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Coming Up...



CINDY KURTZHAIS

North Florida Country Camp Meeting is for kids, too! March 15-17, 2002. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Learn more about this and other Camp Meetings on page 5.



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Sixth Annual Tampa Bay Area Convocation. March 15, Tampa First church. March 16, Mahafey Theatre at Bayfront Center in St. Petersburg. See advertisement on page 2.

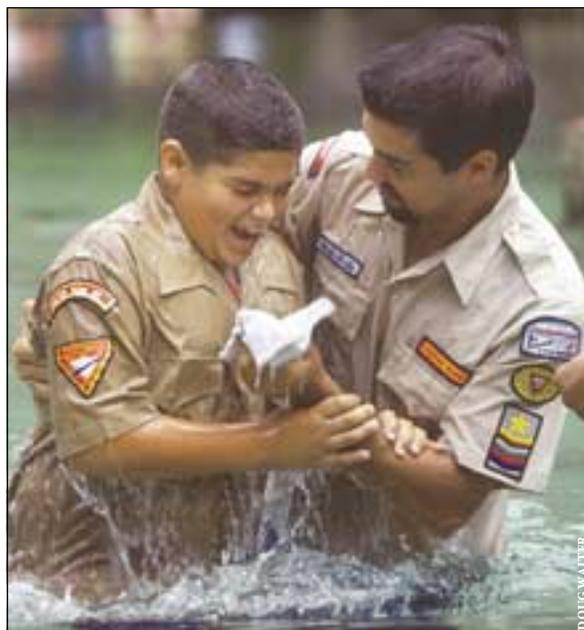


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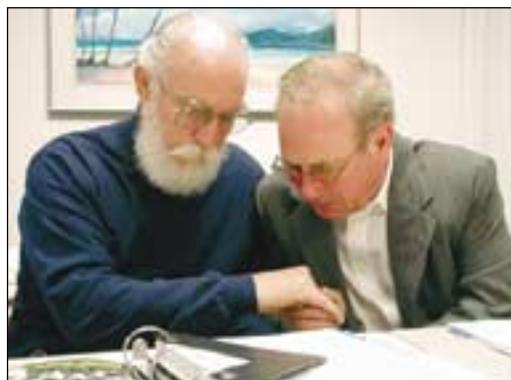
Six to eight hundred men are expected to attend the Men's Ministries Convention, March 22-24. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Theme: "For Such A Time As This." See departmental report on page 3.

THE FACES OF FRIENDSHIP

FLORIDA CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP PASSES 50,000—ONE-YEAR GROWTH REACHES 3,016



DOUG WALTER



MARTIN BUTLER



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The 2001 church clerk reports were in and the numbers were tallied. Florida Conference churches had welcomed 3,016 new members during the year through baptism and profession of faith. The December milestone came one month after the Conference passed the 50,000 member mark.

"We are grateful for milestones," says Lewis Hendershot, Florida Conference president, "yet, it is of utmost importance to remember these numbers were reached one person at a time—each with a name who represents a precious family. Many came to a decision through a sphere of influence; possibly when a

colleague at work or school shared Jesus' love."

One by one, men and women, boys and girls accepted the Savior's invitation, "Come unto Me." One at a time, each realized that Christ would have died for only one sinner in need of salvation. "This tells us that Heaven places a huge value on one person," says Hendershot, "individuals like Fran Sobka, a new member whose story was shared in a *Florida Family* video at Camp Meeting this past summer."

CHRIST ON CANVASS

Arline Altermatt, a member at Mt. Dora, met Fran at a painting class. They became

friends. One day, Fran came to class devastated. That week, Bob, her husband, was diagnosed with cancer.

"We were all devastated," says Arline. "I had to do something for Fran and Bob, so I called my pastor, David Canther."

Canther went to their home, not just once, but many times to pray and share God's Word with the couple. "As we visited, changes began to occur," he says. "Peace came into their lives as spiritual and emotional healing took place. In time, Bob began to pray during our visits."

Arline noticed the change. "A transformation took place
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in his life," she says. "He was a new man and so happy. It wasn't long after that, he died."

Two weeks earlier, Bob had told Fran, "If anything ever happens to me, I want my service to be at the Mt. Dora church." Fran shared his wish with Pastor Canther.

"We felt honored," says Canther. "We are here to serve the community and change people's lives for God."

When Bob's family arrived for the funeral, Fran told them the service would be at the Adventist church. "I said, 'Mom, this is Bob's request.' She said, 'Fine, I'll have my mass later, my way.' I was pleased because of my



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Arline Altermatt, left, Florida Conference membership clerk, let the love of Christ shine through the canvas of her life in a painting class where she and Fran Sobka became friends.

concern to do what Bob wanted and still respect his mom."

What happened during the service made lasting impressions on Fran and family members. "My mother-in-law took me aside before the lun-

cheon and said, 'Fran, I have never seen such a serene and God-filled service. She was very proud that her son was laid to rest like that.'

Following the funeral, Fran made a decision. "I want to be a part of this church.

This is my family—my home—and I want to worship here," she said. Soon, she was baptized.

Immediately, Fran began using her talents. She helped design the prayer altar for the sanctuary where members bring their prayer requests. Her artistic touch also helped decorate the church community center.

Each day, Fran continues to become a new creation as she trusts in God one day at a time. She also finds that all of life's challenges have not disappeared; yet, she knows in Whom she believes.

A CIRCLE OF LOVE

"Fran's story warms my heart and, at the same time, it brings to mind several chal-

lenges for each of us in the Florida Family," says Hendershot.

"Most importantly, new church members are not just statistics in a 50,000/3,000 milestone. Each is a person who needs our friendship and love. We need to surround them, disciple them, use their talents, and meet their need for a sense of belonging.

"These, I believe, are among the keys to retaining our new members—and for keeping those who aren't as new. Then, by God's grace, we will continue to grow in 2002 as we renew our passion to proclaim the Advent message, meet people's needs, and witness for a soon-coming Savior."

—Martin Butler

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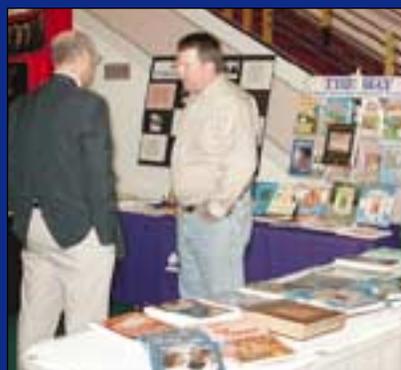
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Men's Ministries Department

HOW TO START A MEN'S MINISTRIES GROUP & KEEP IT GOING

600 TO 800 MEN TO ATTEND CONVENTION—MARCH 22-24, 2002

Ever since men's ministries groups in Florida Conference churches started in 1994, they've been helping men grow in their roles as husbands, fathers, and pillars of the church, says Richard O'Ffill, Florida Conference men's ministries director.

If your church does not have a men's ministries group, here's help for getting one started:

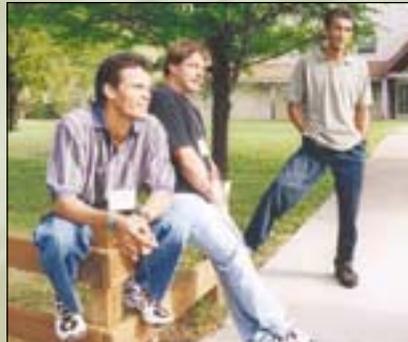
- Read the stories on this page about how men's groups began in the Maranatha church and the Naples church.
- Get ideas from www.emale.org and from the manual available from the Florida Conference men's ministries department.
- Attend the Men's Convention at Camp Kulaqua March 22-24.

O'Ffill expects 600 to 800 men to attend.

Twelve seminars are offered including *Men's Roles and Responsibilities*, *Improving Father-Son Relationships*, and *Listening—The Language of Love*.

"I have never met a man who attended a Men's Convention who was disappointed," said Eric Allen, men's ministries coordinator for south Florida.

For an application form, housing information, and a schedule of meetings and semi-



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nars, obtain a copy of the Men's Convention brochure from your pastor. Then, apply by fax or mail. The Convention begins with supper at 6:00 p.m. March 22 and ends with lunch March 24.

—R. Lynn Sauls

HOW THE MARANATHA CHURCH STARTED A MEN'S MINISTRIES GROUP

Eric Allen, men's ministries director at Miami's Maranatha church, tells how the group got started.

In 1993, the North American Division asked Florida Conference to develop the first men's ministries program in the Division. The Conference, in turn, asked Maranatha to form the first local group.

The Maranatha Church Board selected three men who were committed to a close relationship with the Lord, the Church, and their families, and who wanted other men to make the same commitments.

For ideas, the three men attended several Men's Conventions such as the one at Moody Bible Institute. They started a monthly men's prayer breakfast—50-60 now attend. The men pray with each other over the phone each week. At the monthly meeting, they consider how to meet the needs of men in the group and other church members.

On the annual Men's Sabbath, men lead out in Sabbath school and worship service, prepare a fellowship dinner, and invite their families to join them. Many of the men attend the Florida Men's Convention each year.

"You'll see us at this year's Convention, March 22-24," said Allen.

FIVE MEN STARTED THE NAPLES GROUP AFTER ATTENDING A MEN'S CONVENTION

Naples church pastor Colin Rampton said the men's ministries group, which organized in Naples three years ago, has made a big difference in the church, in families, and in the men themselves.

Victor Philogene, the first director, tells how the group got

started. Five Naples men attended the 1999 Men's Convention and made a commitment to meet each week for a month to pray. They then visited other men in the church and invited them to join the group for one month to study Colossians and pray the Lord would show them how to help the church.

The group doubled in size and decided to revive Wednesday night meetings for the whole church, including children, and have a monthly men's breakfast meeting. The Wednesday night meetings, called *Simply Bible*, focus on the study of books of the Bible, one or two chapters each week. Sometimes the

group is as large as 50 or 60, with several attending who are not Adventists. Volunteers take turns bringing soup and sandwiches for supper before *Simply Bible* begins.

Ten to 18 now attend the monthly prayer breakfasts. After devotions, they plan projects such as to repair roofs for members

unable to work outside, fund church school scholarships, and conduct an auto safety check for the community.

More than 20 now attend the Men's Convention each year. "The men feel it's the highlight of the year," said Brian McIntosh, Naples men's ministries director.

A SPIRIT OF RENEWAL ACROSS THE FLORIDA CONFERENCE

Renew MY COMMITMENT TO CHRIST

- Through prayer
- Through the study of God's Word

Renew A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME

- Through the power of the Holy Spirit
- Through the fruit of the Spirit

Renew MY SUPPORT FOR THE LORD'S WORK

- Through stewardship of tithes and offerings
- Through using my time, talents, and spiritual gifts

Renew MY PASSION TO PROCLAIM THE ADVENT MESSAGE

- Through meeting people's needs
- Through sharing my witness



ESPAÑOL—

Renovando Mi compromiso con Cristo

- A través de la oración
- A través del estudio de la Palabra de Dios

PORTUGUÊS—

Renovar Meu Compromisso com Cristo

- Através da oração
- Através do estudo da Palavra de Deus

FRANÇAIS—

Le Renouveau De mon engagement à Christ par

- La Prière
- L'Etude de la Parole de Dieu

PILIPINO—

Pagpapanibago Ng Aking Pagtatalaga kay Kristo

- Sa panalangin
- Sa pag-aaral ng Salita ng Diyos

VIETNAMESE—

Làm mới lại Lời hứa nguyện với Chúa

- Bằng sự cầu nguyện
- Bằng sự học hỏi Lời Chúa

GUJOSLAVIAN—

Obnoviti Posvećenje Hristu

- Molitvom
- Proučavanjem Božje reči

KOREAN—

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- 하나님의 말씀을 공부함으로

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- Camp Kulaqua, 700 NW Cheeota Ave., High Springs. (386) 454-7956.
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A STUDENT LE 'A CORVETTE ' AND A WIDOW

James Reynaert, 18, is one of 20 students at Southern Outreach Leadership School (SOULS), a two-year literature evangelism course based at Pine Lake Retreat in Groveland.

A student since September, the Fort Myers resident works around Sebring as part of his field experience. Reynaert shared a story during a literature evangelism rally at the West Palm Beach church:

"I was working in Avon Park. I came to a

house and knocked on the door, admiring a Corvette Stingray parked in back. I said 'That's a beautiful car,' to the woman who answered the door.

"After explaining that the car battery wasn't running, she talked about her husband who had died a year previously. I don't think she'd talked to anyone in a while. She said she was on a lot of depression medicine and that she had a gun.

"I hooked up the battery charger to her car

and visited for an hour, telling her that God provides for everyone's needs. After the car started, I invited her to the Sebring church. She came the next week, asked for a Bible study, and is now reading *Steps to Christ* and *Christ's Object Lessons*."

"There are many people in the same situation as this woman's," says Joe Holloway, Conference publishing director. "I think James' visit was providential."

—Lynn Huff

WE'RE GETTING CAMP MEETINGS READY FOR YOU!

NORTH FLORIDA COUNTRY CAMP MEETING MARCH 15-17, 2002 Camp Kulaqua, High Springs



Theme: *Homeward Bound*
Speaker: **Kenneth Cox** (left)
Youth speaker: **Lewis Jones**
Featured Musician:
Steve Darmody

- Programs for young adults and kids.
- Las reuniones en español por el orador invitado **Bernardo Rodríguez**



JEWISH ADVENTIST CAMP MEETING

APRIL 12-14, 2002
Pine Lake Retreat, Groveland

- Sponsor: Jewish evangelism
- Guest speaker: **Lewis Walton**, lawyer and author
- Enjoy Jewish music and fellowship
- Gain a deeper understanding of the roots of Jewish faith

FLORIDA KEYS CAMP MEETING MAY 3-4, 2002

Knight's Key Campground, Marathon

- Guest speakers: **Lewis Hendershot**, Florida Conference president; **Ty Gibson** of Light Bearers Ministry; and **André van Heerden**, new Islamorada/Marathon/Key West district pastor

108TH ANNUAL CAMP MEETING MAY 24-JUNE 1, 2002

Forest Lake Academy, Forest City & live via satellite at your church

Theme: *Renew 2002—Transformed Into His Likeness*

Main Auditorium Speakers

Don Schneider:¹ North American Division president
• Fri., May 24, and Sun.-Tue., May 26-28—7:30 p.m.
• Sabbath, May 25—8 and 10:45 a.m.

James Black: North American Division youth ministries director
• Sabbath, May 25—7:30 p.m.

Ron Halvorsen: Southern Union director of church growth
• Sunday, May 26—4 p.m.

Ed Reid:² North American Division stewardship director
• Monday-Friday, May 27-31—11 a.m.

Walter Pearson: *Breath of Life* speaker/director
• Wednesday, May 29—7:30 p.m.

David Osborne:³ North American Division ministerial secretary
• Thursday-Friday, May 30-31—7:30 p.m.

Jan Paulsen:⁴ Adventist World Church president
• Sabbath, June 1—8 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 7:30 p.m.

What's Going On At Camp Meeting?

- Weekday seminars • Bible studies • cooperative child care • youth/young adult programs • field trips for kids • singles' events • great fellowship • powerful preachers • awesome music • hearts lifted to God



CAMPAMENTO HISPANO

JUNIO 5-9, 2002 • Miami Fair Expo Center, Miami

- Orador invitado: **Angel Manuel Rodriguez**, director asociado del Instituto de Investigación Bíblica de la Asociación General
- Orador de jóvenes: será anunciado pronto



SILVER SPRINGS SHORES CHURCH OPENS AGAPE CENTER



PHOTOS: CINDY KURTZHALS



It was a high day of celebration, excitement, and anticipation as members of the Silver Springs Shores church cut the ribbon for their fellowship gymnasium, the Agape Center, on October 21, 2001. Pastor Creaton Francis was effervescent as he talked to the congrega-

tion that overflowed into the foyer. Guests included Sandra Edward Stephens, Marion County Traffic Court judge, and Pastor Frank Mason of the Lady Lake United Methodist church.

“Today we are experiencing the results of miracles, sacrifice, determination, love, and

devotion,” wrote Mae Edwards, Silver Springs Shores historian and choir director; also organist at the Methodist church. “I appreciate the perseverance of this congregation,” affirmed Lewis Hendershot, Conference president, cutting the ribbon, above left. Also pictured with members is Cynthia Duncanson, left, Conference church property development director; Pastor Mason; Pastor

and Valray Francis, foreground; and Belleview pastor Daniel and Crista Schiffbauer, background.

Today, the 243-member congregation hosts Pathfinder activities with statewide distinction, Vacation Bible Schools, vibrant singles, women’s and men’s ministries, evangelistic meetings, and more.

The congregation began with 45 missionary-minded members from

the neighboring Ocala church with the first Sabbath services in rented facilities on August 10, 1985. The current sanctuary at 1345 Pine Road was inaugurated June 20, 1987. After continued sacrificial giving, the sale of truckloads of citrus fruit, fund drives, and donations, the mortgage for the sanctuary was burned August 29, 1993.

—Mae Edwards,
Cindy Kurtzhals

FLORIDA HOSPITAL COLLEGE INTEGRATES FAITH AND LEARNING

Education with a healing touch—that’s what Roberta Fish, chaplain of Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences, brings to her job as a Seventh-day Adventist Christian educator.

In addition to ministering to the students through teaching and counseling, Fish leads a

unique Campus Ministry program that integrates faith and learning. While many students on the campus of Florida Hospital College are Seventh-day Adventists, other faiths are also represented. Campus Ministries fosters an environment that promotes an atmosphere of openness and accep-

tance among students.

As one individual stated, “This school has taught me some important things . . . I am aware that I can talk to other religious groups without any prejudice about what they believe and about what I believe.” She told Chaplain Fish, “My relationship with God has grown stronger be-

cause I am able to open my mind and learn new things about Him, what He means to me, and also what it means to be a Christian.”

Fish’s vision has been successful through the development and nurturing of a variety of relaxed, intimate, casual, yet spiritual forums. These forums include Daily

Bread, Student Health Ministries, Grace Group, the Campus Pantry, and Revival Zone, a popular Friday night event. Revival Zone allows the students to recharge after a week of work and study. A popular “Zone” feature is Soul Space, an open mike forum that invites students to share mean-

CONSULTANTS TRAINED FOR BIBLE SCHOOLS

Fifty-seven church members from across the state convened at Florida Conference Winter Park headquarters, January 12-13, 2002, for 10 hours of instruction on how to become Bible school consultants.

The new Bible School Academy is a dream come true for William Lee, volunteer Conference Bible school coordinator, from Lakeland. "I visualize every church in our Conference as an evangelism hub with a Bible school at the center," he says. "The purpose of this weekend was to train consultants who can assist our churches in starting new schools or improving existing ones."

Training focused on six proven methods of evangelizing through Bible school outreach: correspondence school, personal delivery, video ministry, small group, internet ministry, and DVD ministry. Instructors

included Art Berard, director of the *Discover* Bible school at the Tampa First church; Calvin Smith, associate director of *Discover* Bible schools for the *Voice of Prophecy*; Freda Shultz, who works with Ken Cox's video ministry; Karen Glassberg, a specialist on internet Bible schools; and Lee.

One of the weekend's highlights occurred Sabbath morning when members of the Tampa First Bible school shared their personal experiences. Terrence Rock, a church elder, told of his mother's conversion to Adventism in the early 1980s. She enrolled in the *Voice of Prophecy Discover* Bible lessons, then encouraged her son to "take time to think on these things."

"I was more interested in playing basketball," he says. "When our family moved to Tampa from Canada, I promised the Lord I'd raise our children to know Him."

While driving home from visiting a friend one night, Rock got lost. He happened to drive past the Tampa



MARTIN BUTLER

North Miami Beach church members and Pastor Grigore Leordean pray before returning home. William Lee met with them in Miami three weeks later to establish seven small groups to which friends and neighbors will be invited for Bible studies.

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SPENCER FREEMAN

Chaplain Roberta Fish helps a student obtain food from shelves generously stocked by faculty and staff at the Campus Pantry.

Calendar of Events

Complete calendar online—<http://www.adventist-fl.com/calendar.html>
Florida Pathfinder Events—<http://www.floridapathfinders.com/>
Singles' Ministries Events—Contact Diane Miller, (386) 789-3235, or djm4000@n-jcenter.com

MARCH

Sixth Annual West Coast Convocation—Mar. 15-16. Guest speaker: Morris Venden, associate speaker, *Voice of Prophecy* International Radio Broadcast. Details: Barbara Hagele, (813) 558-8999 or see page 2.

North Florida Country Camp Meeting—Mar. 15-17. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Details: (386) 454-1351 or see page 5.

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Mar. 16. Tallahassee.

Mar. 17. Perry, Lake City, Ocala, Belleview, Silver Springs Shores.

Mar. 23. Naples.

Mar. 24. Ft. Myers, Ft. Myers Shores, Arcadia, Walker Memorial in Avon Park, Lake View in Haines City, Winter Haven.

Mar. 30. North Miami.

Mar. 31. Ft. Lauderdale, Lauderhill, Pompano Beach, Boynton-Delray.

Apr. 6. St. Petersburg.

Apr. 7. Clearwater, New Port Richey, Spring Hill, Brooksville, East Pasco in Dade City, Plant City.

Apr. 13. West Palm Beach.

Apr. 14. Jensen Beach, Ft. Pierce, Melbourne, Cocoa, Titusville.

Apr. 20. Port Charlotte.

Apr. 21. North Port, Venice-Nokomis, Sarasota, Bradenton, Brandon, Tampa First.

Apr. 27. Maranatha.

Apr. 28. Plantation, Lauderhill.

Men's Ministries Convention—Mar. 22-24. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Theme: "For Such A Time As This." Cost: \$49-\$184, depending on accommodations. Details: see page 3. Registration: (386) 454-1351.

Religious Liberty Day—Mar. 23. Northwest Miami Spanish church. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Guest speaker: Nathaniel Higgs, Southern Union Conference director of public affairs and religious liberty, Decatur, Georgia. Details: (786) 201-0479, (305) 821-0479, or ovjanegas@aol.com.

Evangelistic Series.

Mar. 23-Apr. 20. Maranatha in Miami. Dennis Ross.

Mar. 29-Apr. 20. Poinciana Spanish. José and Ophelia Fuentes.

Apr. 6-13. Evans High School, 4949 Silver Star Rd., Orlando. Carlos Salomé.

Apr. 6-14. Apopka Spanish. Rolando and Rebeca de los Rios.

Apr. 6-May 11. Winter Springs. Bob Sparenberg.

Apr. 12-May 18. South Orlando. Ric and Dawn Swaningson.

Apr. 12-May 18. West Palm Beach. Lester Pratt and Roy and Amy Pauley.

Apr. 27-May 25. Ebenezer Spanish. Rolando and Rebeca de los Rios.

Aaron Jeffrey Concert—Mar. 24. Florida Hospital church, Orlando. 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by Florida Conference Youth/Young Adult Ministries. Details: (407) 898-0451.

Christian Concert—Mar. 30. Markham Woods church. 7 p.m. Sponsored by Altamonte Springs Spanish and Pine Hills Spanish churches. Contemporary and opera-style Christian music by Juan Carlos, Fernando Vela, Wilfredo Medero, and Josue Parker. Details: Byron Rivera, (407) 786-1200 or bexa_faith@yahoo.com.

APRIL

Jewish Adventist Camp Meeting—Apr. 12-14. Pine Lake Retreat, Groveland. Sponsored by Florida Conference Jewish evangelism. Registration: Joyce or Elsie, (386) 454-1351. See page 5.

Vacation Bible School Workshop—English: Apr. 12-14. Spanish: Apr. 19-21. Camp Kulaqua, High Springs. Details: (407) 644-5000 x136.

Central, West, and North Area Youth Leaders' Training Day—Apr. 14. Forest Lake Academy Boys' Dorm Chapel. Details: (407) 644-5000 x129.

—A. Lee Bennett, Jr.

BIBLE SCHOOLS

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First church and the Holy Spirit spoke to his heart. "We attended services that Sabbath; received a pastoral visit on Monday and enrolled in the *Discover Bible* lessons; and were baptized four months later in May, 1999."

Immediately after his baptism, Rock was given an assignment by the church. "They understood that new converts need to go right to work evangelizing," he says. "I started teaching

a Sabbath school class; then turned some of my energy to the program that brought me into the church—the *Discover Bible* school."

According to Richard O'Ffill, Florida adult ministries director, stories like this throughout the week-end inspired attendees as they learned how to establish new Bible Schools within their regions; hold training classes; assist other consultants; and help local church leaders incorporate the Bible school as part of their

evangelism efforts.

Lee reports that since the training seminars, nine new internet schools have been added to the five already established. Five new church-based correspondence schools have also opened, bringing the total to 57 in the state.

"We have one goal in giving our time to this ministry," says Lee. "We want to share what our friend, Jesus, has done in our lives and lead people to Him."

—Martin Butler

NEWS NOTES

Orange Cove Church

The Disciples of Christ Pathfinder Club hosted games, activity booths, and snacks on October 31 to provide a family evening free from the usual decorations and themes of Halloween.

St. Petersburg First Church

Students from the Gulfcoast Adventist Elementary School presented a patriotic worship service in honor of Veterans' Day. All veterans were recognized with red, white, and blue pins made by the students.

Maranatha Church

More than 20 nationalities were represented with flags in the parade of nations during international day. Pastor Baraka Muganda, a native of Africa, was the guest speaker.

Singles' Ministries

Nearly 170 singles came to Camp Kulaqua in High Springs for the "New Year's 2002 Singles' Great Adventure." The annual year-end event included popular lecturer Carl Ashlock plus praise and testimonies shared just prior to midnight on New Year's Eve.

—compiled by Gladys Neigel

MARRIAGE COMMITMENT SEMINAR

May 17-19, 2002

English: Camp Kulaqua — Spanish: Pine Lake Retreat

- Strengthen your marriage.
- Enhance spiritual unity in your home.
- Foster a growing marriage relationship.
- Communicate better with your spouse.
- Develop lasting skills to enrich the quality of your marriage relationship.

ENGLISH PRESENTERS:

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Luis Moreno.

COST: \$155 per couple or \$175 after May 1.

REGISTRATION: Naomi Perez, (407) 644-5000 x150.

ONLINE INFORMATION:

www.adventist-fl.com/familylife

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

DECEMBER 9, 2001

APPROVED the following individuals as ordination candidates for 2002:

- Andrew Moreno.
- Mark O'Ffill
- David Swinyar
- Kendall Turcios

INVITED

Abel Paulín to serve as vice president for Spanish-language ministries. *See below.*

APPROVED the following individuals for sponsorship to the Andrews University Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Michigan:

- Nick Cross
- Allan Nielsen
- Nathan Robinson

JANUARY 29, 2002

INVITED Sandra Doran to serve as an associate superintendent in the Florida Conference Office of Education.

APPROVED the following individuals as ordination candidates for 2002:

- José Pagán
- Luc Pierre

ORGANIZED these companies into church status:

- Howey-in-the-Hills
- Lake Worth
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Abel Paulín was voted vice president for Spanish-language ministries by the Florida Conference Executive Committee on

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Paulín previously served as pastor of the Winter Park Spanish church; then, most recently, as a ministerial field representative in South Florida for the Upper and Lower Gold regions.



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