary attended the Hendersonville, NC, church. She served as an accountant for the Far Eastern Division in Singapore and also the Kentucky-Tennessee Book and Bible House in Madison, TN. She married Harold Iles and moved to Glendale, CA, where she was employed by the Southern California Conference in the trust services department. In 1969, she worked for the Greater New York Conference. Mary and her husband retired to Hendersonville, NC, where many years of service were given to the church and community. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold A. Iles; two children, Robert H. Iles and Renee Caldwell; and two brothers, Willie Richards and Even W. Richards. Surviving are her five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

MAPLES, Don, 92, died Feb. 15, 2012. Don served his country honorably in the Army as an engine lathe operator, mechanic and driver. He was a member of the Morganton, NC, church. He was a church historian and provided many stories about his father, Charles Maples, and step-grandfather, Daniel Shireman. Don spent many years as a painter and carpenter before becoming a teacher. He taught in the Adventist educational system for 14 years, teaching middle school, industrial arts and Bible. He was preceded in death by his wife, Edith Bracket Maples. Surviving are three daughters, Gwendolyn Maples, Joyce Maples and Donna Duke; three granddaughters and five great-grandchildren.

OLSON, Robert Wesley, 92, born Oct. 25, 1920, in Oshawa, Ontario, Canada, died April 15, 2013, in Hendersonville, NC. Robert was a member of the Hendersonville, NC, church. Robert graduated from Broadview Academy in 1937. He attended college at EMC, La Sierra and Pacific Union College. In 1943, he married Rowena Macaulay. He taught Bible at Golden Gate Academy. He was ordained to the Gospel ministry in 1946, and taught at the College of Medical Evangelists and at Loma Linda until 1954. This was followed by four years at Newbold College in England as president. In 1960, he became the chairman of the religion department at Pacific Union College. He completed his doctorate from Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Waco, TX. In 1974 he received a call to the White Estate in Tacoma Park, MD. He served there until his retirement in 1990 at age 70. For 12 years he served as director of the

Ellen G. White Estate, succeeding Ellen's grandson, Arthur White. After Rowena passed away, he married Rose Shaffer, who died in 2009. He then married Lorraine. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine Olson; a daughter, Evelyn Georgeson (Keith); a son, Wesley Olson (Judy); three step-daughters, Barbara Stevens (Ray), Sonnie Harp (Herman), and Beverly Wahlne (Lennart); two step-sons, Steve Hudgins (Sherri), Lonnie Hudgins (Barbara); six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

POOLE, Lila Ruth Edgmon Fleenor, 88, of High Point, NC, died Dec. 10, 2012. Lila was a native of North Georgia, and a resident of High point, NC, for 41 years. She attended Southern Missionary College and served as a missionary in South America and Mexico before settling in High Point, where she retired from working as a secretary and bookkeeper. She was preceded in death by her sister Eunice Jenkins and her brothers, John Edgmon and Warren Edgmon. She is survived by her husband, Herman Poole; two daughters, Joyce Fleenor Carbajal and Nancy Fleenor Nelson; a son-in-law, Bloyce Nelson; three stepchildren, Tim Poole, Cynthia Slack and Vicki Walters; three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Dot Fuller (Fred) and Mrs. Skeggs (Bob); and two brothers, Grover Edgmon and Deward Edgmon. *(Reprinted with correction.)*

Carolina Conference Calendar

JULY

Adult SS Teacher Training26-28. NPR.
Master Guide Campout26-28. NPR.

AUGUST

Carolina Teachers Convention ... Aug. 1-5. NPR.
Pathfinder/Adventurer Leadership Conv .. 23-25. NPR.
Hispanic Men's Retreat 30-Sept.1. NPR.

SEPTEMBER

Church Official Training Seminar.....13-15. NPR.
Carolina Prayer Festival ..13-14. Hendersonville.
Featuring Elder Dennis Smith.
Eastern Carolina Camp Meeting28.
Greenville North church. Speaker – Dr. Ron Smith, Southern Union President.

OCTOBER

Low Country Camp Meeting5. Summerville
Community Church. Speaker – Elder Roger Hernandez, Southern Union Ministerial Director.
Revelation Today with John Bradshaw..... 11-31.
Ovens Auditorium in Charlotte NC. Discover more at: www.revelationtoday.com.

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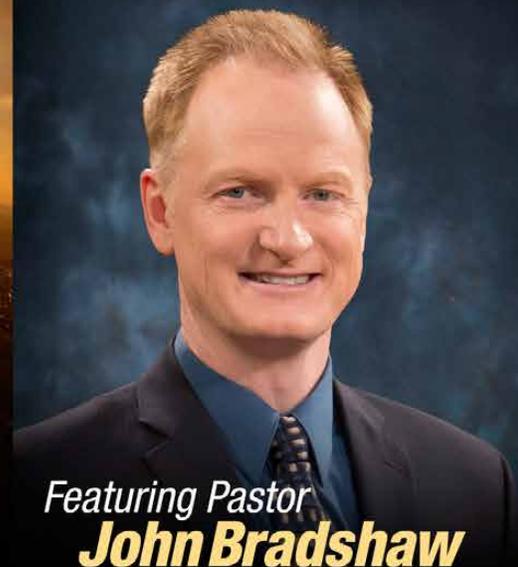
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