

Southern Factor

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CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

BIETZ BYLINE

I spent a week in Florida during Spring Break. That Tuesday, I had an executive physical at Celebration Health (a Florida Hospital facility). This is a comprehensive physical that takes most of a day. I had many tests including a stress test that monitored my heart while I was on a treadmill. I passed! On Wednesday, I attended the Florida Hospital board meeting. This hospital is the flagship hospital of the Adventist Health System and is a very well managed prospering institution. Its relationship with Southern has been a big help as we build Florida Hospital Hall.

Thursday evening was the opening banquet for the Adventist Health System Mission Conference. I gave the keynote address titled "Sustaining Identity in a Faith-Based Organization." Friday morning, mission conference participants discussed and listened to presentations on the theme of the conference "Adventist Christian Identity, Communicating with Clarity."

Friday evening we watched, "The Adventists" in which filmmaker Martin Doblmeier explores the Seventh-day Adventist Church's health care system. The documentary will air on PBS in April.

Sabbath afternoon the Adventist Alumni Foundation had a workshop on how we might enhance the quality of K-12 education in the United States.

I learned a great deal from participation in these board meetings, and I feel that connecting with church leadership is important.

—Gordon Bietz



Power for Mind & Soul

MUSIC PROFESSOR COMPOSES GC SONG

Thousands of voices lifted in praise are not usually the sounds heard coming from the Georgia Dome. But this summer during the 2010 General Conference session in Atlanta, Professor Emeritus Bruce Ashton says he will be excited to hear the unusual noise. This is because those voices will be lifted up to "Proclaim His Grace," a song he wrote and composed.

"Proclaim His Grace," the theme song for this year's GC Session, was written by Ashton after he was asked to submit a song to the session's music committee. Upon missing the deadline, Ashton was told it was too late to submit the song, but he submitted it anyway. "I like to compose, and I wanted a chance to write the song, but I put it off," says Ashton. Luckily for him, the committee was looking for something different from the other submissions, and his song was considered and eventually chosen. The song was written to exemplify this year's GC session theme, Proclaim God's Grace.

Ashton wanted to use the theme in the song and turn it into something where the connection would be hard to miss. He decided to use a poetic structure with the word "grace," emphasized by the use of adjectives. This may sound simple, but according to Ashton, finding just the right adjectives was challenging. For help with this, Ashton recruited family members to look up words and come up with ideas.

"On a trip across country, my wife was driving while I took a nap," says Ashton. "When I woke up she said, 'I think I've got it.' She figured it out, and with a little tweaking we turned it into what it is today."

According to Ashton, grace is all around us. "Everything is of grace," says Ashton. "Salvation, awareness, creativity, nature, and even the food we eat."

View the video of the Ashton playing the song.

NURSING MISSION TRIP TO NICARAGUA

The School of Nursing sponsored a mission trip to Francia Sirpi, Nicaragua, with faculty members Holly Gadd and Dale Walters in charge of a group of 14 nursing students, nurse practitioner students, and one technology student.

The group held five clinics and saw a total of 208 patients, each in a remote village with no health care provision. The students treated a variety of diseases and lectured the villages on health education. Minor surgeries were performed by a Nicaraguan physician. Southern nursing students have participated in this mission trip since its inception in 1972.

COMING EVENTS

- SonRise Resurrection Pageant
Sabbath, April 3, 8:00a.m.-2:00p.m.
- Senior Recognition Banquet
Sunday, April 4, 5:30p.m.
- Wind Symphony Spring Concert
Sunday, April 11, 7:30p.m.
- Employee Retirement Party
Thursday, April 22, 6:00p.m.
- Semester Exams
April 25-28

SOUTHERN IN THE MEDIA

Here is a sampling of recent media coverage that mentions a Southern event or person:

Lynn H. Wood Archaeological Museum
Chattanooga Times Free Press, March 5

SAU artist to speak at Collegedale 55+ Club
East Hamilton Community News Weekly, March 10

Dusk 'til Dawn Adventure Race
Chattanooga Times Free Press, March 12

VOICE AND PEN

John Wesley Taylor V presented a lecture "Nurturing Faith: The Challenge of Christian Education" at Sahmyook University in Seoul, Korea. He also presented a seminar for the faculty of Sahmyook Health College.

Julie Hyde worked on a research article that was published in the book *Research in Professional Responsibility*.

Laurie Redmer Minner attended the national convention of the College Orchestra Director Association in Kennesaw, Georgia, February 4-6. She was also the guest clinician and conductor for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference Strings Festival held at Georgia Cumberland Academy, February 18 and 19. There were more than 60 student musicians participating from elementary schools all over the conference.

Cathy Olson introduced the Flat Stanley geography and history strategy to the students at the Adventist elementary school in Montrose, Colorado. Cathy read the book *Flat Stanley* to the students and helped guide them in making their own paper dolls which they are sending to friends and family in other places. The Flat Stanley dolls will be photographed at geographical or historical sites, and the photographs will be returned to the students. Then the students will locate the places where their paper dolls traveled on a large map and learn about the various areas the dolls visit. They will also be able to post their pictures on a website dedicated to Flat Stanley.

Ken Caviness made a presentation at the American Physical Society meeting, February 13-16, in Washington, D.C., titled "Explorations in Physics and Distance Learning."

Steven Bauer preached about "When God Seems Wrong" on March 6 at the Collegedale Korean Youth Church. He also preached about "Corinthian Character" on March 13 at the McDonald Road Adventist Church.

Patricia Coverdale attended the 2010 Spring Conference of College and University Professional Association for Human Resources in Nashville, Tennessee. She was elected secretary for the Tennessee Chapter for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

Carlos Parra attended the Annual Adventist Colleges Abroad Board Meeting in Loma Linda, California on March 15-16. He also attended "Back on Campus: Assessment of Study Abroad Programs," at Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, Tennessee.

PERSONAL NEWS

Michael and Pam Ahlfeld joyfully announce the birth of their fifth grandchild, Caleb Aaron Zuke, born on February 19.

Larry and Lorella Howard welcomed their granddaughter Elouise Marie born March 9.

Keely Tary and her husband welcomed John Henry David Tary born on March 8.

Cindi Young, Kim Sturm, and Tricia Foster completed their first marathon.

HATS OFF!

Thank you Barry Becker and Transportation Services for exemplary assistance in a special project. You helped us tremendously on very short notice. Your extra effort help us do our job of protecting Southern. Thank you.
—Kevin Penrod and the Campus Safety team

Thank you Eric Schoonard, Marty Hamilton, Bruce Myers, and Steve Holley for getting the fire lanes painted at Ledford.
—David Houtchens

Thank you Ileana Rivero at the Village Market for her good work at keeping our store clean and smelling nice. We are truly blessed by her cleaning habits. We appreciate you.
—Alesia Overstreet

Special thanks to Gordon Bietz, Chris Carey, Rob Raney, Carolyn Liers, Geovanny Ragsdale, and Sharon Robberson for your meaningful participation in our regional chapter meetings. Our alumni really appreciate hearing first-hand about what's happening at Southern.
—Evonne Crook

Thanks to Don Mathis, Darin Bissell, and Phil Garver for creating a welcoming atmosphere at the wellness center where we hosted the Southeast Tennessee Regional History Conference. We appreciate your flexibility in allowing us to use the facilities.
—History Department

BIRTHDAYS

- April 1 Karen Caldwell, *Talge Hall*
Jana Dietsche, *Enrollment Services*
Sandra Twombly, *Thatcher Hall*
- April 3 Jonathan Durichek, *Plant Services*
- April 4 Lorella Howard, *Nursing*
Crystal Stitzer, *Risk Management*
- April 8 Randy Craven, *Visual Art and Design*
- April 9 Gennevieve Brown-Kibble, *Music*
Nancy Soapes, *Food Services*
Amy Steele, *Human Resources*
- April 14 Michael Liedke, *Nursing*
JP Mathis, *Thatcher Hall*
- April 15 Terri Fillman, *Transportation*
- April 18 Dave Ekkens, *Biology*
- April 20 Willard Munger, *Computing*
Scott Spicer, *P.E., Health, and Wellness*
Jim Stewart, *Campus Safety*
- April 22 Ruth WilliamsMorris, *Psychology*
Debbie Strack, *Biology*
- April 23 Ann Larsen, *Food Services*
Dale Walters, *Technology*
- April 25 Shirley Menhennett, *Food Services*
- April 26 Diane Proffitt, *Nursing*
- April 27 Vanessa Kepper, *Enrollment Services*
Dana Krause, *Nursing*
- April 28 Osmin Yanes, *Village Market*
- April 30 Marc Grundy, *Enrollment Services*
Faith Laughlin, *Education and Psychology*

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