

Southern Factor

July 2010

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

BIETZ BYLINE

It's day five at the GC Session in Atlanta and my son-in-law Jeff Gang is participating in the Coeur d'Alene IRONMAN Triathlon (swim 2.4 miles, bike 112 miles, run 26.2 miles). He indicated to my daughter that he is struggling now as he is half-way through the run.

There were some interesting things at GC today as well. For starters Chris Oberg, the senior pastor of the La Sierra University church, gave the morning devotional. She is a great preacher and it reminded me of the "all I really need to know I learned in kindergarten" piece: simple and relevant to our church.

The business meeting began after the devotional and the first item of business was a proposal to change the number of people elected at a GC Session. The recommendation was that of the departmental associates (about 30 people) not be elected during this week, but that the new directors of the departments be given time to reflect on what kind of team they want and then elect associates in the fall.

Constitutional changes are very difficult to accomplish and it proved to be that way today. The process gets a bit tedious as it seems like everyone needs to make a speech. Everyone who wishes to speak has their badge scanned and that places them in line and automatically puts their name up on the TV screen.

Gordon is blogging regularly from the GC Session in Atlanta. For more updates visit the [President's blog](#).

—Gordon Bietz



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SOCIAL WORK EXPANDS AT SOUTHERN

The School of Social Work is continuing to grow with a reaccredited bachelor's program and a new Master of Social Work program to begin this fall.

The Bachelor's of Social Work program has continuously been accredited since 1992 and has recently been reaccredited for the next eight years.

"We want to continue focusing on Christ and how He was the ultimate social worker," says Annette Heck, director of the social work bachelor's program. "This way, the students use the skills learned here wherever they go."

The Master of Social Work program has 54 students scheduled to start this fall. According to Sharon Pittman, graduate program director and associate dean, the master's program will have an innovative approach to learning and will measure every step of student development from when they start the program to when they finish. A school open house is scheduled for August 30 at 12 p.m.

OFFICE MANAGER'S RETREAT

On May 23, approximately 50 office managers and administrative assistants, along with Gordon and Cynthia Bietz, gathered at Whitestone Country Inn in Sweetwater, Tennessee, for the first of what all attendees hope will be a yearly two-day retreat of renewal and relaxation.

The retreat center provided a place where employees could relax and get better acquainted with other co-workers. "The Essential Piece" was the theme of the retreat. Gordon Bietz expressed his appreciation to this group of Southern employees and sent them home with a puzzle piece pin to remind them of the essential piece they play in the total operation of the university.

EVANGELISM REPORT

A team of 15 preachers from Southern led by Carlos Martin spent almost three weeks in Rwanda during the month of May. They offered nineteen doctrinal sermons contextualized to the Roman Catholics of Rwanda. They baptized 784 on the last day of the campaign. On Carlos Martin's site more than 30 adults responded to an altar call after the baptismal ceremony, requesting to be baptized. Seven of the preachers were theology majors and the other seven were from seven different schools and departments.

Another trip led by Sherilyn Samaan consisted of 14 students. Each of them had an individual site which varied from churches to open fields. Among their group were three students who were from the School of Religion. The rest of the students were majoring in seven different fields, ranging from nursing to character animation. They preached 19 Christ-centered doctrinal sermons in 16 consecutive days. At the end of their campaigns a total of 544 people accepted Christ, including the baptism of one of their own team members and the rebaptism of another. Mission trips to Philipines and Guatemala are planned for July.

COMING EVENTS

- Independence Day
Sunday, July 4
- JumpStart Begins
July 19
- We-Haul
July 25, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- SmartStart and 3rd Summer Session Begins
July 26

SOUTHERN IN THE MEDIA

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

Creation Health Seminar
Cleveland Daily Banner, May 16, 23

SAU graduate programs propel today's professionals
Chattanooga Times Free Press, May 23

Southern Adventist University's Wright Hall
East Hamilton Community News Weekly, June 2

CHANGING FACES

Southern welcomes the following employees:

Autumn Wurstle to English

Jennifer Nestell to Social Work

Elizabeth Pontvik to Visual Art and Design

Amanda Jehle to English

Laurie Stankavich to English

Cheryl Des Jarlais to Education and Psychology

Fond farewells to the following employee:

Edwin Lucas from Energy Management, WSMC

VOICE AND PEN

Jaclynn Huse co-presented her dissertation findings, "Improving Patient Safety by Using a Medication Simulation Scenario in First Semester Nursing Students" with Joelle Wolf at the 9th Annual International Nursing Simulation/Learning Resource Centers Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, June 17-18.

Carlos Parra held a seminar session titled "Identity and Forgetting" for the Adventist Colleges Abroad Cultural Exchange Program in Sicily, Italy, on May 22.

Katie McGrath attended the Smoky Mountains Storytelling Festival in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

Adrienne Royo preached at the West End Spanish Church in Richmond, Virginia.

Adrienne Royo, Katie McGrath, Gordon Bietz, Josip Mocnik, Justo Morales, Rebeca Clay-Flores, Faith Laughlin, Ken Caviness, Chris Hansen, Keith Snyder, Cerlyne Starr, Donn Leatherman, and Pierre Nzokizwanimana participated in the Follow the Bible event on June 14.

Michael Hasel and a team of 62 staff and students from Southern are excavating the site of Khirbet Qeiyafa from June 20 through July 29.

Mark Peach was selected to participate in the annual reading and scoring of the College Board's Advancement Placement Examinations this June.

VOICE AND PEN, CONT.

Greg A. King presented a five-part seminar at the Arizona Camp Meeting, June 14-18. His seminar was titled "Creation: What the Bible Teaches and Why It Matters."

Stephen Ruf and **Greg Rumsey** are serving on the communication team at the GC Session in Atlanta. Steven Ruf will be a news writer for the Hope Channel, and Greg Rumsey will be a media relations assistant with the GC Communication Department.

Fred Turner attended the nation's largest annual gathering of design professionals, the American Institute of Architects 2010 National Convention and Design Exposition, in Miami, Florida, June 9-11.

Michael Cafferky is certified as a Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Program Examiner for 2010. This award program is part of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) an agency of the Department of Commerce.

Ray Carson had an article published called Practical Skills for 21st Century Students in the April-May issue of *Journal of Adventist Education*.

Ray Hefferlin went to St. Petersburg, Russia, where he consulted with a colleague about a review that they are writing. It concerns the classification of molecules by the use of group dynamics, which combines molecules that are apt to have similar properties.

Braam Oberholster successfully completed the comprehensive examination of the course work for his Doctor of Business Administration in International Business.

Josip Mocnik presented a paper titled "Ambassadorial Diplomacy: Laurence Silberman, Lawrence Eagleburger, and U.S.-Yugoslav Relations During the Carter Administration" at the Policy History Conference in Columbus, Ohio on June 3. He also presented at the 30th Annual ASDAL Conference at Oakwood University on June 20 as he concluded his term as president of ASDAL.

PERSONAL NEWS

Colleen Mitchell welcomes Malcolm Maleek Mitchell the newest addition to her family born on April 23.

Henry Kuhlman and his wife celebrated 50 years of marriage on June 5.

Edwin and Connie Reynolds are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter Beth to Jeremy Villanueva on July 7.

Yolanda Ocsai and her husband celebrate 28 years of marriage on July 4.

HATS OFF!

Thank you so much both to everyone who helped out and everyone who came out to the Follow the Bible program on June 14! Your participation made for a great program.

—Katie McGrath

Thank you to all of you who sent me emails of support and uplifted me in prayer during my mother's sickness and passing. Thank you, too, to the English Department, President's Office, and academic dean's office for sending flowers to the funeral.

—Debbie Higgins

Thank you Katie McGrath for organizing the Follow the Bible event which provided an opportunity to re-examine our Bible-reading habits and "internationalized" our campus for one day.

—Josip Mocnik

BIRTHDAYS

July 1	Ben Thornton, <i>Biology</i>
July 4	Carmen Jaecks, <i>Information Systems</i> Laraine Murray, <i>Campus Shop</i>
July 5	Judy Crabtree, <i>Food Services</i> Amanda Jehle, <i>English</i>
July 7	Jeremy Moore, <i>Student Success Center</i>
July 8	Steve Cash, <i>Landscape Services</i> Sandra Tucker, <i>Records and Advisement</i>
July 9	Michael Hills, <i>Education and Psychology</i>
July 10	Scott Ball, <i>Music</i>
July 12	Shirley Hostein, <i>Village Market</i> Midge Phibbs, <i>Student Success Center</i>
July 13	James Eason, <i>Village Market</i> Jeff Erhard, <i>Talge Hall</i>
July 14	Richard Strickland, <i>Plant Services</i> Leslie Evenson, <i>P.E., Health, and Wellness</i>
July 15	Rosina Carr, <i>Thatcher Hall</i>
July 16	Ben Wygal, <i>President's Office</i>
July 17	Gary Horinouchi, <i>Audio Visual</i> Verna Dickerson, <i>Village Market</i> Danny Ford, <i>Plant Services</i> Ed Lucas, <i>Energy Management</i> Jan Wittenberg, <i>Accounting Services</i>
July 18	Ivan Delgado, <i>Academic Technology</i>
July 20	Joni Zier, <i>Records and Advisement</i>
July 21	Cornel Rusu, <i>Social Work</i>
July 22	Kerry Allen, <i>Nursing</i> Kim Sturm, <i>Plant Services</i>
July 23	Debbie Case, <i>Food Services</i>
July 23	Lauree Fogg, <i>Student Success Center</i>
July 25	Barb Brooks, <i>Records and Advisement</i> Jon Wentworth, <i>Business and Management</i> Todd Wever, <i>Landscape Services</i>
July 27	Mark Antone, <i>Landscape Services</i> Sharon Rogers, <i>Records and Advisement</i>
July 28	Elaine Hayden, <i>Education and Psychology</i>
July 29	Bonnie Freeland, <i>Nursing</i> Dwayne Gardner, <i>Plant Services</i> Doug Penner, <i>Music</i>



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