

Southern Factor

October 2011

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

BIETZ BYLINE

Each week, my assistant Joylynn arranges for about 10 employees to join me in one of the small rooms of the Dining Hall for a 7a.m. prayer breakfast.

The purpose of the meeting is to bring colleagues together to get better acquainted and pray for each other. It's a new group every week and has become one of the highlights of my job.

I started this idea because I consider it part of my role as president to lead the spiritual focus on campus and I wanted a practical way to minister to Southern employees. It turns out that they minister to me, too.

I ask each person to briefly share their spiritual biography, which is in essence their testimony. Everyone has a story—some of them are accompanied by a few tears. Then we take prayer requests and pray for each other's concerns, our children, our students, and our challenges.

Each week I am blessed, and I'm reminded how important it is to connect with each other.

James 5:16 (NLT) says "Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results."

– Gordon Bietz–



Power for Mind & Soul

SAVE THE DATE

Apple Festival: Sunday, October 16, 2-5 p.m.

Employees and immediate family are invited to an apple festival at the home of Gordon and Cynthia Bietz: 5519 Barrington County Circle, Ootelwah, TN 37363.

Join us for fresh apple juice, fritters, pie and ice cream, candied and caramel apples, a bonfire, bungee jump stations, balloons and face painting and games for all ages.

Alumni Homecoming Weekend: October 27-30

Theme: Sounds of Southern

This year's Alumni Homecoming Weekend will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of WSMC Classical 90.5FM. Returning alumni enjoy visiting with former teachers and staff, so you are encouraged to participate in as many events and activities as possible.

For more information and to RSVP, check out the detailed article online at southern.edu/alumni, email alumni@southern.edu, or call Alumni Relations at 236.2830.

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:

"NPR's 'From the Top' to Tape Show at Tivoli Theater"
Nooga.com, September 23

"J.R Martinez Visits Chattanooga"
Newschannel9.com, September 22

"Southern Adventist Students Aim to Change the World"
Nooga.com, September 21

"This Week In the Arts"
The Chattanooga, September 15

"Business Counsel Discusses Brazil and Japan"
The Chattanooga, September 15

"Tree Cutters, Mold Fighters Busy After Storms"
Chattanooga Times Free Press, September 7

"Tornadoes Donation Spending So Far at \$2.6 million."
Chattanooga Times Free Press, September 7

NEW VISION FOR SOUTHERN

“Vision 20/20,” Southern’s strategic plan for 2010-2020, was at the center of the Five-Year President’s Report given at the Southern Union Conference 18th Quinquennial Session held September 18-19.

The report, presented to Southern Union constituents by university president Gordon Bietz, featured Southern’s mission statements and academic, service, and spiritual achievements before introducing Southern’s vision for the future.

This vision carries specific goals such as emphasizing wellness, implementing a green-campus initiative, and increasing the six-year graduation rate. The report, consisting of a booklet, video, and spoken statement by Bietz, also outlined plans for several proposed facilities on Southern’s campus.

The presentation has created a ripple effect as constituents will now look forward to the progression of Vision 20/20 at the next constituency meeting in 2016.

VOICE AND PEN

Adrienne Royo presented a lecture in Spanish titled “Womanhood and the Bible” for the quarterly Women’s Ministry meeting on Sunday, August 28 at the Chattanooga Spanish SDA Church. She also preached at the same church on Sabbath, September 17, for the 11am service.

Carlos Parra presented a paper titled “Latinos by Nationality and Illegal by Ethnicity: The Condition of Fear in the U.S.” at the 39th Annual Conference of the European Group for the Study of Deviance and Social Control at the Universite de Savoie, Chambéry, France on September 3-7, 2011. He was also invited to serve as associate editor for *The International Journal of Diversity in Organisations, Communities and Nations*, 2011.

In September, **Jennifer Nestell** preached at the Memphis First SDA Church. In the afternoon she shared a presentation on Crisis Intervention / Grief and Loss. Jennifer represented Southern as a responder to the tragic death of Suzette York, school teacher/principal of Memphis Jr. Academy, who was murdered on August 10.

Rene Drumm presented “Involving the Faith Community in Abuse Response: Results of a Training Pilot Study” in September at the 16th International Conference on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma in San Diego, CA.

Ray Hefferlin gave a presentation titled “Are there periodic trends among Franck-Condon factors?” at the Quantum Systems in Physics and Chemistry meeting in Kanazawa, Japan on September 13. On September 20, a variation of the presentation was given to the Graduate Seminar Academy of Sciences in Beijing, China. Southern student Jonathan Sackett and University of Victoria professor Jeremy Tatum are coauthors of the lecture.

Michael Cafferky’s textbook, *Management: A faith-based perspective*, the first principles of management textbook ever written from a biblical perspective, was published in September. It was peer reviewed by 30 Christian management scholars representing a variety of denominations and is designed for faith-based colleges and universities desiring to integrate faith in the classroom.

Elizabeth Pontvik was selected to participate in Fresh 2011, the Association for Visual Arts’ annual exhibit for emerging artists. Her works *Landing On the Unknown*, *Moonslice*, and *Floating House* refer to the unpredictability of nature and are on view in the AVA gallery from September 9 - October 14. The AVA is located at 30 Frazier Ave, Chattanooga, TN 37405 and is open 11a.m.-5p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

HATS OFF!

A huge thank you to Plant Services for all the hours they spend fixing things around campus while the rest of us enjoy being at home. They all go above and beyond with no complaint. Thanks, I appreciate all of you.

– Nancy Soapes –

A note of appreciation to Jaime Thompson for helping everyone on the third floor of Brock Hall stay informed and handle the challenges presented by the weather-related changes in classes and meetings at the beginning of September. Her equilibrium and good cheer made the whole situation better.

– Assorted English and History Faculty –

I appreciate all the help that the McKee Library staff provided during the five years it took to plan and write my textbook, *Management: A faith-based perspective*. Thank you all for your assistance on this project.

– Michael Cafferky –

BIRTHDAYS

October 1 **Carlos Parra**, Modern Languages
Troy DeWind, Landscape Services
Linda Lechler, Nursing
Mary Anne Poulson, Religion
Marcus Sheffield, English

October 2 **Linda Wilhelm**, Business & Management

October 3 **Betty Garver**, University Health Center
Vivian Grabiner, Village Market

October 4 **David Huisman**, Accounting

October 5 **Bill Lyons**, Plant Services

October 6 **Lela Duvall**, Food Services
Cindy Johnson, Nursing

October 7 **Joylynn Michals**, President's Office
Dennis Steele, Business

October 9 **Bill Rawson**, University Health Center
Anita Wilson, Food Services

October 10 **Scot Anderson**, Computing
Linda Marlowe, Nursing
Vinita Sauder, President's Office

October 12 **Jaime Kitterman**, Enrollment

October 13 **Judy Sloan**, P.E, Health and Wellness

October 14 **Chris Hansen**, Physics

October 15 **Mindi Rahn**, History

October 16 **Jon Remitera**, Chaplain's Office

October 17 **Dwight Magers**, Talge Hall
Brittany Poarch, Enrollment
Melissa Swanson, Records & Advisement

October 18 **Angelica Batista**, Food Services
Braam Oberholster, Business
David Olson, Human Resources
Elaine Plemons, Academic Technology
Keely Tary, English
Cindi Young, Financial Administration

October 19 **Steve Bauer**, Religion

October 21 **Linda Crumley**, Journalism and Comm.
Josh Korson, Food Services

October 23 **Noya Yola**, Village Market
Owen Maupin, Plant Services
Jennifer Nestell, Social Work
Carol Plank, Thatcher Hall

October 24 **Jason Merryman**, Enrollment

October 25 **Boyd Buhl**, WSMC
Clarice Esquilla, Risk Management

October 26 **Sheri Munger**, Chemistry

October 27 **Kevin Brown**, Mathematics

October 29 **Ron Johnson**, Mathematics

October 31 **Teri Klinger**, Thatcher Hall

CHANGING FACES

Southern welcomes the following employees:

Rick Anderson to Enrollment Services
Michael Rumsey to Enrollment Services.
Andrea Anderson to Campus Shop
Brenda Flores-Lopez to Academic Administration
Menjette Butoy to Food Services
Orlando Garcia to Food Services

Fond farewells to the following employees:

Euwayne Bennett from Technology
Katherine Holder from Food Services
DeeAnn Henry from Food Services
Katie Partlo from Marketing and University Relations

**Best wishes to the following employees
in their new positions**

Melodie Lopez from Administrative Assistant
to Graduate Studies Admissions Coordinator

Marketing and University Relations

editor | **Raquel Levy**

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