

FLORIDA FOCUS

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Coming Up...



Varsity Pathfinder Camporee, April 6-8, 2001. For Pathfinders grades 9-12 (ages 15-18). Where? The "back 40," Forest Lake Academy, Forest City. Cost: \$15. Register online: www.floridapathfinders.com



Fifth Annual Tampa Bay Area Adventist Convocation, March 16-17. Speakers: José Rojas and Charles Bradford. Also: youth/young adult and children's programs, and area musicians.



PHOTOS: CINDY KURTZHALS

Retired Denominational Workers' Retreat, March 9-10. Pine Lake Retreat. Fellowship of old friends—Donald Van Duinen, left, and Victor Brown went to Emmanuel Missionary College together, married, and lived in the same apartment complex.

SOUL-WINNING IN SOUTH FLORIDA



ST. PETERSBURG TIMES PHOTO: DAN MCDUFFIE

"Jesus is coming and Bill Waters wants people to know," reported the *Pasco County Times* to its 110,200 readers on January 13. The Religion cover story was about Bill (pictured) and Sunshine Waters holding a prophecy seminar at the East Pasco church. The Waters are one of the Conference evangelism teams, two Union evangelists, pastors, and laypeople to conduct the south Florida series.

Jesus is coming again—and 57 South Florida congregations are telling it in 48 locations across South Florida in an area-wide evangelistic thrust beginning March 24. Miami-area pastors are praying for 1,500 people to accept Christ and be baptized.

United together, South Florida congregations and the Conference evangelism department call upon members across the Conference to pray for the Holy Spirit to touch hearts and lives.

Area residents will learn about these Bible series by:

- Television ads on major network affiliates which include WSVN-TV, Channel 7—with the highest number of viewers in its 10 p.m. newscast—plus Spanish television stations.
- Radio spots in English, Spanish, French, and Portuguese stations.
- 700,000 brochures mailed to south Florida homes.
- Newspaper advertisements in the *Miami Herald*, *Sun Sentinel*, *Diario Las Ameri-*

cas, *El Nuevo Herald*, *The Flyer*, as well as Portuguese- and French Creole-language newspapers.

- Brochures mailed to local *It Is Written* viewers and *Voice of Prophecy & La Voz de la Esperanza* listeners.
- Web site information at www.areyou-ready.org
- Members giving personal invitations.

The meetings will be conducted in English, Spanish, French Creole, and Portuguese, and will last 2-6 weeks.

—Cindy Kurtzhals, Martin Butler

Calendar of Events

Complete calendar online: <http://www.adventist-fl.com/calendar.html>
Florida Pathfinder events: <http://www.floridapathfinders.com/>

CAMP MEETINGS; DETAILS, PAGE 5

North Florida Camp Meeting, Mar. 9-11. Camp Kulaqua.
Bible Fest 2001, May 4-6. Knight's Key Campground, Marathon.
107th Annual Camp Meeting, May 25-June 2. Forest Lake Academy.
Spanish-language Camp Meeting, June 6-10. Forest Lake Academy.

MARCH, 2001

Retired Denominational Workers' Retreat, Mar. 9-10. Pine Lake Retreat, Groveland. Guest speaker: William Johnsson, editor, *Adventist Review*. Details: (407) 331-8249.

Fifth Annual West Coast Convocation, Mar. 16—Tampa First church. Guest speaker: José Rojas, youth/young adult ministries director, North American Division, Silver Spring, Maryland. Mar. 17—Mahaffey Theatre at Bayfront Center, St. Petersburg. Sabbath school speaker: Charles Bradford, retired North American Division president. Sabbath worship speaker, José Rojas.

Men's Ministries Conventions, Mar. 16-18, Mar. 23-25. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Theme: *Standing Firm*. Guest speakers: Eradio Alonso, associate North American Division ministerial secretary; George Brown, retired Inter-American Division president, Miami; and Derek Morris, professor of preaching and pastoral theology, Southern Adventist University School of Religion, Collegedale, Tennessee. Cost: \$45.50-\$174 depending on accommodation choice. Details: (407) 644-5000 x135. Registration: (904) 454-1351.

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Mar. 17. Jacksonville Mandarin.

Mar. 18. Jacksonville First, Jacksonville Southpoint, St. Augustine, Palatka, Palm Coast.

Mar. 24. Tallahassee.

Mar. 25. Perry, Lake City, Ocala, Belleview, Silver Springs Shores.

Mar. 31. Maranatha in Miami.

Apr. 1. Plantation. Lauderhill.

Apr. 7. St. Petersburg.

Apr. 8. Clearwater, New Port Richey, Spring Hill, Brooksville, East Pasco in Dade City, Plant City.

Apr. 14. Naples.

Apr. 15. Ft. Myers, Ft. Myers Shores, Arcadia, Walker Memorial in Avon Park, Lake View, Winter Haven.

Apr. 21. West Palm Beach.

Apr. 22. Jupiter-Tequesta, Ft. Pierce. Melbourne, Cocoa, Titusville.

Apr. 28. Port Charlotte.

Apr. 29. North Port, Venice-Nokomis, Sarasota, Palmetto, Brandon, Tampa First.

Northwest Dade Church Relocation Celebration, Mar. 24. Northwest Dade church, 6500 NW 202nd St. Miami. 10:30 a.m. Details: Pastor Joel Honore, (305) 816-1859.

Miami/South Florida Area-wide Evangelistic Series, Mar. 24-Apr. 28. Presented in English, Spanish, French, and Portuguese. Forty-eight locations in Dade, Broward, Monroe, and Palm Beach counties with 57 church congregations participating. See page 1.

APRIL, 2001

Greater Miami Academy Alumni Weekend, Apr. 6-7. Greater Miami Academy. Details: Debra Lewis, alumni association president, (954) 713-6367; or Don Watson, director of development, (305) 220-5955.

Children's Ministries Vacation Bible School Workshops, Camp Kulaqua, High Springs, Apr. 13-15. English. Details: Myrna Wright, (407) 644-5000 x191. Apr. 20-22. Spanish. Details: Rebeca de los Rios, (407) 644-5000 x138.

Camp Kulaqua Summer Camps. Complete camp schedule online: <http://www.campkulaqua.com/> Details/registration: (904) 454-1351, or sdacamps@campkulaqua.com

—A. Lee Bennett, Jr.

NEW MINISTERIAL PLAN APPROVED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A new ministerial plan for Florida Conference was voted December 10, 2000, by the Executive Committee. The plan includes a vice president for administration and ministerial, two ministerial field secretaries, and pastoral consultants.

The vice president position combines two former positions: vice president for administration, which has remained open since Lewis Hendershot was elected Conference president, and ministerial secretary, a position held by Noel Shanko until his retirement, February 1.

Shanko continues to serve part-time as assistant to the president.

"For some time we have sensed a need to give more help in the area of nurture to our pastoral families," says Hendershot. "We be-

lieve the new ministerial plan will provide this assistance."

Kenneth Burrill, pastor of the Tampa First church, has accepted the vice president position (*see p. 8*). His responsibilities will include caring for administrative issues with pastors and churches, pastoral placements and transfers, conflict management, continuing education of pastors, and a pastoral database.

New ministerial field secretaries will be chosen—one to serve the northern half of Florida and one for the south. Responsibilities include counselor/advocate for pastors, spiritual encouragement for pastors, meet with church boards to ascertain felt needs and report to the vice president, assist with conflict resolution, and provide help with

evangelism and church growth plans/strategic planning.

The third part of the ministerial plan, which is still in the development stage, includes local pastors with expertise in areas such as marriage counseling, conflict resolution, or cultural understanding. When these individuals are identified, their names will be presented to the Conference administration for approval as pastoral consultants. They will continue as pastors of their local churches and, as available, serve as a resource to the vice president and ministerial field secretaries.

Pastoral consultants may also be asked to assist with evangelism plans, pastoral issues, communication of pastoral needs, pastoral counseling, and mentoring other pastors.

—Martin Butler

HONORING THESE RETIREES FOR THEIR YEARS OF DENOMINATIONAL SERVICE

Retired In October, 2000

Idalia Diaz

Retired In February, 2001

David Arnold	Robert Schwebel
Arthur Garrison	Noel Shanko
George Poppo	Ronald Vaughn
Floyd Powell	Ray West

*Thank you for your commitment and dedication.
Best wishes as you begin a new chapter of your life.*

OUR APOLOGY—regarding the Ocala Christmas Parade/Pathfinder story on the cover of the previous *Florida Focus*. The parade, an awareness and witnessing opportunity for the Adventist Church, was an evening event which began after sundown.

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SCIENTIFIC STUDY SHOWS BENEFITS OF ADVENTIST LIFESTYLE PROGRAM



PHOTOS: JERRY STERNER

East Pasco Medical Center is located at 7050 Gall Boulevard in Zephyrhills.

A recent study at East Pasco Medical Center (EPMC), an Adventist Health System facility in Zephyrhills, Florida, conducted by the University of South Florida, provides scientific evidence of the effectiveness of lifestyle improvement programs. The object of the study was to “employ scientific rigor to the outcome measures” of the 21-day outpatient program called *The Wellness Challenge*. A report of the study of 165 program participants appears in the November 2000 issue of the professional journal, *Alternative Therapies in Health and Medicine*.

The Wellness Challenge is one of a growing number of lifestyle-change programs that have sprung up all over the country in recent years. Typically, the objectives are to help participants reduce their risk for

chronic diseases such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, hypertension, and cancer.

The Wellness Challenge consists of 12 two-hour meetings which employ exercise, spiritual applications to health, health lectures, and cooking schools.

The Wellness Challenge employs many health principles that have been utilized in NEWSTART by Weimar Institute, Weimar, California, along with a spiritual emphasis. These principles include sunshine, temperance, air, rest, trust in God, attitude, nutrition, exercise, and water. These nine principles make up the acronym, START-A-NEW, which is the foundation of the program.

Researchers found that participants in *The Wellness Challenge* at EPMC made significant changes in behaviors related to the

program’s nine principles of health.

Much of the existing body of knowledge of lifestyle change programs is comprised of historical and anecdotal literature. The study utilized a pre- and post-survey six weeks apart, and lipid blood tests three weeks apart, to determine

which lifestyle behavioral changes were significant. As a result of the changes in diet, water consumption, rest, and time spent outdoors, participants experienced statistically significant difference in blood pressure, weight, glucose levels and cholesterol, along with positive changes in attitude as it relates to spirituality. The study suggests “programs that offer a statistically significant reduction in hypertension, obesity, glucose, and cholesterol levels warrant thoughtful consideration by the medical community.”

With the completion and publication of this study, *The Wellness Challenge* at EPMC makes a significant

contribution to today’s developing body of knowledge in lifestyle medicine.

Authors of the report published in *Alternative Therapies in Health and Medicine*, are Robert Kamieneski, Ed.D., EPMC administrative director; Carol Brown, R.N., assistant director of The Wellness Center; Christopher Mitchell, B.S., former assistant director of The Wellness Center; Myriam Parham, RD/LDN/CDE, clinical dietician and certified diabetes educator; Karen Perrin, MPH, Ph.D., assistant professor; and Karen Dindial, MSPH, graduate assistant, College of Public Health at the University of South Florida in Tampa.



Brenda Robinson, LPN, fitness instructor.



Carol Brown, R.N., is assistant director of The Wellness Center, and teaches healthy lifestyle principles.

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FLORIDA ADVANCE DISTRIBUTION CHANGES

Distribution of *Florida Advance* funds has changed following a vote of the Conference Executive Committee on January 30. Reapportionment of these funds resulted from church member input last year as Florida Conference administrators attended regional meetings prior to the Constituency Meeting.

“As members looked at how the pie was divided, they shared how the pieces might be rearranged to reflect changing Conference-wide needs,” says Randee Reynolds, Conference treasurer. Study was given to their suggestions and, as a result, changes in percentages were made as illustrated in the two adjacent charts.

Two major changes have been implemented: 1) a new cat-

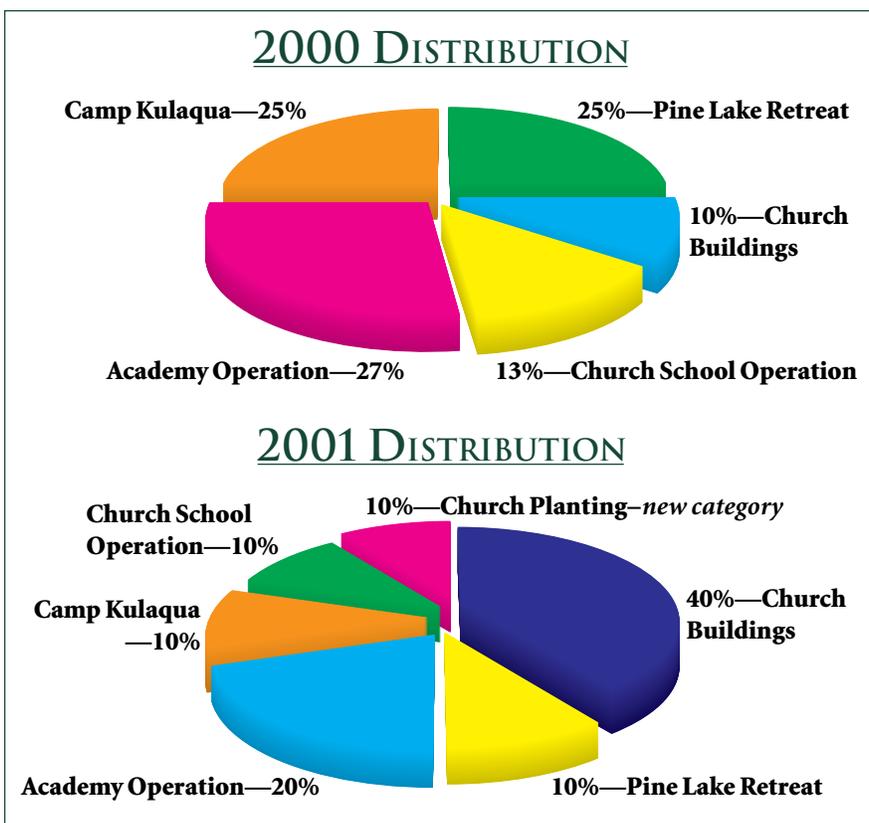
egory for church planting, and 2) a 30% increase for church buildings. This change

reflects meeting the needs of building costs and future church building requests.

“The faithful support of church members to *Florida Advance* makes it possible for

our churches, schools, and camps to be representative facilities for evangelism,” says Reynolds. “As members continue to share their financial blessings through *Florida Advance*, the Conference is committed to using these gifts as effectively and efficiently as possible for the advancement of God’s work in Florida.”

—Martin Butler,
Randee Reynolds



Florida Advance contributions provide financing for church buildings, church school operations, academy operations, Camp Kulaqua, and Pine Lake Retreat. The 2001 distribution plan now includes a new category—church planting.

Florida Advance Sabbath is generally the fourth Sabbath of each month. The *Florida Advance* schedule is listed in the offering schedule/sunset calendar at each church.

The suggested systematic giving guide is two percent of income. Please put your *Florida Advance* offering in a tithe envelope and mark it *Florida Advance*.

FT. MYERS DOCTOR TO COORDINATE HEALTH MINISTRIES

Roger Heald, a retired physician living in Ft. Myers, has volunteered to coordinate health ministries for Florida Conference.

“Dr. Heald will serve as a consultant and resource person to our local church health leaders,” says Richard O’Ffill, director of Conference health ministries. “He will also present the seminars for the health track at Camp Meeting.”

Heald and Jean, his wife, moved to Florida four years ago from Boston where he practiced internal medicine at New England Memorial Hospital for 20 years. The Healds also spent 18 years as missionaries in the Far Eastern Division.

“Changing people’s lifestyle is my burden,” he says. “Most illnesses today are the result of faulty habits. I believe the goal of our health message is to make minds clear so God’s



Roger Heald, M.D., M.P.H.

voice can be heard.

“I’m very keen on using surveys to find out the health needs of the community surrounding our

churches,” he says. “We need to meet people where they are. If they want to hear about stress reduction, or how to stop smoking, let’s fulfill these needs by presenting information in a way that is pleasing and informative while motivating people to make lifestyle changes.”

Heald has paralleled his internal medicine practice with preventive medicine. *The Marvels of Life*, an instruction guide for

healthy living which he authored, is used around the world.

O’Ffill considers the Conference “blessed to have the experience and expertise of volunteers like Dr. Heald in health ministries. We really appreciate the dedication of individuals who give of their time and talents for God’s work in Florida.”

Conference health ministries department: (407) 644-5000 x135.

—Martin Butler

Coming Up **CAMP MEETINGS**

NORTH FLORIDA CAMP MEETING— MARCH 9-11, 2001

CAMP KULAQUA, HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA

THEME — *FRIENDS FOR CHRIST*

SPEAKER — CHARLES BRADFORD, RETIRED PRESIDENT,
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

MUSIC — PRAISE 4 QUARTET, MIAMI

YOUTH — WITHOUT A DOUBT MUSICAL MINISTRY



FLORIDA KEYS BIBLE FEST— MAY 4-6, 2001

KNIGHT'S KEY CAMPGROUND, MARATHON (MILE MARKER 47)

THEME *TRUTH@THECROSSROADS,*
"WHAT IS TRUTH? —WHAT ARE
YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?"

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107TH ANNUAL CAMP MEETING— MAY 25-JUNE 2, 2001

FOREST LAKE ACADEMY, FOREST CITY, AND LIVE VIA SATELLITE

THEME — *REJOICING IN HIS PROMISES*

SPEAKERS — ADULT MEETINGS

- Fri.–Sun. nights, 7:30 p.m., Sabbath Worship, 8 & 10:45 a.m.
—Mark Finley¹, speaker/director for *It Is Written Television*.
- Mon.–Wed. nights, 7:30 p.m.—Lonnie Melashenko²,
speaker/director for *The Voice of Prophecy* international
radio broadcast, Simi Valley, California.
- Thurs. night, 7:30 p.m.—Carla Gober³, assistant professor,
Relational Studies, Faculty of Religion; associate director,
Center for Spiritual Life and Wholeness at Loma Linda
University, Loma Linda, California.
- Fri.–Sat. nights, 7:30 p.m., Sabbath Worship, 8 &
10:45 a.m. —George Brown⁴, retired president of the
Inter-American Division, Miami, Florida.
- Sun.–Fri. devotionals, 7:00 a.m.—Rudi Maier⁵, associate
professor of World Mission, Andrews University.
- Mon.–Fri. Bible Study Hour, 11:00 a.m.—Jack Blanco,
professor of religion and Christian ethics, Southern
Adventist University, Collegedale, Tennessee.

SPEAKERS — YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS MEETINGS

—Karl Haffner, senior pastor of Walla Walla College
Church, Walla Walla, Washington.

—Andy Nash, professor of English, Union College,
Lincoln, Nebraska.



HISPANIC CAMP MEETING— JUNE 6-10, 2001

FOREST LAKE ACADEMY, FOREST CITY, FLORIDA

SPEAKER — DANIEL BELVEDERE, SABBATH SCHOOL & PERSONAL
MINISTRIES DIRECTOR, EURO-AFRICA DIVISION



Evangelism Department

The evangelism department desires to assist every evangelist, pastor, and lay worker in helping to fulfill the gospel commission through evangelistic soul-winning.

EVANGELISM

IS AN ATTITUDE...

...about God, people, salvation, the Bible, doctrine, mission, church, life, meetings, and work. Evangelism is the attitude to accomplish the commission Jesus gave to His disciples, His Church, and us to take the gospel into all the world. *Matthew 28:19, 20.*

CONFERENCE COORDINATOR

Ralph Ringer has served as evangelism coordinator for more than seven years. He coordinates 200-300 evangelistic/outreach meetings per year and preaches in local churches on most Sabbaths. He has developed a new form of evangelism and revival using the *Jesus' Parables* series which he conducts several times a year. He is also lay pastoral assistant



LESTER PRATT

evangelistic meetings are events that are part of this process, their success largely depends on the evangelism process going on in the local church.

EVANGELISM TEAMS

Lester and Zula Pratt and Roy and Amy Pauley—Lester is our senior

coordinator. Each February, he team-teaches with Ron Halvorsen at the Boot Camp for Evangelism at Pine Lake Retreat in Groveland where laypeople are trained to hold evangelistic meetings. Halvorsen is church growth coordinator for the Southern Union Conference in Decatur, Georgia. **Nancy Ringer**, Ralph's wife, is evangelism coordinator assistant and serves in the office.

EVANGELISM IS A PROCESS

In order to be the most effective, it takes a team effort of pastors, church members, and evangelists. While

evangelist and, along with his team, has brought the gospel to Floridians for more than 20 years in the Florida Conference. Lester just preaches straight from the Bible using few visual aides. This method still works very well for him and this team and, even though he has served for 20 years here in Florida, his team is always in demand to come back to churches where they have previously held meetings.

Bill and Sunshine Waters use a computer-generated graphic media approach in their evangelism presentations. They are usually in a

district longer than their actual series in order to help local members prepare for, and follow up, their meetings. This team has been greatly appreciated in the local churches.

Ric and Dawn Swaningson—Ric was a layman with a natural gift for evangelism. He has held meetings for the Conference since 1993 with good results. The Executive Committee voted for Ric to do full-time evangelism effective January 1, 2001. His computer-generated graphic presentations are very effective.

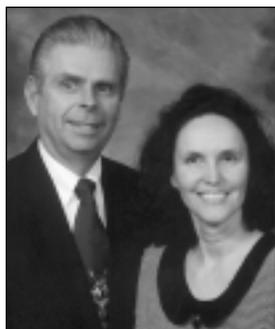
Bob Sparenberg will hold three or four evangelistic meetings a year and utilize computer-generated graphics. He will also continue to conduct the Drug Prevention Outreach Program in connection with the Florida and Southern Union Conferences and the North American Division.

Marc and Sarah Swearingen—Marc is a young man who was baptized in an evangelistic meeting five years ago. He felt the call of

evangelism right away and helped his pastor with two subsequent evangelistic series. Marc then began to hold evangelistic meetings himself. It is evident that the Lord has given him the gift of evangelism. The Executive Committee recently voted to send him for his master's degree in a new program that will provide additional training in this field of expertise.

Art and Margo Swaningson—Art was a truck driver who accepted the Lord and gained a passion and gift for holding *Revelation Seminars*. The Texas Conference asked Art to hold seminars, then the Swaningsons relocated to Florida. Although Art is retired, he and Margo continue to hold four meetings a year. He uses a combination of preaching and seminar-style delivery along with various visual aides.

Bob and Mary Kay Goransson retired from evangelism after more than 30 years, yet they still hold four meetings a year in English- or Spanish-lan-



Ralph & Nancy Ringer



Lester & Zula Pratt



Roy & Amy Pauley



Bill & Sunshine Waters



Ric & Dawn Swaningson

guage churches. He has recently put all his presentations into a computer-generated graphics format.

Dr. José and Ofelia Fuentes—Dr. Fuentes has degrees in clinical psychology, theology, and public health. He incorporates his expertise into evangelism outreach for local Spanish-language churches. Though retired, he holds four meetings a year using some computer-generated graphics.

Rolando and Rebeca de los Rios—Rolando is our new, full-time Spanish evangelist. He is a very powerful speaker. Rolando also uses computer-generated graphics to present his evangelistic messages.

RETIRED EVANGELISTS

Bill and Marilyn Bornstein and Dwight Davis hold meetings for local churches on a per-request basis.

DIVERSITIES

Evangelists and pastors share the gospel in 10 languages—English, Spanish, French, Portuguese, Korean, Viet-

namese, Yugoslavian, Romanian, Filipino, and Hebrew.

FLORIDA MEMBERS GIVE & EVANGELISM INCREASES

It is wonderful to see the faithful support for evangelism by Florida members. In 2000, more than \$100,000 was marked for Florida evangelism on church offering envelopes. These contributions have an impact above and beyond the basic budget for evangelism which comes from the tithe. Because of these extra funds, additional meetings have been, and will be, held resulting in hundreds of baptisms in Florida that never would have been possible.

More requests have been made for our evangelists to hold meetings in 2001 than can be filled. In addition, local churches have requested a 40% increase in funds for their growing evangelism endeavors.

EVANGELISM FUNDS HELP SPAWN NEW CHURCHES

The evangelism department works with

churches that want to spawn new groups. Evangelism funds help water the seeds and facilitate growth. The Portuguese, Spanish, and French work has grown tremendously over the past three years. Much of this growth has come as a result of existing churches with the vision of planting new churches.

JEWISH WORK EXPANDS

God has blessed the growth of the Jewish work in a tremendous way. Three Messianic congregations now meet in New Port Richey, St. Petersburg, and Miami. The New Port Richey group has its own building, which is a miracle in itself.

OUTREACH PLANS FOR 2001

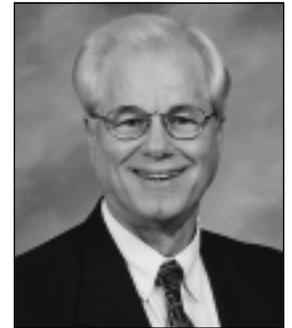
Area-wide meetings have been successful in the Miami, South Florida, and Gulf Coast areas. Beginning March 24, 2001, 57 churches will be involved in 48 locations in Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, and Monroe Counties in southeast Florida. They will

share the gospel in four languages.

The idea behind area-wide meetings: because the cost of radio, television, and newspaper advertising is high and beyond financial reach for any one church meeting in a large urban area, combining budgets for churches in a media area is more cost-effective. The cost of advertising can serve 100 meetings the same as it can for one. The same principle applies to handbills. They can be purchased in large quantities for a third of the normal cost. Each church can have one panel of the handbill imprinted with their local information.

Instead of one large

meeting, churches are more supportive of area-wide meetings held in their various local facilities. Their new-member retention rate is higher and the geographic region is more thoroughly covered.



Dwight Davis



Bill Bornstein



Rolando & Rebeca de los Rios



Bob Sparenberg



Marc & Sarah Swearingen



Art & Margo Swaningson



Bob & Mary Goransson



José & Ofelia Fuentes

UPCOMING AREA-WIDE MEETINGS

- South Florida—March 24, 2001.
- Brevard County—August 17, 2001. Five churches involved.
- Gulf Region—February 23, 2002. 20-25 churches involved.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 10, 2000

MERGED the Palm Springs Spanish and Hialeah Gardens Spanish churches into the Hialeah Springs Spanish church.

DECEMBER 10, 2000

APPROVED the K-12 Board of Education's recommendation of individuals to the Forest Lake Academy and Greater Miami Academy Boards.

APPROVED the proposed ministerial plan regarding the vice president for administration/ministerial, ministerial field secretaries, and pastoral consultants to be implemented in 2001.

APPROVED the formation of a Pathfinder/Adventurer/Varsity Pathfinder Advisory Committee to be comprised of no more than 18 members with representation of the various regions, positions, and functions of the Conference. No more than one family member may serve on the Committee, however, a spouse may attend as an invitee.

Members are appointed for a three-year term and are eligible for re-appointment. The Committee is to be chaired by an officer of the Conference or a designee, with the Pathfinder department director serving as secretary.

APPROVED the list of individuals recommended to serve on the following committees:

- Pathfinder/Adventurer/Varsity Pathfinder Committee
- Investment Committee
- Camp Advisory Committee

APPROVED the organization of the following mission groups into companies:

- Advent Praise & Worship Center in Pembroke Pines
- Romanian Adventist Temple in Hollywood
- South Dade in south Miami.

JANUARY 20, 2001

APPROVED the organization of the Howey-in-the-Hills Christian Fellowship mission group into a company.

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF CHANGES

VOTED BY THE CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OR APPOINTED BY THE CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE (ADCOM)

Listed chronologically by date voted/appointed.



ASSOCIATE YOUTH/ YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES DIRECTOR

Juan Rodriguez was voted associate

youth/young adult ministries director on July 30, 2000, by the Executive Committee. Based in Jacksonville, he primarily serves north Florida and assists with Conference-wide youth/young adult ministries events.

He previously served three years as youth pastor of the Jacksonville Mandarin church.



ASSOCIATE TREASURER

Stephen Boone was voted associate treasurer on October 1, 2000, by the Executive Committee and joined the staff January 1. He previously served

two years as vice president of finance at Mt. Pisgah Academy, Candler, North Carolina.



ASSISTANT COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR

Lee Bennett was appointed assistant communication director on November 20, 2000, by the Administrative Committee.

He served as a production assistant for eight years following a summer internship in 1992.



ESTATE SERVICES DIRECTOR

José LeGrand was voted director of estate services on December 10, 2000, by the Executive Committee.

He previously served 13 years as estate services associate field representative and replaces Floyd Powell who retired February 1, 2001.



ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

Noel Shanko retired February 1, 2001, after serving eight years as Conference ministerial director. He was voted as part-time assistant to the president on December 10, 2000, by the Executive Committee.

His responsibilities include a continued role as coordinator for Camp Meeting and special projects as assigned by the president.



VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATION/ MINISTERIAL

Kenneth Burrill was voted vice president for administration/ministerial on January 30, 2001, by the Executive Committee. This is a new position that combines formerly separate roles (see page 2).

He has served nine years as pastor of the Tampa First church and has pastored in Florida since 1979.



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