

# Southern Factor

September 2010

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

## BIETZ BYLINE

I was surprised when Ed Wright suggested the possibility of me serving as interim pastor at the Collegedale Church a few weeks ago. After thinking and praying about it, talking to Cynthia and consulting with the Southern Cabinet, I indicated that I was willing. On July 27, the church board affirmed the idea and so I will be the interim senior while they search for a new pastor. My responsibilities will be primarily preaching each week. Fortunately I will not need to be creating new sermons each week, which typically took me 12-18 hours a week, because I saved most of my sermons from the 13 years that I was the pastor there. They will need to be refreshed and brought up to date but at least I won't be starting from scratch. I am not sure that many people understand the challenge and amount of work that is involved in a regular weekly preaching regimen, but I am looking forward to a brief "return to my pastoral roots."

I will continue to be the university president. The cabinet, and my assistant, Ben Wygal, will be carrying an extra load during this time. There are some very important initiatives that must not be neglected during this time. The accreditation process and our strategic planning work needs to continue in a strong way.

It is my hope that my brief service at the Collegedale Church will tie the church and the university closer together as we seek to provide ministry to this community and to the students who are coming to Southern.

—Gordon Bietz

## HIGGENS MOVES TO C.S. LEWIS HOME

Professor of English Debbie Higgs is taking a two-year unpaid leave of absence to fill the volunteer position of resident director at The Kilns, C.S. Lewis' home in Oxford, England. It is the first time that an Adventist has been offered this role.

As a resident director, Higgs will be overseeing the program that allows scholars working on their doctoral programs to come to The Kilns. She will also be considered by the C.S. Lewis Foundation to be an ambassador of C.S. Lewis to visitors from the community of Oxford and from the world at large.

For more information visit Higgs' blog at [www.thekilnsoxford.blogspot.com](http://www.thekilnsoxford.blogspot.com).

## ADRA MEETS AT SOUTHERN

A first-of-its kind Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Leadership Council, with directors from 98 country offices, was held on the campus of Southern Adventist University in July.

With so many countries represented at the ADRA Leadership Council, ADRA decided to hold the annual council at Southern the week after the General Conference Session in Atlanta to make it easier for the guests to be present. Southern's close proximity to the session's location was a benefit as it allowed ADRA to save funds while still receiving quality service in a comfortable location.

"ADRA likes to come and meet at Adventist institutions," says Heidi Straw, ADRA's assistant to the president for licensing and governance, "and Southern has done a wonderful job of hosting us."



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## COMING EVENTS

- Undergraduate Council  
*Monday, September 6, 3:30 p.m.*
- Tornado Siren Test  
*Tuesday, September 7, 12 p.m.*
- Piano Recital: Peter Cooper and Friends  
*Tuesday, September 7, 7:30 p.m.*
- Graduate Council  
*Thursday, September 9, 3:30 p.m.*
- Dave Cress Memorial Golf Tournament  
*Friday, September 10*
- University Senate  
*Monday, September 13, 3:30 p.m.*
- Undergraduate Council  
*Monday, September 20, 3:30 p.m.*
- ViewSouthern  
*Monday, September 20*
- Tornado Siren Test  
*Tuesday, September 21, 6 p.m.*
- Faculty Appreciation Evening at Hunter Museum  
*Sunday, September 26, 6 p.m.*
- University Assembly  
*Monday, September 27, 4 p.m.*
- BRIDGE Luncheon  
*Wednesday, September 29, 11:30 a.m.*

## SOUTHERN IN THE MEDIA

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

**“Collegedale Moves City Elections From March to November”**

*Chattanooga.com, July 20*

**“Southern Adventist professor to be resident director at C.S. Lewis home”**

*Chattanooga, July 29*

## CHANGING FACES

Southern welcomes and says goodbye to the following employees:

**Lela Duvall** to Village Market

**Danielle Filipov** to Architectural Services

**Lucinda Hill** to Biology

**Monya Khan** from Computing

**Cheryl Martin** to Social Work

**Sara Mirucki** to Library

**John Nixon** to Religion

**Sharon Pittman** to Social Work

**Brittany Poarch** to Enrollment Services

**Jeanette Stepanske** to Education and Psychology

**Charles Trescott** to Audio Visual

## VOICE AND PEN

**Michael E. Cafferky** recently returned from a trip to Ghana, West Africa, where he taught Organizational Behavior for Managers at Valley View University from July 28 to August 3. This was his first trip to Africa.

**Josh Fraker** and his wife, Jessi, completed “Rape Aggression Defense” Instructor Certification in June.

**Tyson Hall** and Jason Neufeld, '10, coauthored a paper titled “Probabilistic Location of a Populated Chessboard Using Computer Vision.” The paper was presented at the 2010 IEEE International Midwest Symposium on Circuits and Systems on August 3.

**Tara D. Hargrove** attended the 2010 National Communication Association’s Summer Conference on Teaching Rhetorical Criticism and Critical Inquiry, July 22-25 at the University of Puget Sound in Washington state.

**Stephen Bauer** preached on the sanctuary and righteousness by faith for the Three-Angels Adventist Church in Wichita, Kansas, July 23-24. In addition, he has published an excursus on Romans 5 for the Sabbath school blog and online discussion for *Spectrum Magazine* ([www.spectrummagazine.org](http://www.spectrummagazine.org)) for the lesson studied on August 7.

**Michael G. Hasel** was the associate editor of *Interpreting Scripture: Bible Questions and Answers*, a new resource from the General Conference that includes 49 international authors who answer fundamental questions concerning biblical interpretation. Hasel edited the Old Testament section of nearly 50 articles. The book was published for the GC Session and is now available at the Adventist Book Center.

**Carlos Parra** was invited to present at JALLA 2010 August 2-6 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

**Jud Lake’s** book *Ellen White Under Fire* was published by Pacific Press in May and had its second printing over the summer.

## VOICE AND PEN CONT.

**Greg A. King** wrote the book introductions and study notes for six old testament books for the *Andrews Study Bible*. He also spoke at an area camp meeting in St. Helena, California, July 9-10 and presented at the Bible conference at the Avondale Memorial Church in Cooranbong, Australia, July 23-25.

**Adrienne Royo** conducted a five-day family seminar in Malacatos, Ecuador.

**Laurie Redmer Minner** traveled to Poland July 5-12 to arrange Southern's Symphony Orchestra's tour in May.

## PERSONAL NEWS

**Ken Caviness** and his wife, Claryce, celebrated the wedding of their daughter Larisa Caviness to Michael Westmoreland on June 13, 2010.

Gary and **Sue Kaufman** are happy to announce the addition of a new daughter-in-law to their family. Their son, Michael Kaufman, married Jerriene Rivera Cordova, August 5, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

**Rachel Byrd's** son-in-law, Paul Gleeson, has been appointed consul general for the new Irish consulate in Atlanta. Click here to see photos of him with the Taoiseach of Ireland, the governor of Georgia, and the mayor of Atlanta. Paul and his wife, Alita, are expecting their second son in November. And Rachel's son and daughter-in-law, Arlen and Laura, are expecting their first child, a son, in September.

**Marty Miller**, along with his wife, son, and daughter-in-law, climbed glacier-clad Mt. Rainier (14,411'). Marty has climbed the mountain four times, his first being when he was a freshman at Southern Missionary College in 1977. For a picture, click here.

**Sharon Robberson-Luke** was married on July 25 to James E. Luke. **Gorden Bietz** officiated the wedding.

**Adrienne Royo** was sworn in as the 2010-2011 pastor for Southern Singles' Ministries, a ministry of the Collegedale Church.

## HATS OFF!

Thanks to all well-wishers who were able to attend our daughter Larisa's wedding.

— Ken Caviness

## BIRTHDAYS

- September 1 Teri Reutebuch, *Chaplain's Office*
- September 2 Zach Gray, *Visual Art and Design*
- September 3 Justin Brooks, *Purchasing Services*  
Kathie Heydt, *Village Market*
- September 4 Jackie James, *Enrollment*  
Leif Ramsey, *Visual Art and Design*
- September 5 Myrna Colon, *Education and Psychology*  
John Beckett, *Computing*
- September 6 Frank Mirande, *Village Market*
- September 7 Clair Kitson, *Plant Services*
- September 9 Laurie Cooper, *Social Work*
- September 10 Shirley Bennett, *Library*
- September 11 Norman Gulley, *Religion*
- September 12 Sharon Engel, *Student Services*
- September 13 Doug Frood, *Financial Administration*  
Evie Nogales Baker, *Social Work*
- September 15 Ray Carson, *Technology*
- September 18 Eric Schoonard, *Plant Services*
- September 19 Michael Hasel, *Religion*
- September 20 Alesia Overstreet, *Village Market*
- September 21 Sharon Robberson-Luke, *Advancement*  
Kristin Welch-Murphy, *Enrollment*
- September 22 Eve Parker, *Academic Administration*
- September 23 Jud Lake, *Religion*
- September 24 Terry Evans, *Food Service*
- September 25 Rachel Byrd, *English*  
Phil Garver, *P.E., Health, and Wellness*  
Tina Nelson, *Enrollment*
- September 26 Maria Valenca, *Nursing*
- September 27 Judy Dedeker, *Nursing*
- September 28 Annette Heck, *Social Work*
- September 29 Tony Trimm, *Biology*  
Paula Walters, *Enrollment*