

Southern Factor

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CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

BIETZ BYLINE

Thirty years ago on July 15, 1981, it was a Wednesday and Ronald Reagan was president. The temperature felt like 120 degrees. The katydids were in full voice and the humidity was oppressive for the four people who drove into Collegedale from California. Cynthia and I along with our twin 9-year-old daughters arrived in Collegedale thirty years ago today wondering if it really was the Lord who called us to the South. When mist came out of the air conditioning vents in the car as we drove into Chattanooga, we first thought that maybe the car was on fire.

As they say, a lot of water has passed under the bridge. Little did I realize on that Wednesday thirty years ago, when we drove up in front of Wright Hall pulling a trailer, that I would still be here today.

The time has passed quickly and our family has been blessed to be part of this community. What will the next thirty years hold? No one knows. But we do know that the Lord will be with us in the future as He has in the past.

—Gordon Bietz



Gordon Bietz receives an office visit from six of his grandchildren



Power for Mind & Soul

SOUTHERN IN THE MEDIA

Here is a sampling of recent media coverage that mentions a Southern event or person. Click on the title to be redirected to the story:

“A Night of Fun and Hope”

NewsChannel9.com, July 12

“Tornado Relief Fundraiser To Be Held Wednesday”

Chattanooga.com, July 12

“When providence smiles”

Chattanooga Times Free Press, July 11

Video: “Going on ten weeks, Apison’s storm cleanup runs short of volunteers”

WRCB, July 5

HATS OFF!

Thanks for the many kind cards and warm expressions of sympathy and support following the loss of my mother and Harold’s emergency. The support and care was beyond any expectation and truly a lifeline!

—Sylvia Mayer

We are pleased to welcome Kendra Stanton Lee this month as a new full-time journalism professor. She has experience as a published newspaper and magazine writer, as well as college teaching. She will teach several journalism classes for us, and graphic design.

—Greg Rumsey

Thank you to Isaac James for the SharePoint training, July 11-14. His great attitude and style of teaching made it easy to learn how to maintain and update our website!

—Emiko Miyagi

Special thanks to Eve Parker, Drucilla Glass, Rozella Moore, and Valeria (Diaz) Frescino for their support in keeping the office running while I was on a short mission trip to Malawi in June. You are the best!

—Joylynn Michals

PERSONAL NEWS

Edwin and **Connie Reynolds** became grandparents on May 17, when Emily Danielle was born to David and Tiffany Reynolds in Wewoka, Oklahoma.

Karisten Djernes, daughter of Dave and **Becky Djernes**, graduated from Loma Linda University Medical School in May and is beginning a residency in family practice at Erlanger Health System.

Steven and **Darlene Karst** celebrated their anniversary on June 23.

Faith Ann Laughlin's daughter graduated from Shenandoah Valley Academy with honors this May. She received the National School Choral award.

CHANGING FACES

Fond farewells to the following employee:

Myrna Colon from Education and Psychology

VOICE AND PEN

Ray Carson defended his dissertation, "Pre-College Career Guidance and Persistence at a Small Private University in Tennessee," at Old Dominion University, June 21. He will graduate on August 26 with a Ph.D. in education with emphasis in occupational and technical studies.

The School of Nursing hosted the SDA Nurse Educator Conference in Florida Hospital Hall, June 27-29. Attendees came from Atlantic Union College, Washington Adventist University, Southwestern Adventist University, Union College, Florida Hospital College, Kettering College, Oakwood University, Andrews University, and Loma Linda University. All scholarly presentations came from within the group of 36 attendees. This was the 12th annual conference of its type and the second time Southern has hosted the event.

Adrienne Royo attended the annual American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese Conference in Washington, D.C., July 6-8.

Michael Cafferky and **Douglas Tilstra** were part of a team of six Adventist professors who participated in the Doctor of Ministry dissertation defenses of 28 candidates from across the Euro-Asian Division. The defenses took place at Zaok-sky Adventist University in Russia.

Jaclynn Huse presented "Comparison of Teaching Strategies on Teaching Drug Dosage Calculation Skills in Fundamental Nursing Students," and a poster presentation, "Personalizing Parkinson's Disease Through the Journey of Michael J. Fox" at the 2011 Drexel University Nursing Education Institute Nurse Educator Conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey, June 27-30.

Samson Chama presented "Listening to Voices of Young People Affected by HIV/AIDS as a means of Scaling-up Services to this Population," at the Southeast Tennessee Council for HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention in July in Chattanooga.

Students from the third season of excavations at Khirbet Qeiyafa were featured in a televised CNN news report.

Michael G. Hasel, who directed Southern's fieldschool, published a preliminary report in the journal *Qadmoniot*, published by the Israel Antiquities Authority with co-directors Yosef Garfinkel and Saar Ganor. Other Southern employees who went included **Martin G. Klingbeil**, **Bob Young**, **Michael Dant**, and **Giselle S. Hasel**. A news report will be published in the August issue of *Adventist World*.

SAVE THE DATE

•Faculty In-Service

Monday, August 15, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Church Fellowship Hall

•Employee Wellness Assessment

Wednesday, August 17, 6-10 a.m., Iles P.E. Center

•Employee Picnic Supper

Thursday, August 18, 5-8:30 p.m., Tennessee Aquarium

•New Employee Picnic Supper

Friday, August 19, 5:30 p.m., Bietz lawn

•WE-HAUL

Friday, August 19, 12-4 p.m., Sunday, August 21, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Talge Hall, Thatcher Hall, Thatcher South

•Employee In-Service Training

Tuesday, August 23, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or 1:30-5:30 p.m.

•Student Dedication

Thursday, August 25, 11 a.m., Collegedale Church

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FACTOR INBOX

On Wednesday, July 13, there was a fundraising program on campus featuring Greg Davidson. I was able to attend and I was reminded of how indebted I am to the kindness and support of my "Southern family." April 27 is indelibly etched in my memory. A tornado ripped through my house, acres of trees, and several other buildings on my property in Apison. That not one of the 12 people who were there that night were seriously injured or killed is miraculous. Even the five cats, one dog, and two ducks came through intact.

A graduating nursing student and her family were visiting. The student had a final test the next day, and, along with a totally destroyed car, she lost her graduation gown and cords. (She completed her exam and graduated with honors anyway!)

We will probably all carry some haunting memories, and life as we knew it will never be the same. But one of the life-altering aftereffects has been to receive such an astounding outpouring of compassion and practical assistance. I don't know how to reach all of the people; I'm sure I don't even know the names of all of the people who have given their time, their hard labor, their money, and their kind words. But I want to say a big THANK YOU to Southern for the real, tangible help.

We were provided with a fully furnished apartment, even fresh flowers on the table! Our salvageable furniture and articles of clothing and miscellaneous items were moved into storage for us by cheerful, hardworking Service Department employees! Volunteers came and cut paths through the trees, helped sort and clean, brought home-cooked meals, water, boxes, tape, whatever! My house is being rebuilt; the marred land is at least cleaner, and life marches on. Knowing that there are so many people who care and who show it has been a special blessing for me. Despite tragedy it is evident that God is working, and He works through people like you!

Thank you,
Linda Lechler

BIRTHDAYS

August 2	Valerie Lee, <i>Biology</i>
August 3	Donna Watson, <i>Food Services</i>
August 5	Mark Peach, <i>English</i> Marty Miller, <i>Ed. and Psych.</i>
August 6	Dennis Pettibone, <i>History</i> Krystal Bishop, <i>Ed. and Psych.</i> Evonne Crook, <i>Advancement</i> Jay McCubbins, <i>Plant Services</i>
August 7	Marge Seifert, <i>Library</i>
August 8	Daniel Brown, <i>Plant Services</i> Dee Henry, <i>Village Market</i>
August 10	Ileana Freeman-Gutierrez, <i>Ed. and Psych.</i> Renita Klichies, <i>Student Success</i> Geovanny Ragsdale, <i>Development</i> Christy Showalter, <i>Nursing</i> Don Van Ornam, <i>Business and Mgmt.</i>
August 11	Donald Lighthall, <i>Service Department</i>
August 14	Deyse Bravo, <i>Library</i> Brent Hamstra, <i>Chemistry</i>
August 17	Freddy Fuentes, <i>Ed. and Psych.</i> Pamela Gammenthaler, <i>Nursing</i>
August 18	Mike Boyd, <i>P.E., Health and Wellness</i> Ruben Covarrubias, <i>Enrollment Services</i> Jamie Thompson, <i>English</i> Tom Watson, <i>Village Market</i>
August 19	Robert Benge, <i>P.E., Health, and Wellness</i> Rhonda Scott, <i>Chemistry</i>
August 20	Ryan Herman, <i>Enrollment Services</i>
August 22	Regina Bailey, <i>Student Success</i>
August 23	Cindy Rima, <i>Nursing</i>
August 24	Pegi Flynt, <i>Online Campus</i>
August 25	Sherri Schoonard, <i>Food Services</i>
August 26	Andy Compton, <i>Accounting Services</i> Jaclynn Huse, <i>Business and Mgmt.</i>
August 27	Andy Langshaw, <i>Landscape Services</i> Emiko Miyagi, <i>Technology</i> Jesse Rademacher, <i>Visual Art and Design</i>
August 29	Giselle Hasel, <i>Visual Art and Design</i> Sylvia Mayer, <i>Nursing</i> John Sager, <i>Talge</i>
August 30	Perry Pratt, <i>Village Market</i>