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EMBRACING CAROLINA WITH THE COMPASSIONATE CALL OF CHRIST



# From the President's Pen

by Leslie D. Louis, Carolina Conference President

## A Hope for the 29th Fundamental Belief

Fifty years! That's how long it has been since I left my boyhood home of Ceylon (known today as Sri Lanka) where my parents had served as missionary/teachers from India. As I write this I'm preparing to leave in just a few days to visit the mission school that knit my heart to Jesus, His truth and His church. To say I'm excited is an understatement! Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would serve the Church as a pastor—let alone a conference president. What a sacred honor I will have in preaching the Sabbath sermon on that campus, known as Lakpahana — “light on a hill”.

Christian education has always played a pivotal role in the church, from the days of the prophet Samuel, who established the first school of the prophets at Ramah in the land of Judah, to just slightly over 143 years ago when, inspired by God through Ellen White, the Seventh-day Adventist Church opened the doors of its first church school in Battle Creek, MI (with Goodloe Bell as its first teacher). Today these church schools circle the globe—from Spartanburg, South Carolina, to Spicer College in India; from Tri-City Christian Academy in North Carolina to Taipei Adventist School in Taiwan. Their primary mission is to prepare a generation of children and youth dedicated to service for their Savior. Listen to the pen of inspiration:

“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, Page 401.

The Bible tells us in Psalm 127: 3 that “Children are a heritage from the Lord,” and in Isaiah 54:13 that “All thy children shall be taught of the Lord.” Deuteronomy 6: 6-9 tells us that whether we are at home or school or church, we must surround our children with an environment that saturates them with a passionate devotion to God. These are words from the Lord Himself:

“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

Where would we be today, as this unique movement progresses, if not for our church schools, academies, colleges and universities that have been preparing a people “For the joy of service in this world and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come.” (*Education*, page 14).

A true Adventist believes in the certainty of Christ's return. Therefore, it is time! It is high time that all of us, both young and old, re-embrace the tremendous value and biblical significance of God's ordained teachers in our classrooms, who touch the hearts of our children, youth and young adults for Heaven as home. My heart overflows with gratitude that my children grew up—from elementary school through university and medical school—under the umbrella of the Seventh-day

Adventist Church. Although I don't have any more monthly tuition payments for my children, the children of our church schools and academies belong to me and to each one of us as a church family.

That's why Carole and I faithfully and joyfully support programs like Touch a Life at MPA every month – a program providing tuition assistance for any Carolina student who desires an education in an environment where Jesus reigns supreme. Consider consecrating something – be it large or small – on a faithful basis to help a family keep their son or daughter in a school of God's church.

This month we as a nation commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his memorable “I Have A Dream” speech made over 50 years ago. I, too, have a dream that one day all of us together will realize that Christian education is an essential part of this Church...perhaps, and hopefully with Heaven's divine direction, the 29th Fundamental Belief of the Seventh-day Adventist Church!

The church schools and academies in the Carolina Conference are intended to serve as a barrier against the wide-spreading corruption, to provide for the mental and spiritual welfare of our children and youth and to promote the prosperity of our nation by furnishing it with men and women qualified to act in the fear of God as leaders and counselors.— Modified from *Education*, page 46.

Your servant leader for Christ,

Leslie Louis



Photos: Becky Carpenter

# BEAUTIFUL WORSHIP

## In a beautiful church...

The event was titled “To God’s Honor and for the Finishing of the Work.”

The North Charleston Spanish Church dedicated their new church on November 22, 2014. For months, church members and friends worked hard painting, laying carpet, cleaning and repairing the church at 5391 Dorchester Road, North Charleston, South Carolina.

It was a grand celebration. Special guests included former pastors Mario Muñoz and Freddy Villamil, Carolina Conference Hispanic Coordinator Samuel Romero and Rick Russell,

vice-president for finance. Current Pastor Isreal Mora, who also pastors the Hardeeville church, led in the celebration.

The congregation has been in existence for 15 years, but until recently they had no church home of their own. They were able to fund the purchase of raw land for a future church building, but getting the funding for construction seemed an insurmountable obstacle. Through a sequence of God’s providences, they were able to swap the raw land, plus some cash to purchase the church that they had been renting. They finalized its purchase this Summer and completed its renovation in November.

During the service the church honored Daniel Castro, the founding church member, and others who were among the charter group. After the death of his granddaughter, Castro felt the call to the Carolinas, and eventually settled in Charleston. He was, and still is, a faithful worker for Christ.

The church was packed for the event, including members of the Hil-



ton Head and Hardeeville churches who came to help to celebrate such a milestone in the local congregation.



The worship hour finished with a candle ceremony titled, Let Your Light Continue to Shine. With this new church as a beacon for Christ in their community, they are sure to do just that.

—by Becky Carpenter



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**“Take the challenge,” the speaker said. “It’s really quite simple.”**

I heard these words at a church stewardship seminar sponsored by the North American Division in January of 2014. The speaker offered us a \$50 bill as a “ministry stimulus advance.”

“Here’s the idea,” he said. “Take the \$50 and ‘invest’ it in a project for the Lord during the next 12 months. (Remember Sabbath School investment projects?) After the project is completed, return the \$50 to me, along with 10% of the proceeds generated. The remaining funds can go to the project of your choice.”

The concept intrigued me, but I left the meeting without taking the money. “My schedule is already too full,” I reasoned. “Besides, from where would we get the creative energy to dream up a project that would generate any significant funds for the Lord’s work?” This battle raged in my mind as I walked back to my hotel that evening. I was working hard to justify my decision to bow out of the challenge.

After tossing and turning in my mind (and on my bed) for most of the night, I decided to approach the speaker at the next day’s meeting. With any luck there would be no envelopes left! But no, he reached into his briefcase, pulled out an envelope and pressed it into my hand with an encouraging smile. I

was in, like it or not.

The envelope was tucked into my briefcase and, (I am sorry to say) that is where it remained for ten months. The year was slipping by and my conscience was prodding me, but I kept putting off the challenge.

At an October staff meeting I presented the challenge to my treasury department colleagues at the conference office. After a brainstorming

receive a Christian education at Mt. Pisgah Academy.

So how did we invest the money, you ask? Our idea was to make homemade applesauce and sell it to the members of the various committees that regularly meet at the Conference office. We named our project “Apples for Students.” We purchased six bushels of North Carolina apples, and set a date in October to process and can our applesauce.

The result was a fun day of fellowship, laughter and hard work, not to mention 95 quarts of applesauce cooked and canned by the treasury team. All the jars have been sold, resulting in nearly \$700 raised for the Touch a Life at MPA fund after expenses. Not only were funds raised for a good cause, but a team was brought closer together through participation in a common cause.

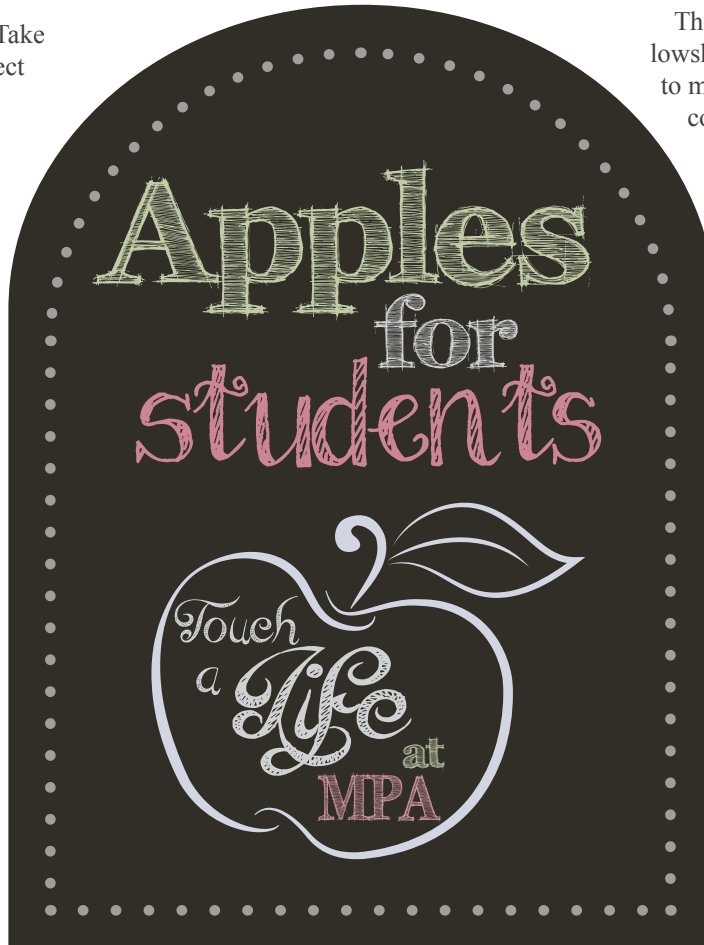
“Take the challenge,” the speaker had said. “It’s really quite simple.” And I have to say, it was easy—and rewarding.

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” Luke 6:38 NIV

And now I pass the challenge on to you. Invest today, and see how the Lord will bless. It’s really quite simple.

—by Rick Russell

*You can touch the future by giving to Touch a Life at MPA. 100% of your gift goes to help a student attend Mt. Pisgah Academy. Simply mark your tithe envelope accordingly.*



session, they decided to join me in tackling the investment challenge. We chose Touch a Life at MPA to receive the proceeds from our endeavor. These funds help make it possible for any young person to





## Charlotte Hispanic churches combined community service with an evangelistic series in the Carolina Conference.

Hispanic churches in the greater Charlotte area banded together in to complete a three-step community Season of Service campaign throughout the Summer of 2014. The effort culminated with a week-long evangelistic series from October 25 through November 1st entitled, “We All Have Hope,” presented by Pastor Roger Hernandez, ministerial/evangelism director for the Southern Union. While service projects and evangelism are routinely coupled on mission trips, this was the first time this method has been used on a large scale in the Carolinas.

“Community service and evangelism tend to be separate, but [Roger Hernandez] believes both work together,” said Kathy Hernandez, ministerial

evangelism coordinator for the Southern Union. “He believes we need to be known not just for knowing the truth, but practicing the truth and living out the life of Jesus by example.”

The community service portion had three steps. First church members participated in a “Season of Service”—40 days in which members read a daily devotional and then choose from

The projects included: fixing up gardens belonging to senior citizens, giving out blankets to the elderly, fixing up the home of a family with a disabled child, performing maintenance on a shelter for trafficked women, providing goodie bags of necessities for women in the shelter and feeding the homeless.

Step three was a Sabbath celebration at the end of the 40 days in area churches.

Volunteers were thanked for their service, and local civic leaders were invited to attend and were prayed for at the celebration.

Pastor Hernandez used this same combination of evangelism and community service with his own church when he was a pastor. After he was called to the Southern Union, he created the Season of Service program, using it in conferences all over the Southern Union.

“In the 13 years that I have been a pastor, we have never done something like that,” said Juan Reyes, pastor of eight Hispanic churches in the Charlotte district.

The hope is that this method of evangelism, doing as Jesus did on earth, will inspire others to reach out to their communities in similar ways.

—by Anna Bartlett



Area leaders met at the Carolina Conference office to plan this months-long campaign.

three options of related service activities to do that day. Devotionals could be downloaded in both English and Spanish from the website mycitysos.com.

Step two was a weekend in which members came together to complete several large-scale

community service projects in the middle of the 40-day period. That weekend took place on July 19-20.

# PORTRAYING JESUS IN CHARLOTTE

# AMAZING THINGS ARE COMING IN 2015

**Praise God for the extraordinary year the Carolinas experienced in 2014!**

**We closed the year with 715 baptisms and professions of faith, we are now over 22,000 in membership, and we exceeded our faith goal for evangelism.**

## The Harvest

Our president is asking for each church to set a faith goal for baptisms in 2015—a goal that we can pray for, not just as individual churches, but as a conference. In our pastoral meetings he expressed his dream of someday baptizing 1000 in a year. What if we make that our Conference goal for 2015—1000 baptisms? Each baptism represents a soul added to God's Kingdom...and how precious each one of them is. The Bible says that all heaven rejoices when one comes to know Jesus. Let make Heaven ring out with rejoicing!

## Million Dollar Goal

At camp meeting each year we share what God is doing through Carolina Evangelism—how He is transforming lives and using you to expand His Kingdom. Last year Elder Rojas, under the prompting of the Holy Spirit, stretched our faith by challenging us to raise \$1,000,000 for evangelism—almost five times our previous goal. I am please to say that, as of December 31, our total is \$1,000,762.32! He made it happen!!

We want to keep you abreast of what God is doing with these funds He provided through you. Therefore, in each edition of the *Carolina Action* we will have a special page dedicated to sharing what has happened and will be happening with evangelism

and church planting in the Carolinas.

## Church Planting

There are still some areas of our Conference that have no church presence, and some of our larger metro areas have extremely large populations without the corresponding church representation. We need to expand our presence in all areas, and will be focusing on several of those areas this year. One of these is Raleigh.

Brad Cauley, director of church planting, says, "Raleigh is the fastest-growing major city in the entire Conference, with over 435,000 people currently. The population just within the city has doubled within the last 15 years."

Currently, we only have *one* English-speaking church. In order to be faithful to God's mission, we **MUST** do more in Raleigh.

All around the city are many suburbs which make up a much greater population. In most of these, there is no Adventist church. The largest is Cary, with a population of 155,000 and growing rapidly.

## Evangelism

In the first quarter of 2015 the following churches are holding outreach and evangelistic meetings:

- Hilton Head
- Hilton Head Spanish
- Huntersville
- Kernersville
- St Paul Spanish
- Salisbury
- The Gate (MPA)
- Triad Adventist Fellowship
- Tryon
- University City
- Westminster
- Rocky Mountain Spanish
- Greensboro
- Fayetteville
- Spanish
- Columbia Midtown
- Burnsville
- Biscoe Spanish,
- Asheboro Spanish Company

There are many other churches who have yet to request any evangelism funds that are actively seeking to make connections with their communities.

May God move in our lives in ways we never dreamed were possible as we fulfill His Mission in the Carolinas. Thank you for your faithfulness.

—Glen Altermatt, *Carolina Evangelism Director/Assoc. Ministerial Director*

# Carolina EVANGELISM

## HOW CAN I HELP?

### WITH YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for evangelism in Carolina—pray for our churches, the pastors, our people who support evangelistic meetings, AND our friends, neighbors and community. Ask God to move in a mighty way.

### WITH YOUR CONVERSATION, PLANS AND ACTION

Please talk about evangelism—in your Sabbath School classes, at your church board, at fellowship meals. Make it a point of planning and action. But don't let it be all talk, make sure your plans are carried out.

### WITH YOUR FINANCES

God has laid a great burden on our hearts. And yours, too, we trust. With the tremendous challenge that has been placed before us, let's move forward, knowing that what God asks us to do, He provides the strength to accomplish.

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# News from AROUND THE CONFERENCE



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## “Welcome Table” Is Reaching the Community For Christ

Despite limited funds, time and manpower, the Pickens Church has committed itself to the community in a new way, with wondrous results.

On the last Tuesday of each month the church sponsors the “Welcome Table.” Working in concert with volunteers from the food bank next door, the church serves a hot lunch to anyone who comes.

The first event, held in February 2014, drew 52 hungry neighbors from the surrounding area. The outreach emphasizes the health message of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. They strive to serve healthy meals with a focus on vegetables, breads and grains, and foods low in salt, sugar and fats.

The church has been able to conduct the Welcome Table each month throughout 2014. The “regulars” look forward to the meal each month. Local businesses have been very supportive.

Advertising is being expanded to increase neighborhood participation, and more church members are stepping up to help. The church received the news in October that a grant from the Wal-Mart Foundation will be received in May to assist in the feeding outreach. “[Walmart’s] mission dovetails closely with ours, and they have been very generous in helping us help the community,” said Becky Ford, leader of the Welcome Table team. “Along with the tremendous support we have received from our local business community, we will

not only be able to continue with our ministry, but expand it.”

—by Steve and Becky Ford

## Adventist Choir Goes to Prison

Tyger River Correctional Institution is located near Enoree, SC, and houses 1,000 medium custody inmates. A team of volunteers from the Woodruff and Union Adventist churches have been conducting services there under the direction of Pastor Bill Strong, since 2007.

Recently the Celestial Praise Choir was invited to sing for the second time at Tyger River, and just over 100 appreciative men came to be blessed by their music. The chaplain also joined in.



Photo contributed

A second choir trip took place in September at the Marion Minimum Security Unit, a small unit with only 100 men. There is no Adventist presence at this facility, but Jim Wetmore, prison ministries coordinator for the Carolina Conference, was able to arrange the visit through the chaplain, Danny Hampton. Almost half of the men came out to enjoy the music presented. The chaplain surprised everyone with pie, cookies, and drinks after the concert. This was a first! It was great getting acquainted with the chaplain as well as visiting with the inmates.

Contact the conference office for information on how to contact either Jim or Larry who can direct you in getting involved with prison ministry. The harvest fields are great and help

is needed.

—by Jim Wetmore.



Photo contributed

## Statesville in PINK

On Saturday October 18, 2014, the Statesville Adventist Church wore PINK to support Breast Cancer Awareness Month. In 2013, an estimated 232,340 new cases of invasive breast cancer were expected to be diagnosed among US women, as well as an estimated 64,640 additional cases of in situ breast cancer.

That year, approximately 39,620 US women were expected to die from breast cancer. Only lung cancer accounts for more cancer deaths in women.

Breast cancer does not discriminate by race, age, sex, religion, political preferences and/or economic status. The key to overcome breast cancer is EARLY DETECTION. Please visit your doctor and schedule your annual mammogram.

As a church family, be united in prayer and petition for all the families that are going through this trial. “For wh ere two or three gather together as my followers I am there among them.” Matthew 18:20

—by Iris Y. Rodriguez

## Church Event Preaches Benefits of Healthy Lifestyle

Brayden Sparks hiked the football to his friend, Madeline Hover, and sprinted up the field at Mills River park, then backpedaled as he awaited the pass.

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On Tuesday night, November 22, 2005, Joy and I were packed and ready to head down to Atlanta from our home in Spartanburg, SC, after work the next day. She was running her first half marathon on Thanksgiving Day, and had gone to bed early.

Because of the skyrocketing price for natural gas, our furnace was turned off and we were heating our house with small electric heaters. But as I thought about our cats staying in a cold house while we were gone, I decided to turn on the furnace for the first time that season. After completing my packing, I went to bed.

Around 3:45 am my wife and I awoke to one of my cats vomiting on the bedroom floor. As I started to get up I felt unbalanced and ran into the wall. I stumbled into the family room where I collapsed on the floor and passed out.

A little later, I awoke to my heart pounding faster and harder than I have ever felt. I was so weak I could not pull myself off of the floor. When I also started to vomit, I knew there was something very wrong with me. My first thought was that I was having a heart attack or stroke, so I cried out to my wife that I needed to go to the hospital. But she was not getting up. I felt so alone. Just before I passed out again I cried out to God to please save me, help me.

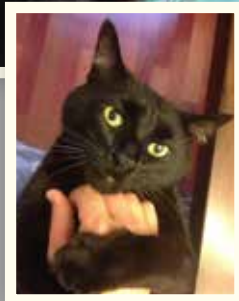
After regaining and losing consciousness two more times, I knew I had to get help. With my empty stomach still heaving, I called out to Joy and heard her say, "I am coming." That was such a peaceful sentence to me. Then I passed out again.

Little did I know that my wife was out of it, too. Her heart was pounding and she could hardly get out of bed. Neither of us could think rationally—all sensible things we should have done, like calling 911, never crossed

our minds. We were being poisoned by carbon monoxide.

Joy was finally able to get out of bed. Her whole body was shaking as she headed toward me, stumbling as she walked. I woke up and said, "Help me." And then I was out again. She crawled over me and lost consciousness, too.

Around 7:30 am I heard the phone ring. I couldn't move at all. My body was shutting down to protect my vital organs.



I continued to dry-heave as my body tried to reject the poison.

We both could not walk, but by the power of God Joy stood up and answered the phone in

the bedroom. It was her coworker, Warren. Joy had missed a 5:30 am meeting, so he called her because she is not normally late. I believe God impressed him to call us.

He asked her some questions, but knew that there was something wrong with the way she was talking. He asked if he should call the paramedics and she said yes, then, miraculously, rattled off our address. Joy woke me up and said the paramedics were on the way.

When I saw them pull up I realized that I was half-naked on the floor. Joy

was able to open my armoire and get some shorts, drop them on me and then go to get our coats. It is truly amazing that she was able to do all of that while being poisoned almost to death.

The paramedics wheeled me to the ambulance, and as we got in, the firemen pulled up. As soon as they went into the house their carbon monoxide detectors went crazy. In our bedroom alone it was 900 parts per million (PPM). At 35 PPM, dizziness and headaches can start. They had never seen a reading that high and someone live through it.

We arrived at the emergency room and immediately they started tests on us. All I could think about were the things I spend my time on. I thought about my wife and how much more I could love her. I thought about my walk with God. I started thinking that this could be it for me, and what do I have to show for it? I prayed to God, "I know that you are willing. Make me whole again."

With my wife sitting beside me, I felt God's presence come over me. The doctor explained that a normal person has about 1-2 counts of carbon monoxide in their blood. A smoker has about 6-7. I had around 23 and Joy had around 26.

He then transferred us to another hospital to get outpatient treatment in Hyperbaric oxygen chambers. Within a few days we were feeling much improved.

How did this all happen? An unusable fireplace and chimney (covered by a wall) was being used as a vent for the furnace in the basement, as installed by the previous owners of our house. During the year, bricks fell down and stopped up the venting, so when the furnace turned on, the carbon monoxide filled up the house.

The doctor told us there could be some effects later in life from this situation, but I am just rejoicing that God saved my wife and me (and our cats). We have an even greater appreciation for life, and for the grace of our Lord, because of it.

—by Kevin Watson

## SAVED FROM THE GRIP OF DEATH

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Dropping back, Madeline threw a long pass that drilled Brayden in the nose and bounced into the grass. The impact of the soft foam ball didn't leave a mark, but the exercise sure did.

The schoolmates were two of roughly 40 children who showed up at the park for "Lets Move Day", an exercise and healthy-eating event sponsored by the Hendersonville, NC, Adventist church with help from Henderson County Parks and Recreation.

Organizers Denise and Gary Phillips designed the event to encourage participants young and old to get active and eat wholesome foods.

"Her program is about moving and eating well; and ours, we go a little beyond that," Denise Phillip's said. "We do not do dairy or meat at all. Everything here is totally vegan and organic."

Children won prizes by working their way through a series of fun activities—from football, soccer and tennis to bike riding, tumbling, jump roping and bubble chasing.

Under a nearby covered pavilion, church members served vegan muffins, corn salad and smoothies mixed with kale, celery and fruit.

With both parents working, children today tend to eat more fast food and sit in front of television screens for hours, watching or gaming instead of going out to play, the Philipps said.

"It used to be the TV generation, and now it's the computer generation," Gary Phillips said. "And now you have young adults and kids with onset diabetes and other diseases normally seen only in adults."

That sedentary lifestyle is taking its toll. Childhood obesity has more than doubled in children and quadrupled in adolescents in the past 30 years, according to the U.S. Census for Disease Control, largely because of inactivity and poor eating habits.

"All of these parents are working, and their doing fast food," Denise

Phillips said. "The kids are eating chicken nuggets and macaroni and cheese. But fruit is fast food. All you've got to do is pick an apple. Hopefully, were opening people's eyes a little to healthy nutrition and the benefits of exercise."

Conner West, six, and his three-year-old brother, Ethan, are living proof that the combination can work. Their doctor says both siblings are slightly underweight for their ages, according to their mother, Brooks West.

Connor "is my vegetable eater, and this one's my fruit eater" Brooke West said pointing to Ethan.

"They're just active. They love being outside, and we don't play very much on (Video) games."

With help from instructor Michele Simpson, the siblings twirled hula-hoops at her fitness station. After completing the activity, the boys got a colored check that could pay off in prizes such as a soccer ball, Frisbee or football.

—by Nathaniel Axtell, Hendersonville Times-News Staff Writer



Photo contributed

## Beaufort Literacy Program

The Beaufort, SC, Adventist Church launched a new literacy ministry. This pilot program, launched in July of last year, was marketed to Vacation Bible School participants and school-aged children of the church. Seven children and one adult enrolled.

The Spread the Word literacy program has eight tutors who have met weekly for training since February

of 2014. Ellen Newcomb, a retired reading specialist, in cooperation with Cindi Riley, Adult Literacy Coordinator for Beaufort County Adult Education, conducted the training.

Three areas were targeted—phonemic awareness (phonics), writing through language experience and guided reading with an emphasis on comprehension. Two tutors were assigned to each station, and every 25 minutes the children rotated to a new station. The coaches were encouraged by the interest shown by the children, as well as by the progress they made during the eight sessions.

Now that the program is up and running, "Spread the Word" literacy will be available to the community for both children and adults every Thursday evening during the school year. This program is another community outreach conducted by the Beaufort Church. It is their hope to encourage family literacy so parents can read with and encourage their children in their educational pursuits as well as in their spiritual growth and training.

—by Alber R. Barnette and Ellen Newcomb

Ellen Newcomb, a retired reading specialist and member of the Beaufort Adventist Church was awarded a certificate for outstanding service in the 2013-14 AmeriCorps service year. Mrs. Newcomb gave 500 hours of service in the Early Grade Reading Program at St. Helena Elementary School on St. Helena Island, SC. —by Alber R. Barnette



Photo contributed

**Z**ig Ziglar was perhaps the world's best known and respected motivational speaker, incorporating biblical principles into everything he taught. Last year the *Carolina Action* reported that in November of 2013 Gary Moyer, Carolina Conference vice-president for administration, had the privilege of becoming certified as a Ziglar Legacy Trainer in Ziglar Corporation's founding class of Legacy trainers.

Since then Gary has made his Ziglar training an integral part of his ministry, conducting over a dozen personal development keynote speeches and workshops across North and South Carolina. Most of the events were held in Carolina Conference churches, but workshops were also held for a dental practice and a secular nonprofit organization. The positive reaction from the community has reflected the need for this kind of seminar.

Ryan Ashlock, pastor of the University City church in Charlotte, recounts: "We took out two small ads in the newspaper the week before Gary's presentation at the church and had over 20 guests attend. People who

## I KNOW I WAS BORN TO WIN!



Photos: Becky Carpenter

know the Ziglar name were drawn to this event. Gary's presentation was excellent—inspiring, funny, spiritual. I was very pleased with how many people stayed by afterwards to talk with Gary about how Christian faith makes a difference in life."

"Pastor Gary Moyer's energetic presentation of Zig Ziglar's framework for everyday living inspires one toward practical action steps leading

to a productive, servant-oriented experience," commented Bryan Aalborg, pastor of the Charlotte Sharon church. "Such an approach resonates with Jesus' view when He said: 'whoever desires to be great among you, let him be your servant' (Matthew 20:26). Pastor Moyer's message gives even greater impact as he shares from personal experience. We had

first-time visitors from the community drawn to this event through the Ziglar name."

Gary conducted a "Building the Best You" personal development workshop for a non-profit organization that helps rehabilitate women coming out of the sex slavery industry. "I always ask the participants to write down, on a half sheet of paper, some of the negative, hurtful things people have said about them in the past. They then crumble it up and throw it in a trashcan. These ladies had to use a full sheet of paper, and one had a column from top to bottom. It was heart-breaking for me to witness, yet freeing for them to trash that pain from the past. One lady wrote a testimonial, saying, 'No matter what people have said about me, *I know I was born to win.*'"

## ZIGLAR LEGACY AT YOUR CHURCH

### WHY HOST ZIGLAR LEGACY EVENT?

- Not only will this presentation help your members grow personally, but it will also draw guests from the community. In nearly every instance, visitors have attended who would likely never have stepped foot in an Adventist church had they not recognized the Ziglar name. Offer this seminar for free and then survey guests about other events they have interest in—cooking schools, Bible studies, finance seminars, prophecy seminars, etc.

### HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

- There are no speaking fees, the church only needs to pay for advertising, and perhaps purchase (at cost) Ziglar products as giveaways for the presentation.

### WHAT PRESENTATIONS ARE AVAILABLE?

- The workshops (90 minute presentations) are geared for

in-house groups who know each other already.

- Keynote speeches are available for events where the public is invited (45-50 minutes). The church provides light refreshments afterwards.
- Ziglar Legacy events are based on biblical principles, but are not overtly Bible events, so Gary has started offering a '15 Minute Spiritual Bonus Session' after the refreshments for those who want to stay by. He then shares his testimony of salvation through Christ. Many visitors do remain for this. It's an opportunity to see who is open to spiritual things.

### SCHEDULE YOUR EVENT TODAY!

- To learn more about Ziglar Legacy events (personal development, winning relationships, goal setting and achievement), go to [www.garydmoyer.com](http://www.garydmoyer.com) or call Gary Moyer at 704-619-3751. Gary is taking appointments for the New Year and can only provide a limited number of events. Now is the time to do it.



# GENEROUS LIVING

ALL OF ME IN RESPONSE TO ALL OF HIM



## Generous Living and Fear

Today we're going to look at one of the greatest enemies of generous living.

Remember when the disciples were in a boat with Jesus, crossing the Sea of Galilee? The Sea of Galilee was a lot like the sea of life – violent storms often arose without warning. Jesus had settled in for a necessary

nap, and after he was asleep the skies suddenly darkened, the winds wailed, and the waves threatened to capsize the vessel. As anxiety gripped the disciples, they cried out in fear and awakened Jesus, who graciously calmed the storm. Had they practiced generous living, perhaps they would have prayed in faith to the God who enabled Jesus to sleep, rather than robbing the Savior of his much needed slumber. But fear, the enemy of generosity, kept their focus on protecting themselves. We can't be self-sacrificing, if we're self-absorbed.

Then there is the story of the woman who put her last two coins, all that she had to her name, into the temple treasury. Had she reacted to her financial straits in fear, rather than faith, she would have robbed herself and the world of Christ's commendation of a powerful example of generosity that has been retold through the years.

You remember when Jesus was ar-

rested in the Garden of Gethsemane. Not long before, his closest friends had generously vowed to die with him if need be. And yet, in his great time of need, his disciples' fear turned to fleeing.

Fear freezes the warmth of generosity. It disables our "giving" function. Interestingly, the statement (or variations of it) that Jesus spoke more than any other, was "Fear not." And why not? As Christians, our past is forgiven, our future is assured, and we have power for the present. With the past, present, and future covered, what is there to fear?

The One who generously gave it all for our salvation, invites us to live without fear, give without fear, and enjoy the generous life.

—by Gary Moyer

To learn more about Generous Living, scan this code or go to [www.carolinasda.org](http://www.carolinasda.org).



## MORE THAN 200 VOICES RAISED IN PRAISE

The gathering together of like minds in faith for the purpose of worship is what we are instructed to do in the Bible. During the weekend of September 26-28, 2014, more than 200 ladies met at Nosoca Pines Ranch for the Hispanic Women's Retreat. They were enriched by the seminars by Aura Romero (from Bogota, Columbia, now residing in Florida), a well-known speaker and presenter. She presented topics so interesting that she cap-

tivated the ladies' attention.

Saturday Evening there was a beautiful Hawaiian-themed dinner, and many of the ladies wore beautiful Hawaiian outfits. A Hawaiian contest was held. Two of ladies won the first place as the funniest comedian; Joyce Palacios from Greensboro and Eve Kearns from Hardeeville.

Many ladies expressed that this retreat was one of the best they had ever attended.

—by Mary Romero



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**Camp meeting is a time to draw our conference closer together and a time for our members to fellowship with like believers.**

Here in the Carolina Conference we are blessed to not only have our main camp meeting in May, but also two more camp meetings each Fall.

Low-Country Camp Meeting was held on October 15, 2014 and it was a day full of blessings for the 480 people in attendance. Dr. Derek Morris delivered a powerful sermon on “Praying in the Name of Jesus”.

There is power in praying in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we are commanded to do so, in John 14:13, “And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.” Dr. Morris also emphasized the power of



Photo: Deborah Hutchinson

the Word and encouraged all in attendance to memorize scripture.

Eastern Carolina Camp Meeting was held two weeks later on October 25, 2014, and was also a day of blessing for the 515 people who attended the meeting held in Greenville, NC. James (Jim) Nix, the director of the White Estate gave three compelling

messages entitled: “A Unique Prophetic Movement”, “Sing Their Way to Zion”; and “ I Had The Privilege”.

“The history of our church is important to me as it strengthens my conviction, foundation and understanding of ‘present truth’. Elder Nix presents his messages in such an interesting, informative and captivating way,” commented Rick Hutchinson, director of Planned Giving & Trust Services and Generous Living. “He creates an atmosphere that causes you to think you are present,

watching and maybe participating as the historical events he describes actually happen.”

We look forward to one day having an even bigger camp meeting in Heaven under the Tree of Life next to the Crystal Sea.

—by Courtney Herod



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# On Our Knees

**Lake Junaluska Camp Meeting 2015 | May 24-30**

Speakers: Randy Roberts, Des Cummings, Kevin Wilfley, Ivor Myers

For more information: [www.carolinasda.org/camp-meeting](http://www.carolinasda.org/camp-meeting)





# REACHING CHILDREN FOR JESUS

**A**ny good fisherman knows that if you want to catch fish, you need the right tools, a great fishing spot and attractive bait! Jesus' disciples were already experts at catching fish, but He taught them how to be experts in attracting souls for His kingdom by giving them the tools and "bait" with which to "catch" them. With creative tools and resources, a place to host activities and willing volunteers who reflect the love of Jesus, you have everything you need to work hand in hand with God to reach children for His kingdom.

This summer, the Fort Mill church plant teamed up with a Presbyterian church (whose building they are renting) to hold Vacation Bible School. The theme was Noah's Ark, and over 40 children from both churches and the community attended. The Adventist team told the story of Noah, along with the redemption story, remind-

ing the children that "as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be" before Jesus comes again. They sang songs about Noah's obedience to God's commands, and songs reminding them that Jesus is coming again soon. Games and activities were enjoyed by the children, but their favorite activity was working in Noah's workshop. They sanded, hammered and nailed together a miniature wooden boat for use in the Cradle Roll class.

At the end of the week, parents heard a summary of the entire redemption story, and were thrilled to hear their children recite memory verses and joyously sing the new songs they had learned.

During the week, several children mentioned that they did not own a Bible, so for the closing program the Fort Mill group provided each child with a Bible of their very own.

One grandmother was encouraged to hear her grandson say, "I just love

going to VBS!"

The Presbyterian church and the growing Adventist church plant worked together in godly love. They built good relationships which then gave opportunities to share the love of Jesus through conversations about the Sabbath. A community child has since become a member of the Fort Mill Adventurer Club.

Be inspired to use the tools God has given you, and go "fishing" in your community!

Watch for more stories on our children's ministries webpage coming this year.

—by Kathy Russell, children's ministries director

## 'GOING FISHING FOR JESUS' BOOTCAMP

Receive tools, resources and ideas for reaching out to children by attending our "Going Fishing for Jesus" Boot Camp coming up on Sunday, February 1 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (English) or 1:00-4:00 p.m. (Spanish). For more information, please call the children's ministries office, visit the children's ministries webpage at [www.carolinasda.org](http://www.carolinasda.org) or talk with your pastor.



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## CAROLINA OBITUARIES

**AMBLER, William G.**, 92, born Feb. 25, 1922, in Wilder, VT, died Oct. 13, 2014, in his home in Hendersonville, NC. He served as a pastor in the Kentucky-Tennessee, Florida, New York, Carolina, Georgia-Cumberland, Michigan and Iowa conferences. He was director of trust services for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference prior to his retirement in 1984. He spent the last 11 years as a resident of Fletcher Park Inn, following 19 years of retirement in Andrews, NC, where he helped a new church get established. He also was president of the auxiliary at Park Ridge Health. He is survived by his wife, Ruthe; two daughters, Sharon Harper and Beth (Keith) McTaggart; two sons, Don Ambler and Bob (Janet) Ambler; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**BALDWIN, Mary Alice Hutchinson Wynn**, 91, died Nov. 1, 2014, in Hendersonville, NC. She was born in Fletcher, NC, and a member of the Fletcher church. Mary was preceded in death by two husbands, Irving Wynn and E.J. Baldwin. Surviving are her daughter, Joyce Wynn Osborne (Robert); a son, Stephen Wynn (Susan); five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

**ETHRIDGE, Geraldine "Gina" Margaret Probasco**, 75, born April 24, 1939, in Hillman, MN, died Dec. 26, 2014, in Lenoir, NC. She began corresponding with Charles "Chuck" Hugh Ethridge while he was serving in the Navy. They fell in love and he proposed via mail. They did not lay eyes on each other until one week before the wedding, which was almost 56 years ago. They had three children. After their son died of pancreatic cancer at the young age of 36, they began searching for answers. They found a tremendous amount of information about diet and the effects on the body, which was their first step toward becoming members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She was preceded in death by her son, Charles Daniel Ethridge. She is survived by her husband, Charles Hugh Ethridge; two daughters, Sharon Elizabeth Earwood and Teresa Irene Hinson; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

**HINDMAN, Charles**, 71, of Banner Elk, NC, born Oct. 24, 1942, in Cross Anchor, SC, died April 27, 2014, in Johnson City, TN. Charles attended Southern Missionary College and graduated in 1969 with a bachelor of theology degree. He pastored in many churches in North and South Carolina. At the time of his death, he was pastor of the Boone and Banner Elk churches, serving all the way through to his last Sabbath. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Linda Miller Hindman. Charles is survived by his wife Wanda; son, Charles B. "Brian" Hindman (Teresa); a daughter, Kriston Vardiman (Daniel); two stepsons, Larry Hodges (Dianne), and Scott Hodges (Angie); his

mother, Frances Bailey Hindman; a sister, Karen Thompson; two grandsons and many nieces and nephews.

**LEWIS, James David**, 85, born Nov. 23, 1928 in Greenville, OH, died Oct. 24, 2014 in Hendersonville, NC. He was a member of the Arden, NC, church. Surviving are his wife of 17 years, Rosie Bryant Lewis; seven children; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

**MAGINNIS, Celeste Faria, Lisa**, 65, of Lexington, SC, died Sept. 15, 2014, in Columbia, SC. She was a member of the Columbia First Church and spent many years working in the children's dept. She had retired from nursing after 26 years. Surviving is her son, Walter E. "Chip" Maginnis; a daughter, Heather Flanagan; a sister, Bunnie Hagenlocher (Don); and two grandchildren.

**NICHOLSON, Charles Bascum, Jr.**, 70, born Oct. 10, 1944, in Benton, TN, died Nov. 10, 2014, in Hendersonville, NC. He was a member of the Fletcher Church. He graduated with a doctorate in pharmacy from the University of Tennessee Medical School in Memphis. He worked as a pharmacist in Sunbelt Hospitals in Georgia before moving to Hendersonville in 1987. He was then a pharmacist at Pardee Hospital for 27 years. Charles is survived by his wife, Delpha J. Davis Nicholson; two sons, Wesley B. (Kimberly), and Mark A. (Alisa); one daughter, Julue N. Krisinger; four siblings, Sonny, Robert and Fred Nicholson, and Dee Dee Bishop; and six grandchildren.

**PATTERSON, Nancy Eleanor Bush**, 94, born Sept. 23, 1919, in Middleton, NY, died Aug. 19, 2014, in Franklin, NC. She was a member of the Franklin Church. Nancy attended Washington Missionary College and worked as a secretary for many government agencies, including the Pentagon, and retired from the Veterans Administration in 1984. Nancy married Charles Robert Patterson in Washington D.C. on Aug. 3, 1946. They lived most of their lives with their four children in Seabrook, MD. In 1984, Charlie and Nancy retired to Franklin, NC. She was preceded in death by her husband and her daughter, Pamela Beavers. She is survived by her children, Skylla Moon (Shannon), Robert Patterson, Shirli LoSchiavo, and Debbie Roberts (Don); six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

**PENDLETON, Gwendolyn Mae**, 87, born Aug. 28, 1927, in Athol, MA, died Dec. 20, 2014, in Hendersonville, NC. She was a member of the Fletcher Church. Gwen was a homemaker and dedicated mother who faithfully served her church and community. Gwen supported her husband Howard's work as a local building contractor/realtor until his death in December of 2004. She is survived by her six children, Sharon Garner, David Pendleton, Marcia

Waters, Brian Pendleton, Bruce Pendleton and George Pendleton; 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

**TARR, Neil Campbell**, 80, of Hendersonville, NC, died Sept. 1, 2014. He was a member of the Mills River Church. At the age of 19, Neil undertook an ocean crossing alone in order to attend Walla Walla College. He then transferred to Southern Missionary College and earned a degree in history. He earned a second degree in nursing at Columbia Union College. It was there he met and married Eleanor Hambleton in 1965. Neil worked as a nurse for 38 years at the Washington Adventist Hospital. His last position in the church was the head of public relations at the General Conference. Neil and his wife retired to North Carolina in 2004. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Eleanor; son, Steve (Irene); and grandsons, Jack and Kate.

**TEMPLEMAN, Pauline "Polly" (Vogt)**, 97, born Feb. 23, 1917, in Davy, WV, died Oct. 5, 2014, in Hendersonville, NC. She was a member of the Fletcher Church. Polly was a registered nurse and served at the Florida Sanitarium and Hospital in Orlando, FL, and the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital in Tacoma Park, MD. After retiring she joined the Park Ridge Auxiliary Volunteers in Fletcher, NC, and served for 20 years, managing the gift shop. She is preceded in death by six siblings. Surviving her are many nieces and nephews.

## Carolina Conference Calendar

### February

#### Pathfinder/Adventurer Ski

Weekend --- 7-9. Maggie Valley, NC.

#### Romance at the Ranch --- 13-15.

Nosoca. Please contact the Family Ministries Dept. for more information.

### March

#### Pathfinder Work Bee --- 13-15.

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#### ALIVE Youth Rally --- 20-21.

Spartanburg Church. [www.alivesc.com](http://www.alivesc.com)

### April

#### Adventurer Fun Day --- 5. Nosoca.

#### Pathfinder Drum & Drill

Competition --- 11. Raleigh Church.

#### Church Planting Rally --- 11.

Spartanburg Church.

#### Alumni Weekend --- 17-19. Mount

Pisgah Academy.

#### Academy Days --- 24-26. Mount

Pisgah Academy..

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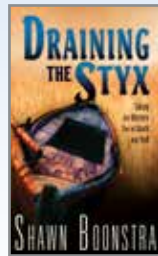
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