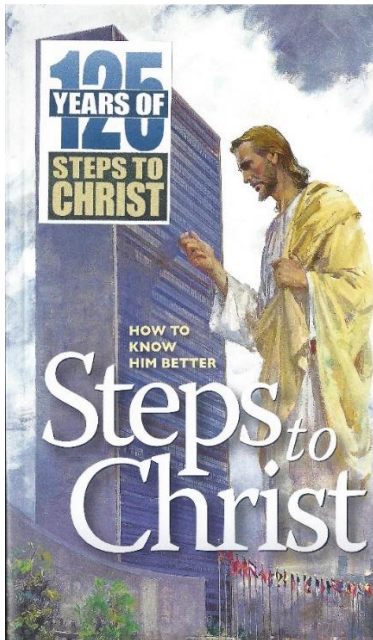


March, 2017

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

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

1. STEPS TO CHRIST ~ A COMMEMORATIVE PRAYER ~ 125 YEARS OF INSPIRATION



In 1892 during her years of service for pioneering the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Australia, Ellen White penned one of the most powerful books to unite the lives of men and women to Jesus as their Savior and also as their Lord. For 125 years *Steps to Christ* has been a landmark publication that has encircled the globe and has been translated into more languages than any other of her books. It would certainly not be an exaggeration to say that this book has made its way into the hands and hearts of millions as an evangelistic core of our spirituality as Christians.

As an initiative of the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, every member is being asked to read or re-read this simple publication in commemoration of this special anniversary year and then share the book with someone as a witness.

This year – 2017 – will mark a special moment and milestone for God's work in the Carolinas. We will have crossed a threshold of 23,000 members being part of God's remnant church who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ – a people whose longing is to see Jesus and be at home with Him throughout the ceaseless ages.

What if this year – 2017 – on this 125th anniversary of *Steps to Christ*, every member of God's family in Carolina and throughout North America read and distributed just one copy of *Steps to Christ* to a searching heart? That doesn't even take into consideration the millions upon millions of our brothers and sisters around the world who could join us in doing the same. Wow! What an amazing impact we could have for the cause of Christ in just this year! Let's truly pray for this.

Consider the beauty, passion, and power of just one sampling from this precious publication:

"Keep your wants, your joys, your sorrows, your cares, and your fears before God. You cannot burden Him; you cannot weary Him. He who numbers the hairs of your head is not indifferent to the wants of His children. "The Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy." James 5:11." (Page 100)

2. A PRAYER FOR SOUTHERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY'S SCHOOL OF NURSING

As an alumnus of Southern Adventist University (SAU), I am truly honored to serve as a member on its Board of Trustees. Last month, I was asked by Dr. Ron Smith, the chair of this board, to lead out in a special prayer on behalf of a special challenge that is facing our School of Nursing.

Southern is blessed with an experienced and effective faculty and staff, including their School of Nursing. Dr. Dave Smith, the newly elected President of Southern Adventist University, asks that we share these positives along with our prayers to meet the challenge before us. It is our sacred responsibility to champion God's institution along with the academic programs offered to its students.

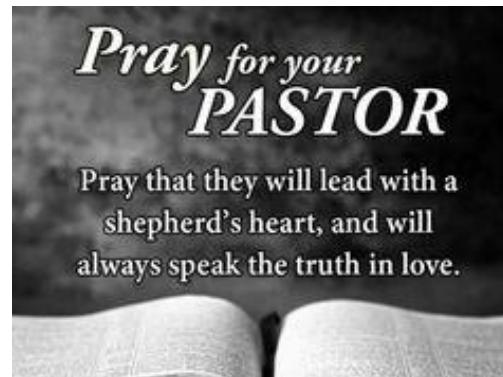


- **Here's the challenge:** The Tennessee State Board of Nursing has suspended Southern Adventist University from accepting new students in the AS Nursing program for the fall of 2017. The basic reason for this is that students graduating from the AS Nursing program at Southern have not met the annual average pass rate for students' first attempt taking the NCLEX-RN at or above 85% for three consecutive years. The first attempt pass rate in 2016 was 82%. There are a variety of complex issues that have impacted us from not reaching this expected benchmark set by the state. The annual average pass rate for students' first attempt taking the NCLEX-RN for 2017 must be at or above 85% for this suspension to be lifted in order to re-establish the AS Nursing Program at SAU – hopefully in the fall of 2018.
- Efforts to improve SAU's NCLEX first-attempt pass rates will continue, and faculty foresee good results from our graduates taking the exam this year. Let's join in prayer to see this suspension as a temporary measure that will be lifted after new procedures are established to remedy the issues facing the AS Nursing Program.
- Please be assured that this decision does not impact their RN-BS, MSN, or DNP programs in any way,
- Also this decision is also NOT related to accreditation. SAU's School of Nursing has maintained continuous accreditation from a professional nursing accreditor since 1962. As a member of the Board of Trustees, I can verify that SAU is still current and in good standing with all its degree programs.

Thank you for making this matter one of earnest prayer in your petitions before the Lord this month.

3. PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH DISTRICTS & PASTORS

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



This was the experience of Christ’s faithful disciples as they met in earnest prayer in that upper room as described in Acts 1:14. Let’s pray for a genuine revival in these churches uplifting them and each pastor by name:

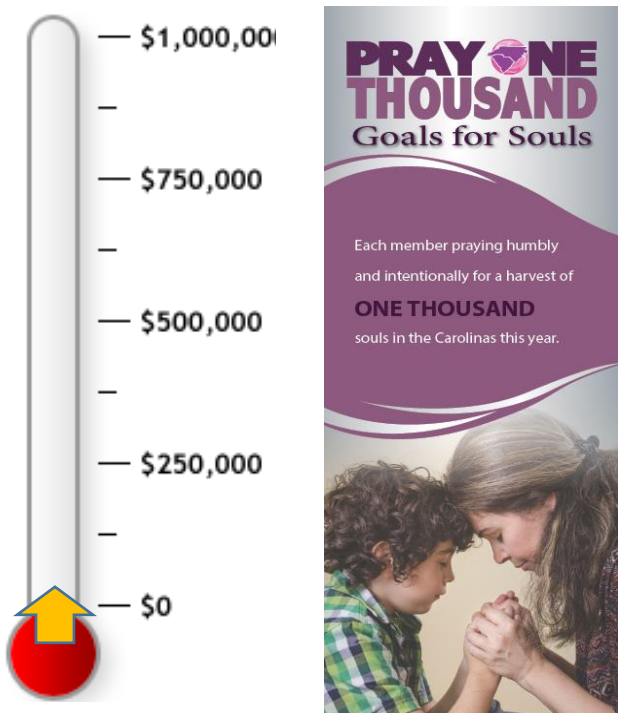
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North August SDA Church Aitken SDA Church	Pastor Ben Rueda
Roanoke Rapids-Roanoke Valley SDA Church Rocky Mount SDA Church	Pastor Jeff Sagala
Raeford Spanish SDA Church Fayetteville Spanish SDA Church Saint Paul’s Spanish SDA Church Sanford Spanish Church	Pastor Elias Sandoval
Swannanoa Spanish SDA Company Forest City Spanish SDA Group Asheville Spanish SDA Mission Group Spartanburg Spanish Church Hendersonville Spanish SDA Church	Pastor Moises Sauza
Asheville North SDA Church	Pastor Bob Self
High Point SDA Church	Pastor Laurentiu Serban
Sylva SDA Church Waynesville SDA Church	Pastor Tim Sheridan
New Bern Karen SDA Group Columbia Karen SDA Group Karen-Chapel Hill SDA Church	Pastor Jimmy Shwe
Clemmons SDA Fellowship Church Winston-Salem First SDA Church Wilson First SDA Church	Pastor Arthur Stagg, Jr. Pastor Ric Swaningson

4. PRAYING FOR **957** MORE CAROLINA ADVENTISTS WHO ARE WILLING TO COMMIT TO OUR MILLION DOLLAR EVANGELISM INITIATIVE!

One of my favorite sermons to preach is entitled: *“It’s the Only Thing!”* The only thing that we exist for as a church is to do everything we can in seeking lost souls and leading them to accept Jesus as their Savior and Lord. Over the past ten years, I have held at least one evangelistic effort every year with results from one baptism to over 30 in an effort. The results of these efforts



belong to the convicting power of the Holy Spirit and receptive hearts. I desire to remain committed to doing my part for Christ in is calling in my life. Yes, we must certainly fulfill the social gospel of Matthew 25 in touching people’s lives with the compassionate care of Christ. However, we also are called to fulfill the sacred commission of proclaiming the gospel and teaching of Scriptures as recorded in Jesus’ closing words to His disciples.



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

I’m asking you to join me in praying for the convicting power of the Holy Spirit to reach at least 1000 individuals or couples out of the almost 23,000 who are listed as members of the 153 churches and companies of the Carolinas -- People who believe with all their heart that Jesus is truly coming soon – so much so that we will become part of a growing number who will invest \$1,000 a year as an offering for Evangelism till we see Him face to face in all His glory.

So how did I come up with the number – 957? As of the end of January, we have raised \$43,000 for evangelism in 2017. That’s equivalent to 43 giving units in Carolina of \$1,000 each! So we have 957 more hearts to reach before the end of the year. Although that’s put us considerably behind our goal compared to where we were last year, remember this year’s Super Bowl? When it looked like an absolutely hopeless cause for the New England Patriots, they rallied to win the game in a stunning and completely unexpected defeat of the Atlanta Falcons. THERE’S ALWAYS HOPE!!

Let’s pray for an amazing victory for evangelism in 2017. One Million Dollars and One Thousand Souls for Christ’s Kingdom in the Carolinas! **Oh what glory that will be for HIM!**

5. REMEMBERING AND KEEPING IN FOCUS OUR 2020 VISION

VISION VII: EXPANDING OUR PUBLISHING MINISTRY

PRAY AND COMMIT to enrich expanding the work of our publishing ministry in the distribution of truth-filled literature by:



- Promote a visible display of a Glow Tract Rack in every Carolina Church for members to utilize in sharing seeds of truth in every church community across North and South Carolina.

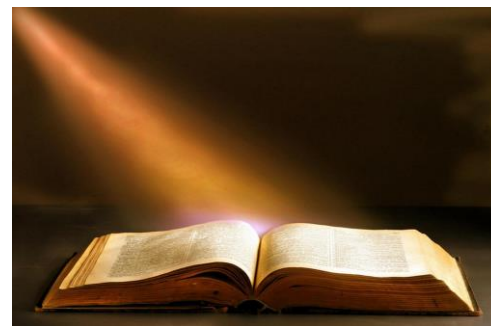
- Develop the Magabook program to include and demonstrate a growing number of students from our church schools and academies in our conference territory in conjunction with an annual rate of increased sales.

- Support the work of our dedicated full-time literature evangelists by adding a full-time field district leader.
We have accomplished this by adding Pastor Rubi Pimentel as our new Associate Director of Publishing.

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

6. SATURATED WITH THE WORD

Beginning with this issue of the *President’s Prayer Partners*, we again invite you to truly be a people of the Word. As Seventh-day Adventists we embrace 28 Fundamental truths that are based on the Bible alone. During the coming months, we will focus on four passages of scripture each month that are foundational to each of our fundamental beliefs. Here’s our third set of 4 memory passages for this year to coincide with our third fundamental belief as Adventists. **Let’s place His Word prayerfully in our hearts each day of this month.**



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

Of course, you can always choose to do more. Prayerfully consider how you can saturate your soul and make His Word a part of your heart every day. **FUNDAMENTAL BELIEF # 3: The Father: God the eternal Father is the Creator, Source, Sustainer, and Sovereign of all creation. He is just and holy, merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.**

- A. **Genesis 1:1 (NKJV)** - *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*
- B. **Deuteronomy 4:35 (NKJV)** - *“To you it was shown that you might know that the Lord Himself is God; there is none besides Him.”*
- C. **I Timothy 1:17 (NKJV)** - *“Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God alone who is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever.*
- D. **I John 4: 7-8 (NKJV)** - *“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.”*



7. GOD’S LEADERS IN THE NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH:



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

Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists		Dave Weigley, President
a. March 5-11	Ohio Conference	Ron Halvorsen, Jr. President
b. March 12-18	Pennsylvania Conference	Gary Gibbs, President
c. March 19-25	Potomac	Bill Miller, President
Lake Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists		Don Livesay, President
d. March 26 – April 1	Illinois Conference	Raymond Pichette. President
e. April 2 – 8	Indiana Conference	Steve Poenitz, President

Photos of each of these leaders is provided below for your reference



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