

Southern Factor

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CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

BIETZ BYLINE

Organize, Prioritize, Reorganize... Click

I emailed my brother a few days ago and mentioned that I'm determined to not become overwhelmed with all there is to do. He said, "Remember what dad would say, 'Prioritize, prioritize, prioritize.'"

Our dad was an organization person. He viewed "getting organized" as the solution to most problems. Mom would mutter that she couldn't get everything done and dad would respond, "Well, you need to get organized."

The story goes that one day mom called him at work and said, "I was organized for today, but Duane started vomiting and then Gordon got sick, too. Nothing has gone as planned."

After a brief pause he responded, "Well... reorganize!" And she hung up.

Two Simple Guides for Setting Boundaries

Unexpected challenges or opportunities come up all the time and we have to determine our priorities. Sometimes we have to say 'no' to people. Sometimes we have to draw tough boundaries. I've discovered that many boundary matters can be immediately settled by asking two simple questions.

For professional decisions: What impact would this have on the mission of the university?

For personal decisions: Is this something I'd like to do?

Some situations are complex and require more in-depth analysis. Some situations require a crisis response. But for most decisions, starting with these two questions has been very effective in bringing immediate clarity to the issue at hand.



SAVE THE DATE

Origins Exhibit Grand Opening—April 15, 5-7 p.m.

The Biology Department will be having the grand opening of the Origins Exhibit in the hallways of the second floor of Hickman Science Center.

SOUTHERN IN THE MEDIA

"Speaker Promotes the Power of Walking"

Timesfreepress.com, March 22

"Southern, Lee Spread Anti-Sex Trafficking Message"

TheChattanooga.com, March 15

"From The Top to Tape Broadcast at Tivoli April 26"

TheChattanooga.com, March 15

"Canton Adventist Church"

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, March 8

"Chaplain Uses Musical Roots to Soothe the Sick"

Carrollwood Patch, March 1

HATS OFF!

"Thank you, Terry Evans and Food Service staff for the cakes which were baked and decorated especially for celebrating the 120th anniversary of Southern Adventist University at the Health Career Fair on February 23. They were beautiful, delicious, and helped make the occasion truly special.

- Alumni Relations -

"We would like to thank Dennis Negrón for arranging to have an alumni team participate in the College Bowl competition held on March 1. Four College Bowl champions from past years were invited to return to campus to challenge their skills against the current student champions team. This first-time event was enjoyed by the participants as well as the audience, and it was a great opportunity for fostering school spirit."

- Alumni Relations -

“A gigantic thank you to Sharon Robberson and Leslie Ann Schwarzer for helping plan the annual Long Term Care Banquet on February 20. They organized every aspect of the event: arranging for the venue, selecting a caterer, planning the menu, providing valet transportation from the parking lots, arranging for audio-visual services, and being present throughout the entire banquet to ensure that the guests had an excellent evening. Thank you, for being such gracious hostesses for our guests.”

- Verlyne Starr -

“Kudos to the food service staff for preparing a delicious array of meal choices in a variety of places day after day. What a blessing to have the Dining Hall, KR’s Place, Campus Kitchen, the Kayak, and the Village Market deli to choose from! It’s obvious a lot of detailed planning and coordinating go into making it happen, and you are all much appreciated in your efforts!”

- Patrice Hieb -

“I’d like to commend Russ Orrison, Justin Brooks, Dorothy Turner, and their team for outstanding customer service. Quick Print continues to be extremely responsive to the printing needs of Marketing and University Relations and our clients across campus. Even when I don’t offer the lead time they deserve and need, they exceed my expectations. It’s always a pleasure to work with true professionals who go the extra mile.”

- Tina Smith -

“Linda Brooks, you have a wealth of knowledge about all things Southern. Thank you for being so generous with your answers!”

- Elizabeth Pontvik and Marc Boyson -

“Thank you Southern family for your prayers, concern and support after our house fire. What a blessing to be part of such a loving and caring community.”

- Tricia Foster -

“My family feels humbled and blessed to have a Southern family that has reached out to support us after tornadoes damaged our home in March. Thank you so much for your love and support!”

- Evie Baker -

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Adrienne Royo spent her spring break on a mission trip to Cuba. She preached on Sabbath, March 3, for the theology students who were starting an evangelistic series that night. She also taught an English class and interpreted/taught the Adventist Church History class at the Theological Seminary of Cuba.

In March, **John Nixon** attended an education conference hosted by the National Association for Developmental Education in Orlando, Florida. He also presented two lectures at Oakwood University as guest professor on February 29 and March 1. From April 29-May 6, he will be preaching at a joint convocation of the Lusaka Central Adventist Church and the Zambia Adventist University in Zambia.

Julie Hyde presented “Determinants of Material Weaknesses in Internal Control Over Compliance in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133 for U.S. Counties,” at the American Accounting Association 2012 Government and Non-profit Section Midyear Conference in San Diego, California on March 2.

Ken Parsons served as clinician for the 2012 Illinois Conference Band Festival, held at Hinsdale Academy in Illinois on March 8-10.

Edwin Reynolds will present a paper at the Spring Symposium of the Adventist Theological Society on April 19-21 at Walla Walla University in Washington. The theme of the symposium is theodicy, the justice of God, and the paper is titled “The Problem of Delayed Justice.”

In March, **Sharon Pittman** received the Lifetime Achievement Award during a banquet for the Southeast branch of the Tennessee chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. **René Drumm** was the speaker for the evening, celebrating Social Work Month.

Jeff Jordan conducted an evangelistic series in the Philippines over spring break. As a result of the series, about 15 souls became part of the Seventh-day Adventist Church through baptism.

In January, **Rene’ Drumm** and **Laurie Cooper** made an oral presentation titled “‘Suddenly I Just Knew that I Was Going to Survive’: Domestic Violence Victims’ Discoveries of Personal Strength” at the international conference on Trauma Through the Life Cycle From a Strengths-Based Perspective at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Tina Smith made her first trip to New Orleans, Louisiana to attend an American Marketing Association (AMA) conference on February 23-24 that focused on “Successfully Managing the Creative Process.”

Shannon Trecartin has been accepted into the Ph.D. Program in Social Work at the University of Tennessee Knoxville.

Chris Hansen gave a series of presentations titled “God and Science” at the Pathfinder Honors Weekends in Missouri on March 2-4 and Iowa on March 9-11. He also helped with a science fair at each event.

The first of five domestic violence response trainings for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference’s 140+ pastors was held on February 15 at the Collegedale Church of Seventh-day Adventists. The training focused on becoming an effective first responder to victims of abuse. These trainings are an outgrowth from research conducted by Rene’ Drumm on abuse within the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Presenters included **Rene’ Drumm, Doug Tilstra, Laurie Cooper** and **Stephanie Sheehan**.

In January, **Pegi Flynt** presented a webinar titled “iPads in the Classroom: Novice or Expert?” Sponsored by the Technology and Distance Education Committee (TDEC), part of the NAD Education Department, over 300 educators from around the country participated. The Southern Union Advisory Council invited her to share the same presentation, in addition to a presentation on the use of Twitter for educators, on March 19 in Florida.

Michael Hasel published two articles titled, “Excavations at Khirbet Qeiyafa and the Early Judean Monarchy” and “New Excavations at Khirbet Qeiyafa and the Early History of Judah,” in the *Eretz-Israel: Amnon Ben-Tor Volume 30* and *Do Historical Matters Matter to Faith?* respectively. He also published a book review of C. L. Crouch’s “War and Ethics in the Ancient Near East: Military Violence in Light of Cosmology and History” in the *Bulletin of Biblical Research*.

Rob Raney and **Patrice Hieb** were among roughly 1,000 attendees at the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District III conference on Feb 19-22 in Atlanta. CASE offers networking and continuing education for advancement professionals working in education.

PERSONAL NEWS

Dan Turkenkopf married Shelly Caswell on March 4.

TORNADO AWARENESS TIPS

Please take a look at these tornado awareness tips from the Emergency Management Institute Independent Study Courses. As we have already experienced, tornado “season” has expanded.

Protecting Your Small Business From Disasters

Multihazard Planning for Childcare

Animals in Disasters, Awareness and Preparedness

Emergency Management Preparedness Fundamentals

Intro to Public Private Partnerships Online Course

For more information regarding the Emergency Management Institute’s Independent Study Courses, visit **their website**.

CHANGING FACES

Southern welcomes the following employees:

Emily Kay to Enrollment Services

Alwin Anthony to Food Services

Kenneth Lehmann to Plant Services

Fond farewells to the following employees:

Jason Smith from Campus Safety

Delores Franks from Thatcher

Best wishes to the following employees in their new positions:

Katherine Holder from part-time staff at the Dining Hall to part-time staff at the Village Market

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We welcome your comments and news.

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SOUTHERN CELEBRATES 120 YEARS

2012 marks the 120th anniversary of Southern Adventist University! Doors to the school were officially opened for classes in 1892 in a rented, second-story room which had been renovated for use as a classroom above a general store in the coal-mining village of Graysville, Tennessee. 23 students enrolled that first term.

George W. Colcord was the first principal of the school and was instrumental in helping to establish Adventist education programs in the South. Through God's continued guidance and blessing, along with the sacrifice and hard work of many dedicated pioneering individuals through the years, Southern has become the university we enjoy today.

Several mini-celebrations with various constituent groups will be hosted throughout this year. The first was held on February 23 for 700-800 students who attended the Health Career Fair in Iles P.E. Center. Delicious cakes were baked and beautifully decorated especially for the occasion by Food Services and served by Alumni Council volunteers. Opportunities to celebrate this milestone with alumni include the 18 regional chapter meetings planned for this year in various locations around the country.

Three of these meetings were already hosted by Advancement staff in Orlando, Apopka, and Avon Park during February with a total of nearly 100 alumni in attendance. Five similar events are scheduled in California for the month of April with others to follow during the next several months. The anniversary celebrations will culminate with Alumni Homecoming Weekend in October. The overall theme for alumni activities this year is "Celebrating the Past, Shaping the Future."

To learn more about the university's fascinating history and inspiring stories, read Dennis Pettibone's book, *The Story of Southern College 1892-1992 - A Century of Challenge*, written to commemorate the university's 100th anniversary celebration. It is now available in **digital format**.

ENERGY-SAVING TIPS

from Energy Management

- + Install white window shades, drapes, or blinds to reflect heat away from the house.
- + Use fans instead of air conditioners to significantly reduce your energy use.
- + Open windows at night. If you live in a climate where it cools off at night, turn off your cooling system and open your windows while sleeping. When you wake in the morning, shut the windows to capture the cool air.

BIRTHDAYS

April 1	Karen Caldwell , Talge Jana Dietsche , Enrollment
April 3	Jonathan Durichek , Plant Services
April 4	Lorella Howard , Nursing Crystal Stitzer , Risk Management
April 6	Mark Larson , Food Services
April 8	Randy Craven , Visual Art and Design Carlos Lopez , Enrollment Elizabeth Pontvik , Visual Art and Design
April 9	Genevieve Brown-Kibble , Music Nancy Soapes , Food Services Amy Steele , Human Resources
April 10	Jodi Boyd , Human Resources Erin Cook , Talge Lisa Hess , Online Campus
April 13	Ryan Harrell , Online Campus
April 14	Michael Liedke , Nursing JP Mathis , Thatcher
April 15	Terri Fillman , Transportation Services Heather Runyon , Student Success Center
April 18	Lucinda Hill , Biology
April 20	Willard Munger , Computing Scott Spicer , P.E., Health and Wellness
April 22	Debbie Strack , Biology Ruth WilliamsMorris , Education and Psych
April 23	Ann Larsen , Food Services Dale Walters , Technology
April 25	Shirley Menhennett , Food Services
April 26	Diane Proffitt , Nursing
April 27	Alwin Anthony , Food Services Dana Krause , Nursing
April 28	Osmín Yanes , Village Market
April 30	Scott Clukey , Plant Services Marc Grundy , Marketing and Enrollment Faith Laughlin , Education and Psych