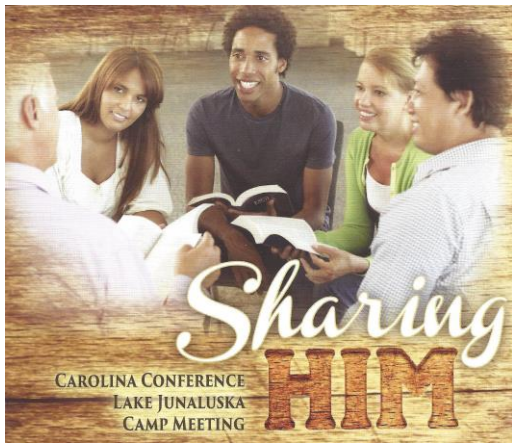


May 2017

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

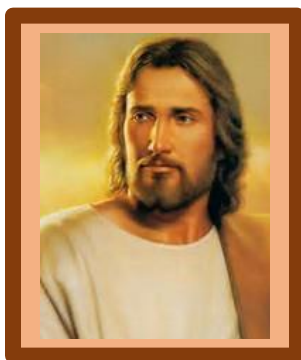
The 10,000 President's Prayer Partners is a fast-growing group of Carolina Conference constituents who take matters such as these to their knees. We invite you to join us, and make this monthly list a matter of prayer. Together we seek the Lord for His answers and provisions to every need we bring before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

1. PRAY THAT JESUS WILL BE UPLIFTED AND KNOWN MORE PASSIONATELY AS OUR SAVIOR AND LORD DURING THE 2017 CAMP MEETING AT LAKE JUNALUSKA THIS MONTH



In just a few more days people - from all across the Carolinas, along with our sister conferences in the South, a wider circle of family from North America, and even across the seas of our global community - will gather together at Lake Junaluska. Yes, it is time for us to gather together again as God's people for a time of spiritual renewal. Revival and Reformation are integrally woven into the fabric of change that God desires in His people. To be like Jesus, we must know Him by spending more time in His word, talking and walking with Him by intentionally shutting out the distractions of our lives, and sharing Christ through our gracious words and compassionate actions.

The theme of this year's camp meeting is all about **"Sharing HIM."** As we approach this year's camp meeting gathering, my prayer is that the words of this beautiful hymn will become the treasurer of your heart:



*Jesus is all the world to me,
My life, my joy, my all;
He is my strength from day to day,
Without Him I would fall.
When I am sad, to Him I go,
No other one can cheer me so;
When I am sad, He makes me glad,
He's my Friend.*

As God's people prepare to share this coming time together, let us uplift in our prayers the speakers, seminar presenters, children, youth and young adult ministries, and every event of our camp meeting fellowship. In the serene beauty of Lake Junaluska, may God's blessings once again shower us with His presence and power as we lift up our eyes unto the hills from where we can draw our strength (Psalm 121:1), so that when we return home to our communities we will be the light that Jesus called each of us to be in Matthew 5:14.

2. A PRAYER FOR OUR SHAREHIM TEAM IN THE PHILIPPINES



The ultimate goal of ShareHim is to empower and mobilize lay men and women to be active in a lifestyle of evangelism. This ministry of the Carolina Conference has two focal points of emphasis – through International Campaigns and Homeland Initiatives. For the past five years, Mt. Pisgah Academy has had a team of students who’ve gone on an international campaign in fulfillment of the gospel commission. In the process of leading hundreds to Christ and the treasured truths of His word, our students have themselves experienced the power of

proclaiming God’s messages in their own spiritual journey. During the past four years, teams from various churches in the Carolina Conference have held International campaigns in Cuba, Guatemala, Peru, and this year in the Philippines. During this month we have a team who are in the middle of a campaign to reach more hearts for Heaven. I once heard a great leader of the Seventh-day Adventist Church plainly state that “Evangelism is all about de-populating hell!” Jesus said that the Son of Man came for one purpose alone – to seek and save that which was lost. Join me in uplifting in prayer each member of our 2017 Carolina ShareHim as they represent Christ and His message to the people of Bacolod in the Philippines.

Hickory SDA Church	Alvis Trapero Kerlis Trapero Nathan Alaexander
Hickory Spanish Church	Janet Sanchez-Santiago
Charlotte Spanish Church	Bryan Bonilla Oziel Hernandez Sheila Monrobert
Gainesville SDA Church (Georgia Cumberland Conference)	Jordan Blyden Frank Santos
Hardeeville Spanish Church	Marco Carrillo
Shelby Church	Lewis Clark
Charlotte University Church	Chad Grundy Allison Grundy
Hilton Head Spanish Church	Jessica Guerrero Israel Mora
Aitken Church	Gloria Holland-Curry
La Sierra Spanish Church (SE California Conference)	Alan Jimenez
Bonita Valley Church (SE California Conference)	Reynaldo Mindoro
Carolina Conference	Rubi Pimentel
Rockingham Spanish Church	Jose Rivera Yadira Santiago
Winston Salem First Church	David Van Patten
Clemmons Fellowship Church	Victoria Vangordan



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:

PASTOR	CHURCH(ES); COMPANIES & GROUPS
1. Jeff Wait	<i>Associate Pastor</i> Arden SDA Church
2. George Wennerberg	Delco SDA Church Wilmington SDA Church
3. Patrick Williams	<i>Lead Pastor</i> Asheville Foster SDA Church
4. David Wright	<i>Lead Pastor</i> Hendersonville SDA Church
5. Charles Young, Sr.	<i>Volunteer Pastor</i> Blythewood SDA Church
6. Bryan Aalborg	<i>Lead Pastor</i> Charlotte Sharon SDA Church
7. Ryan Ashlock	Charlotte University City SDA Church Huntersville Lighthouse SDA Company

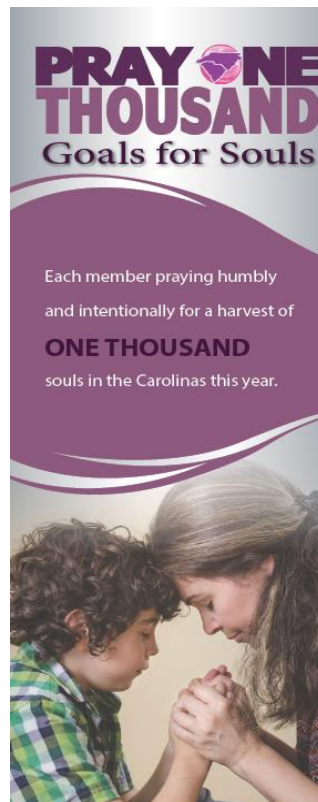
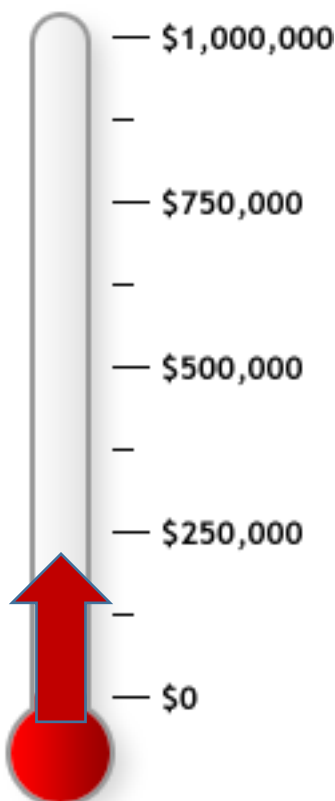


Reflect for a moment on the story of Exodus 17. Israel and the Amalekites were in battle, and God’s people weren’t winning – unless Moses raised His hands to reach out to God for His intercession. But when he grew weary, Aaron and Hur were his strength to hold up his arms till dark until Joshua could lead Israel to a victory. That victory can happen in every church of the Carolinas as we uplift our pastors in ardent prayer against the attacks of our enemy. As Don Jacobsen calls it – that’s a “Reproducible Principle.”

4. PRAYING FOR **811** MORE CAROLINA ADVENTISTS WHO ARE WILLING TO COMMIT TO OUR MILLION DOLLAR EVANGELISM INITIATIVE!

We can do it!! I know we can. By God's grace, I believe with all my heart that we have at least 1,000 Seventh-day Adventists in the Carolina Conference who truly believe that Jesus is coming again ...soon and very soon! ~~1,000~~ 999 (**Count me in!**) Adventists who are willing to dedicate at least \$1,000 every year for evangelism till Jesus returns. For those who have such a passionate conviction, we invite you to prayerfully consider investing in the mission Jesus has entrusted to each of us –

TO SEEK AND SAVE THE LOST!



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 at least ONE MILLION DOLLARS that can be invested in the ministry of evangelism.

We are still waiting for the final numbers to come in from our April membership report that will give us a better indication of where we are in our soul winning effort for this year.

Our pastors are currently working with their church boards to put together their specific evangelism and outreach plans for the coming year. Please pray for these plans as we labor for the Lord and the lives we seek to reach for His kingdom.

So how is it that I've come up with the above number of 811? As of the end of March, we have raised \$189,000 for evangelism in 2017. That's equivalent to 189 giving units in Carolina of \$1,000 each! So we are praying for least 811 more generous hearts before the end of the year. Our March totals indicate an increase by almost \$40,000 in support for evangelism funds than what we had at the same time last year. Praise the Lord!!

Let's do something amazing in Carolina for Jesus this year and every year till we see His face and hear His voice resoundingly say – *"Well done, good and faithful Carolinians!"* **Let's pray for an amazing victory for evangelism in 2017!** One Million Evangelism Dollars and One Thousand Priceless 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

Last month we began our second cycle of repeating and remembering our seven-fold 2020 vision, and how the Lord has been guiding us in our quest to accomplish these goals that we have asked for Heaven's blessing. This month we focus on our second vision of those seven.

VISION II: WELCOME TO TRAVELING PILGRIMS IN THE CAROLINAS

PRAY AND COMMIT to place attractive and updated signage of welcome greetings by the Seventh-day Adventist Church at every Interstate entry point into North and South Carolina with our conference website information.



Remember that little children's song – *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 bush – Oh 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 the word Seventh-day Adventists and many who have misperceptions of who we are. It is time for us to come out of the closet and truly be grateful for how God has guided and blessed this church to be the final torch of truth that is warm and inviting to every travelling pilgrim through our states of North and South Carolina.

Utilizing people from within our conference territory, we designed signage that could serve as a fresh and invitational welcome to the State of North Carolina as well as South Carolina. Our desire is to share a visual picture of an invitational church made up of a multi-ethnic and multi-generational outreach in its mission and outreach.

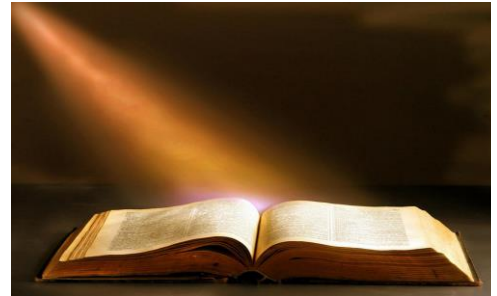
The first of these signs just was installed last year (2016) on Interstate 85 North bound for those crossing South Carolina into North Carolina. Our second sign was just installed a few months ago this year (2017) on Interstate 95 South bound for those crossing North Carolina into South Carolina.



“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

We again invite you, as a *President's Prayer Partner*, 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 fifth set of 4 memory passages for this year to coincide with our fifth 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 # 5: The Holy Spirit:

God the eternal Spirit was active with the Father and the Son in Creation, incarnation, and redemption. He is as much a person as are the Father and the Son. He inspired the writers of Scripture. He filled Christ's life with power. He draws and convicts human beings; and those who respond He renews and transforms into the image of God. Sent by the Father and the Son to be always with His children, He extends spiritual gifts to the church, empowers it to bear witness to Christ, and in harmony with the Scriptures leads it into all truth.

- A. **Isaiah 61:1 (NKJV)** – *"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound."*
- B. **John 14:16-18 (NKJV)** - *"And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."*
- C. **2 Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV)** - *"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."*
- D. **2 Peter 1:19-21 (NKJV)** - *"And so we have the prophetic word confirmed,^[a] which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; ²⁰ knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, ²¹ for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."*

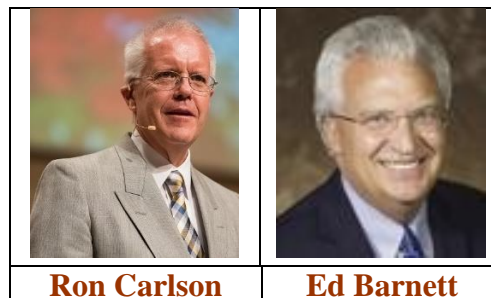
7. GOD’S LEADERS IN THE NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH:



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

Mid-America Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists		Gary Thurber, President
a. April 30-May 6	Central States Conference	Roger Bernard, President
b. May 7 – 13	Dakota Conference	Neil Biloff, President
	Minnesota Conference	Justin Lyons, President
c. May 14 – 20	Iowa-Missouri Conference	Dean Coridan, President
d. May 21-27	Kansas-Nebraska Conference	Ron Carlson, President
e. May 28 – June 3	Rocky Mountain Conference	Ed Barnett, President

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



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