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## An Education with Eternity in Mind

### Korah, Dathan, Abiram, and On. Ever heard of those names in the Bible?



In Numbers the 16th chapter (verses 1-3), we read the account of these four men. After receiving the tragic news that they would not be permitted to enter into the Promised Land for their repeated grumbling against the Lord, these

four, under the leadership of Korah, instigated 250 others to join them in a coup for control. The plans of Dathan, Abiram and Korah were extinguished by a one-of-a-kind event: the earth opened and swallowed them up. We don't really know what happened to On. (Perhaps he just changed his mind and moved *on*. Sorry, I couldn't resist that!)

Even though Korah was foolish with his own life, his children were protected from his foolishness, and they were not near him on that fateful day. Numbers 26: 9-11 confirms this with these words, "Nevertheless the children of Korah did not die."

God loves His children. Parents and church family, you and I will be held accountable to God for the way we raise them. The decisions we make will, to a great degree, determine their destiny.

You may ask, what became of Korah's children? Did you know that the Sons of Korah are credited with writing 11 of the Psalms in our Bibles? And if you read I Chronicles 6:33-38 you will discover who was a 9th generation descendant, a great-great-great-great-great-great-grandson of Korah. It's none other than the boy Samuel, who would become the last of Israel's judges and the prophet who anointed the first and second kings of Israel, Saul and David. It was by divine guidance that Samuel was led to establish the schools of the prophets, the first prototypes of our church schools.

In her landmark book on the subject of education, Ellen White penned the real mission of the schools of the prophets. I suggest that this is the primary purpose and function of our Adventist schools around the world, including every one of our church schools across North and South Carolina:

"These schools were intended to serve as a

barrier against the wide-spreading corruption, to provide for the mental and spiritual welfare of the youth, and to promote the prosperity of the nation by furnishing it with men qualified to act in the fear of God as leaders and counselors," *Education*, p. 46.

From the dawn of the Advent movement, Seventh-day Adventist education has played a paramount role in the fulfillment of Christ's calling, and His commission to the message and mission of His Remnant church. With humble beginnings in North America, this ministry has encircled the globe to become the second largest parochial school system in the entire world. This was no accident. It has happened over the span of almost 150 years. By the grace of God, it has impacted not only everyone who is a worker for the church, but also a much wider body of believers in virtually every continent on earth.

As a student, I have experienced a one-teacher, multi-grade classroom as well as schools with much larger classrooms. From elementary school, through academy, and on to college and university, I stand today as a witness to the power of Adventist Christian education, both in my personal life and as a lifelong believer and worker for the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

"The subject of education is one that should interest every Seventh-day Adventist. The Lord says to us, Seventh-day Adventists are not to place themselves under the counsel and instruction of teachers who know not the truth for this time," *Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students*, p. 401.

God's messenger wanted us to know that, "In the highest sense the work of education and the work of redemption are one."

A few months ago, as we turned our calendars to the month of August, the church school teachers of this conference began the longest ongoing evangelistic campaign of this year. For 180 days—at least 1,080 hours of direct contact a year—these teachers will be guiding and directing the hearts and minds of our children and youth to Jesus Christ as their loving Savior and the Lord of their lives.

Let's continue to uplift our Adventist schools, teachers, parents, and students in our daily prayers. Let's support initiatives such as Touch a Life at MPA, which sponsor precious students who need an education that not only prepares them with knowledge about this life, but keeps eternity in mind.

—Leslie D. Louis

*Your servant leader for the Lord*



FROM THE  
PRESIDENT'S PEN





## Generation of Youth for Christ Carolina ON A MISSION TO KENTUCKY

From August 1-4, over a dozen young people and sponsors from North and South Carolina served the McCreary County community in Kentucky with several different service projects. Through their Christ-centered attitudes, the know-how of several sponsors, and the grace of God, the group was able to finish five projects in just two and a half days. Volunteers painted the home of an elderly man, did yard work at the homes of several elderly women, cleaned out a rat-infested home, fixed a major leak in the main water line of the Stearns Seventh-day Adventist Church, and hosted a successful and fun Vacation Bible School for the children of the Monticello Adventist Church.

Another opportunity for service came through working alongside Kristina and Daniel McFeeters in their ministry. Kristina McFeeter serves the community of Whitley City (the county seat) by running

a vegetarian cafe called Kristina's Kitchen. She serves vegetarian meals, holds monthly cooking classes, and maintains a food delivery route every Thursday. Pastor Daniel is the pastor of four churches in the area, so they are both very active in their church activities.

It was amazing to see everyone on the trip quickly learn how to work



photos contributed

well with each other, and to observe new friendships being formed. Beyond these new relationships with each other, the young people also

grew closer to Christ through this mission experience.

As the trip came to a close, it was evident that God was moving.

It was amazing to see the impact

this short time made on everyone involved, community and participants alike.

G-ENERATION (Finishing the work in this generation)

Y-OUTH (Youth-initiated and led movement taking an active role in the Lord's work)

C-HRIST (Jesus at the center of it all)

To learn more about GYC Carolina, check out their website at [www.gyccarolina.org](http://www.gyccarolina.org).

—by Macaela Strother



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## as I AM

As I AM: This video/podcast series simply highlights individuals whose gripping testimonies prove that no matter who we are, we all have struggles, but through Christ we overcome. Series one focuses on our Carolina Conference leadership.



## TINY CHAIR TALKS

TINY CHAIR TALKS: This video series with host Ray Gray takes a head-on approach to “elephant in the room” subjects, but with a twist.



## Forward

A Project ReFRESH Blog

FORWARD: A blog—written in a relatable, fresh style by Ryan Hodgins—that will be a weekly must on the to-do list. Use it for a morning devotional, or as motivation when you feel you need to move Forward.



## THE LOOP

THE LOOP: A vlog about “adulting,” with how-tos that take the mystery out of tasks such as buying a car, dealing with insurance and creating a budget.



ECHO: A simultaneous podcast/video series, Echo brings together different viewpoints, but finds common ground on difficult topics. This series features Ryan Becker as host.



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## Project ReFRESH: A Dynamic New Media Project for the Young Adults of the Carolinas

A great new online enterprise for young people is ready to launch! Five new video series, six podcasts, a blog, and a myriad of other social media content is currently being produced for the young people of our conference by the Carolina Conference Communications Department.

As with many other denominations, there has been a growing divide between the younger and older church members in the Adventist Church, and recently those differing views have created tension, a lack of trust and as a result, a loss of communication. We have noticed the absence of young adults within the church, and we want to let them know we miss them and care about them.

So we developed Project: ReFRESH, a digital platform which speaks of our church family's values within the relevance of a young person's experi-

ences. We want to minister to them on a real level.

If you visit our website at [theprojectrefresh.org](http://theprojectrefresh.org) you will find a variety of content. There are currently five video series in production and six podcasts, a blog, and a myriad of social media content. Offerings include: As I AM, Tiny Chair Talks, Forward, The Loop, and Echo (see descriptions on previous page). Other podcasts include Walking Free, a podcast for young men that offers tools to navigate the landmines surrounding today's Christian and Kathy's Kids Storytime, a popular podcast that provides simple Christian stories for young children.

We have also created a conference-wide young adult/youth event calendar and an online survey to give us input on the content we should create, and receive feedback on our young people's experiences and interactions with the

church and Adventist beliefs. We simply want to get to know them better. If you are a youth/young adult ministry leader, we solicit your support and feedback as well.

We hope Project: ReFRESH will initiate personal conversation and dialogue among all ages everywhere, with the ultimate goal of inspiring revival and reunion within our church family. Join us, make a difference with us, communicate with us — and be heard — as together we prepare for our common goal: going home with the Lord when He returns.

This is just the beginning.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the creation and/or management of media content. You can contact the Communication Department at [communication@carolinasda.org](mailto:communication@carolinasda.org) or call us at (704) 596-3200.

—by *Chevon Petgrave and Becky Carpenter*

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# KEEPING A FOCUS ON OUR 20/20 VISION

## FOR THE CAROLINA CONFERENCE

### VISION II: WELCOME TRAVELING PILGRIMS

**PRAY AND COMMIT** to placing attractive and updated welcome billboards from the Seventh-day Adventist Church at every Interstate entry point into North and South Carolina.

My fellow members, we are now in the second cycle of sharing each of the seven visionary goals we established at the 2016 Carolina Conference session.

Our second visionary goal is to welcome traveling pilgrims into our Conference territory with attractive and updated billboards that display an invitational greeting from the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The goal is to place these billboards, which include our website, at various interstate entry points into North and South Carolina.

We currently have nine Interstate entry points on East-West bound Interstates 40

and 26, as well as North-South Bound Interstates 77, 85, and 95 in North Carolina. In South Carolina we currently have seven Interstate entry points on East-West bound Interstates 20 and 26 as well as North-South bound Interstates 77, 85, and 95. Based on availability near entry points and reasonable budgetary investments, the administration of the Conference has agreed to enter into two leasing contracts with a commercial firm authorized by the Southern Union Conference for the design work, installation and maintenance of this signage. It is our intent to

move these signs annually as other locations are available. Currently we have a billboard at the entrance to North Carolina on I-95 south bound from Virginia. The second sign is also on I-95, visible as you enter South Carolina from North Carolina.

The photo used on this billboard presents a welcoming church with a multi-ethnic and multi-generational approach in its mission and outreach. Why focus on people? Perhaps the words of this song by the three ladies known as Point of Grace say it best: “God loves people more than anything. God loves people more than anything. More than anything, He wants them to know, He’d rather die than let them go, ‘cause God loves people more than anything.”

Remember that little children’s song, This Little Light of Mine?

“This little light of mine;  
I’m going to let it shine;  
All around the neighborhood,  
I’m going to let it shine.  
Hide it under a bushel—no!  
I’m going to let it shine;  
Let it shine till Jesus comes,  
I’m going to let it shine.”

There are many who have never heard of Seventh-day Adventists, and many others who have misperceptions of who we are. It is time for us to courageously herald—and truly be grateful for—how God has guided and blessed this church, and present a torch of warm and inviting truth to every traveling pilgrim through our beautiful states of North and South Carolina.

—Leslie D. Louis, president, a servant leader for the Lord



# Southern Student Uses Construction Gifts for God

Rachel Joyner, a member of the Beaufort Seventh-day Adventist Church in South Carolina, never planned on becoming a welder. When she was in ninth grade, her mother urged her to learn a trade. As a joke, Joyner picked welding but surprised herself by quickly falling in love with it. She became a certified welder in tenth grade and continued studying welding until her senior year when she worked as the teacher's assistant.

In eleventh grade, she got a job as an intern at Neal's Construction, LLC,

about making new friends. One of her teachers suggested an overseas mission trip, and after that she couldn't get the idea out of her head.

"Lots of people kept talking about how they went on mission trips and saw life completely differently when they returned," says Joyner. "I didn't

sermons. Joyner had always enjoyed public speaking, so she was right in her element as she shared the good news about Jesus, salvation, and life after death. She was astonished at the warm welcome she received and how quickly she bonded with both the locals and her fellow evangelists. After she got home, she finally understood what mission trips were all about.

"I gained real perspective," she says. "I had been complaining about things like wanting a new car, and here were these people wondering where their next meal was coming from. It was a real eye-opener."

After Rachel got home, she kept in touch with her friends from Mexico via text and regularly spent time with her Southern mission trip buddies. Now that she had a tight circle of friends, it was easier to make even more, and she began to feel truly comfortable on campus.

She loved her mission trip experience so much that she wanted to go on another one as soon as possible. So this past summer she went with ERC to Savanna-la-mar, Jamaica, (above, left) where she preached 12 sermons. Currently a sophomore, she hopes to go on a third mission trip during spring break of 2019.

"Although I will graduate in 2020, I want mission trips to remain a big part of my life," says Joyner. "I want to go back to Mexico and Jamaica and rebuild their churches, giving them a sturdy place where they can safely worship. My teachers here at Southern always encourage me to use my skills to serve God and do my best, and that is what I plan to do."

—by Angela Baerg



Rachel, pictured center, striped dress, with her new friends in Cancun, Mexico.

and enjoyed it so much that she decided to earn a bachelor's degree in construction management at Southern Adventist University. When Joyner first arrived on campus, she was shy, homesick, and unsure of how to go

understand what they meant by that, and I wanted to find out."

During spring break of her freshman year, she went with Southern's Evangelistic Resource Center (ERC) to Cancun, Mexico, to preach six

photos contributed





## Newly designed spaces at the MPA Girls Dorm

*A place to rest and be refreshed*

Mount Pisgah Academy is a home away from home for those who attend, and often continues to hold a special place in the hearts of students and staff long after they are gone.

For Jeanette (Frescino) McElroy, the love for Mount Pisgah Academy (MPA) and its students first grew in her heart when she served there as assistant dean of girls from 2014-2015. While at MPA, she enjoyed spending time with the girls in the dorm and when she left, treasured the hope that she could come back one day and make the space extra special. This summer, Jeanette was able to do just that. She became aware of a need in the girls' dorm and was delighted to have the chance to return and help.

"She really wanted to do something for the girls!" said the current dean, Donna Robertson. "Even though she didn't know this particular group of girls, she has a love for the girls and wanted to do something special for them."

Jeanette and her husband, Cody, donated supplies to redecorate two of the most commonly used rooms in the dorm: the

lounge and the workout room. Jeanette put in many hours of hard work with the help of Tammy Vaughan ('83, mother of two MPA alumni), Tyler Ellis (MPA assistant dean of boys from 2010-2011), and Eileen Fuller (mother of two MPA alumni) to make both rooms "more girly and inviting." Their effort was made with the hope that these would be places the girls could rest and be refreshed.

Both rooms were painted and 48 ceiling tiles were replaced. The workout room was outfitted with new free weights, kettlebells, and workout DVDs. Others joined in to help with the renovations and make donations: Jo Ottinger, MPA chaplain, and his wife Paula donated a weight bench; Bob and Tammy Vaughan donated a flat screen TV; and Southern Adventist University donated two elliptical machines. In the lounge, café lights were hung, a popcorn maker was installed, a mini natural nail salon was set up, and new DVDs were added to the library.

The new rooms were unveiled to the girls during a special ceremony, and they were all ecstatic to see the improvements.

"The girls thought it was awesome! They loved it," says Dean Robertson.

*Photos by Bob Vaughan*



The girls have immensely enjoyed using the new rooms and have already created many happy memories there!

Mount Pisgah Academy is blessed to have had the support of their alumni, staff, and community to make these improvements a reality. They hope these new spaces will promote both physical fitness and Christian fellowship for the residents living in the girls dorm at MPA.

To learn more about Mount Pisgah Academy and the quality education it provides, visit [www.pisgah.us](http://www.pisgah.us). Jesus truly does live at Mount Pisgah Academy.

—by Katie Anderson





photos by Courtney Herod

# TRIAD ADVENTIST FELLOWSHIP Reaches Church Status

**T**riad Fellowship has been one of the most successful church plants to come out of the Carolina Conference. They have blown through each of the stages of a church plant, gaining momentum with each one. Only a few years old, and having started with 12 individuals and prayer, the Triad Fellowship has now grown to nearly 150 members.

July 7, 2018, was, in the fullest sense, a high Sabbath, as friends and family from other churches (including Kernersville, their “Mother Church”) joined Triad members to celebrate their change of status. Members of the Carolina Conference

leadership presented the church with a commemorative certificate and a financial gift. Elder Leslie Louis, president of the Carolina Conference, spoke about this church’s important role as a “lighthouse” in their community.

This church is quite active in their community, participating in feeding the needy, small groups, a thriving young adult group and a variety of other ministries that their members are eager to tell you about. You can ask any one of them to describe “home,” and without pausing they will tell you that that they have found one in the community of the Triad Adventist Fellowship Church.

—by Courtney Herod







photos by Richard Sundin

## NEW PLAYGROUND for ACA Raleigh

On Sabbath, September 8, 2018, the congregation, parents, students and supporters of Raleigh Adventist Church and their church school, Adventist Christian Academy (ACA), celebrated the official opening of the campus playground with a prayer dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Led by Senior Pastor Jeff Crain, Dewald Coezyter, principal, and School Board Chairman Gene Joslyn, the ceremony marks the conclusion of the Home and School Playground Rebuild Fundraising Project that first began six years ago (with Connie Bernard, Jennifer Scott-Gurkin, Michelle Joslyn, Heather Chase, recording artist Dee Batayah D. Strong II, Kelli Vaughn Gohrs, Jenny Horton, Julie Gurkin-Pounds and Pamela Keels-Phillips, current H&S Leader.)

The new playground is now easily the main attraction in the school yard. Installed by Barrs Recreation of Raleigh, the playground is designed for ages 5-12 to daily enhance their sense of physical abilities, creativity and socialization. ACA now has play space that meets the diverse needs of the students, including a six-seat swing set, climbing wall, slide, monkey bars, tether ball pole, buddy benches and spinners to challenge their physical comfort zones. Children of this age learn skills through play — skills that will last a lifetime!

“It is important to celebrate, and see the faces of the excited children eager and ready to explore the new playground designed just for them,” says Pastor Jeff Crain

Light refreshments were provided by Home and School and the RSDA social committee.

—by LaFayette Trawick

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# DIABETES MADE SIMPLE **Cooking Class**

On June 24, 2018, if you looked into the kitchen of the Irmo Adventist Church in Columbia, SC, you would have seen a group of dedicated women scurrying about, preparing food.

**T**he ladies were getting ready for the Diabetes Made Simple cooking class, presented by Darcy Griffin from Trinity, NC.

Darcy began her journey to eating healthier over 20 years ago, studying and learning how foods affect the body. She took a deeper look at natural healing when diagnosed with

multiple food allergies.

Then, in May of 2016, her son, Noah, was diagnosed with type one diabetes. It was a hard adjustment process, and she went through the stages of grief, just like a person does when they lose a loved one. Darcy and Noah decided that they wanted to use his diagnosis for good, and began to learn all they could about diabetes.



As they kept track of what Noah ate, did, and his blood sugar numbers they learned that the typical recommended diet for diabetics was not the best choice. The best foods for diabetes turned out to be low fat, low sugar and plant based.

Darcy's studies led to the creation of *Cooking*

for *Diabetes Made Easy*, her second cookbook, which then caused her to be invited to the Irmo Adventist Church to conduct a cooking class and share many helpful diabetic tips.

The Irmo members worked hard to prepare for this event, making fliers, registering people, and telling everyone they knew. Soon they had 92 people registered to come. That Sunday evening, people started filling in. Everyone seemed eager, and many chose to sit right up front! Not everyone who signed up, showed up, however 60 people from the community and 14 church members were in attendance.

Attendees sampled the delicious recipes and asked many questions. They were excited to learn more.

When the program was over, attendees approached Griffin to ask more questions. One man came up to her husband, Lee, and said, "I haven't had hope for 25 years...until today." That was worth all the time and effort put into this program. It is what all of us are here for, to give hope to the sick, hurting and lost. This is what Jesus is all about.

Through this ministry, 10 Bible studies were requested through a comment card, and many picked up free materials from a literature table. Truly the health message is the right arm of the gospel.

—by Hope Griffin



Photos by Lee Griffin.

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# East Wake Fellowship BECOMES A COMPANY

Members of East Wake Fellowship gathered with excitement on Sabbath, July 14, 2018, at the Knightdale swimming pool for an 8:00 a.m. baptism. The baptism would be the kickoff event of a worship-filled day, celebrating the formation of this “body of Christ” as the East Wake Fellowship Adventist Company of Knightdale, NC. Four precious souls were added to the number recently transferred from the Raleigh church congregation, their mother church.

Following the baptism, there was breakfast at Cristo La Solución, the facility where the congregation has worshipped since 2009. A bi-lingual Sabbath School with Pastor Joe Pieretti, East Wake’s pastor coach, reflected upon the subject of Pentecost.

The worship service followed with songs of praise intermingled with

several church ordinances. Elder Gary Moyer, Carolina Conference vice-president for administration, conducted the ordinations of Tommy Greene as deacon and Terry Cesar as elder.

Hadassah and Kezia Matonda led the church in the singing of “This I Believe,” which transitioned the worshippers into the communion service.

The communion included a history of the East Wake Fellowship journey by Charlton Alexander. Charlton and his wife, Alice, had held the first Bible studies in their home in 2007.

An inspiring message by Elder Moyer challenged listeners with the

question, “Why are we here?” The signing of the company charter then followed.

The catered meal was provided by Eden’s Vegetarian, owned by Alexander Forde of Little Creek Adventist Fellowship in Clayton, NC.

“So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and

every one members one of another,” Romans 12:5. East Wake Fellowship Seventh-day Adventist Company is committed to their God, Jehovah, who is a mighty warrior and great in battle. They are a body in Christ, for His name’s sake.

— by Charlton Alexander



(l-r: Alice Alexander, Brendy Mendez, Karen Davis, Ismerai Espinoza, Lee Miller, Charlton Alexander)

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# A Little Church WITH BIG PLANS



Three Angels Adventist Church in Batesburg, NC, is a small company with only 56 members, but with BIG plans to grow by God's grace through evangelism. The church held its first health fair on June 24th, which included a blood drive and bone marrow registration. Literature and information were distributed, shoulder and back massages were given, and gifts such as large family Bible, a blood pressure cuff, and a *Ten Talents* cookbook were won in drawings.

When an unexpected opportunity opened up to invite Dr. Walter Veith to speak, the church rented the Fine Arts Center in Batesburg/Leesville. Nearly 600 attended the Sabbath meetings from around the Southern Union and beyond.

On Sunday, August 12th, Bernadette Nanton from Greenville, TN led out in a plant-based cooking school. Twenty-eight were in attendance including nine from the community. A cookbook created by the church was given away free to all attending, with 20 of its 33 recipes available to be sampled. There was also a drawing to win an Instant Pot.

A 5-Day Stop Smoking Plan took place on September 16-20. All of these events are leading up to a full evangelistic series by Wyatt Allen, an evangelist from Amazing Facts College of Evangelism (AFCOE), from October 19 to November 17. The Co-

lumbia First Church Pathfinders will be going door to door distributing invitations to the meetings, as well as giving out the missionary book for 2019, entitled *Hope for Today*.

In the new year, the church plans to continue reaching out and nurturing their community through a marriage seminar, depression recovery program, a gardening class, a financial seminar, a natural remedies class and an emergency preparedness class. Chef Mark Anthony, often seen on Smart Lifestyle Television and



3ABN, will be presenting a plant-based cooking school in April of 2019.

The church has two nursing home ministries, one in Batesburg/Leesville and

one in Lexington, and is searching to find a building to rent for community services. The health food store in the church is shaping up and will open soon.

God is so good! This church obviously loves Him with all their hearts and is grateful for the privilege of serving Him.

The members invite you to come visit and join them for potluck lunch on the second and fourth Sabbaths of each month. They enjoy a traditional worship style that lifts up Jesus and the Three Angels' Messages.

Check out their website: [www.threeangelsdachurch.org](http://www.threeangelsdachurch.org) for more information on what is happening in this vibrant church.

—by Betty Deans



## Carolina Obituaries

**RASMUSSEN, JOSEPH H.**, 90, born Aug. 2, 1928, in Denmark, died June 18, 2018, in Hendersonville, NC. Joseph received his Bachelor's degree from Emmanuel Missionary College, now Andrews University in Berrien Springs, MI. He then went on to receive his Master's degree in economics from the University of Michigan. He was employed by General Telephone and Electric (GTE), and retired as the director of Management Information Systems in 1993 after giving them 38 years of outstanding service. During his working career, he spent a lot of time traveling internationally, setting up new systems around the world. Joseph was able to speak five languages and was fluent in several of them. He was an elder in his churches in Syracuse, NY, and Bridgeport, CT. He served for a period on the board of directors for Adventist Health Systems. Joseph loved spending time with his family, and was a very generous man who donated to many different organizations. Joe inspired people with the way that he dealt with life with such grace and humor.

**TYSON, OLIVE MAY**, 94, born Jan. 11, 1924, died May 12, 2018, in Hendersonville, NC. She married James Fulfer on June 7, 1943. Together they served in Barbados, Trinidad and Haiti, where James held leadership positions in church administration. In Haiti, Olive served as a nurse and oversaw

20,000 mothers with starving babies. James and Olive also lived in Guinea, West Africa, where they served in ADRA's programs, feeding 100,000 people in Liberia. They retired in Greenville, NC, then relocated to Fletcher Park Inn, Hendersonville, NC. She is survived by her son, Robert Thorne (Beth) Fulfer of Tuscon, AZ; two daughters: Nancy Anne (George) Merz of Hendersonville, NC, and Mary Ellen (Ed) Story of Mount Pleasant, NC; six grandchildren: Stephen Fulfer, Melissa Hempler, Lindsay Husfelt, Melanie Porter, Elsie Hodnett, Robert Merz; 10 great-grandchildren; and three sisters-in-law. She was predeceased by her parents: Elbert Moye Tyson and Nannie Ruberta Flanagan; and seven brothers.

**VOSS, WILLIAM**, 95, born Nov. 1, 1921 in Homestead, OK, died April 7, 2017. William was a member of the Tryon, NC, church. He served in Iran in the Army in World War II, and earned a business degree from Union College. He worked as a teacher and business manager at academies in Texas, Arkansas, Minnesota, and Georgia. He served as assistant treasurer for the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference where he was also ordained to the ministry and pastored two churches. Bill loved the outdoors, enjoyed gardening and loved animals. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Fay McMullin; two daughters: Linda (Ron) Herman and Shirley (Greg) Rumsey; six grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

## Carolina Conference Calendar

### OCTOBER

**Adult Sabbath School Retreat** --- 19-21. NPR.

**ECCM** --- 27. Greenville, NC.

### NOVEMBER

**Volunteer Lay-Pastor Training** --- 9-10. NPR

### DECEMBER

**Awaken Young Adult Conference** --- 28-30. Charlotte.  
[www.awakennc.com](http://www.awakennc.com)

### JANUARY

**Generous Living Summit** --- 19. Raleigh.

### FEBRUARY

**Carolina Evangelism Impact** --- 7-10. Myrtle Beach, SC.

**Romance at the Ranch** --- 8-10. NPR.

**Hispanic Romance at the Ranch** --- 15-17. NPR.

### REGENERATE! Church

**Revitalization Conference** --- 22-23. Charlotte University City Church.

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## Bike For Life Ministry Brings Sharing and Caring to Ohio

The ride began on the shore of Lake Erie and ended on the banks of the Ohio River. Over 35 riders participated in this week-long event that was focused on promoting a healthy Christian lifestyle, while sharing the love of Jesus and fel-

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The bike route, which included sections of "rails to trails bikeways," provided numerous opportunities to connect with others who were using the trail, and share the mission of the ride with them. One man was so impressed with the youth on the ride, and the Bible study he received from one of the teen riders, that he determined to share what he had experienced with his own 2500 member church.

As a teen ministry, Pathfinders were asked to develop their leadership skills during the week by being in charge of various logistical duties, as well as providing both morning and evening worship for the group.

This was the 19th year of Bike for Life Ministry, and the 20th anniversary next year will fittingly occur with an extended ride from the Carolinas to Oshkosh!

—by Sharlene Wedin-LeClerc



photos by Jon Hanson

The Carolina Conference Pathfinders Bike for Life Ministry recently joined hands with Ohio Conference Pathfinders in a 326 mile bike ride along the Ohio to Erie Trail (OTET).

The bike route, which included sections of "rails to trails bikeways,"

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