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Campus Celebrates Month of Prayer

You’ve heard of a week of prayer but what about “month of prayer”? That’s what happened at Southern Adventist University during October, when three weeks of prayer took place on campus—a break from the usual routine of one week of prayer per semester.

It started with Fall at the Wall, an yearly outdoor tradition, which featured Kris Eckenroth, a pastor at the Collegedale Church of Seventh-day Adventists. This was followed by a residence hall week of prayer, shared between Talge and Thatcher halls. During that week, different students spoke each night.

Both of these events were coordinated by Campus Ministries. As a bonus, the Latin American Club (LAC) hosted an additional week of prayer as an introduction to Hispanic Heritage Month and LAC night—a cultural event that closed out the end of the week. Although the overlap of additional spiritual opportunities was unintentional, the extra weeks of prayer exemplify how campus culture is being pulled together in prayer.

“What’s beautiful is that different demographics in charge, and each week of



Pastor Kris Eckenroth spoke during Fall at the Wall, which is held outdoors at the Goliath Wall every fall semester.

prayer drew a different crowd,” said Anna Bennett, Campus Ministries associate chaplain. “It shows how Southern as a whole is wanting to cultivate a campus of prayer.”

Sierra Wendt, junior film production major and Thatcher Hall chaplain, believes these various weeks of prayer were power-

ful because of how many different student groups were reached.

“This ‘Month of Prayer’ changes what the traditional week of prayer looks like,” Wendt said. “With different speakers, we include different voices. It shows that Southern cares about your spirituality.”

~Gelissa Leveille, senior film major

Exam Schedule

Exam Time	MONDAY December 11	TUESDAY December 12	WEDNESDAY December 13	THURSDAY December 14
8 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.	English Composition Basic Writing	12 p.m. T Th 12:30 p.m. T Th	8 a.m. M W F 8:30 a.m. M T W Th F	8 a.m. T Th 8:30 a.m. T Th
10 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.	1 p.m. T Th	10 a.m. M W F	9:30 a.m. T Th 10 a.m. T Th	9 a.m. M W F 9 a.m. T Th
12 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.	4 p.m. T Th 5 p.m. T Th 5 p.m. M W	11 a.m. T	12 p.m. M W F	11 a.m. M W F
2 p.m. to 3:50 p.m.	BIOL 102	2 p.m. M W F 2 p.m. M W	2 p.m. T Th 2:30 p.m. T Th	1 p.m. M W F
4 p.m. to 5:50 p.m.	3 p.m. M W F 3:30 p.m. M W 4 p.m. M	Speech	3 p.m. T Th 3:30 p.m. T Th	

“‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’”

Jeremiah 29:11



Special Feature:

125 Years of Southern

This has been an eventful year as Southern has celebrated 125 years of providing quality Christian education. Efforts from across campus ensured that the year was full of fun events, dedications, and celebrations that truly commemorated the years since the school was founded in 1892.

The celebration started on January 25, with a day of history and fun for students; it included hay rides, an antique tractor show (invented in 1892), and the sweet treat of Cracker Jacks (first sold in 1893).

The alumni magazine, *Columns*, featured 125 alumni who have made a lasting impression; including doctors, missionaries, business

owners, and many other professions, alumni use their Southern education as a tool to serve others.

Those who visited campus during the year enjoyed special banners, a light display, and historical exhibits across campus. A time line in McKee Library recounts the school's triumphs and struggles over the last 125 years.

During Homecoming Weekend, November 2-5, Southern unearthed a time capsule buried during the 100 year anniversary and replaced it with another capsule full of current memorabilia, which will be opened in 2042.

Anniversary-themed philanthropic initiatives included a 125,000-service-hour campaign and a goal of raising \$125,000 during the annual Southern Giving Day; this goal was surpassed, thanks to generous supporters!

Alumni Relations Director Evonne Crook, an alumna herself, believes that this year was truly remarkable.

“It was very meaningful for me to see students and alumni come together side-by-side to share their stories and consider possibilities for students at Southern in the future,” Crooks said. “The ‘Southern experience’ students enjoy today is the result of those who have sacrificed through the years to help ensure that students can obtain an exceptional, Adventist education at Southern.”

~by Tierra Hayes, junior mass communication major



Meet the Dean of Women:

An Interview With Lisa Hall

Q: *How long have you worked at Southern?*

A: I've been here for more than 13 years.

Q: *What is your favorite part of being a residence hall dean?*

A: My favorite part is interacting with students; that is the only reason I became a dean. Previously, I came from the business world, but then I felt God leading in a different direction. My duties are pretty varied: I manage the budget for the dorm, manage discipline for the whole campus, and do a lot of paperwork and administrative tasks. But interacting with students who just wander in to talk is the highlight of my day.

Q: *What would you like others to know about you?*

A: Some students may be intimidated by me, probably because of my title as dean. But once they get in here they realize, “Oh, she's not so bad.” I just want them to be comfortable to talk with me, pray with me, and see that I am not intimidating.

Q: *What makes Southern different from other schools?*

A: The students seeking to have a daily relationship with Christ—that's what makes us different from many schools. Besides that, our students have so many opportunities that the university offers, such as intramurals, concerts, tutoring, and other support services. Students are here for academics and that should be a major focus, but it's important to relax and enjoy Southern as well.



Dean of Women Lisa Hall graduated from Southern and worked in the corporate world before discovering God's calling to return to the university.



A Message from the President:

God's Calling

We don't know what college major Jeremiah would have chosen. We don't know what future plans he had when he was college age.

What we do know, according to the Bible, is that as a young adult, God shook Jeremiah's world. He told Jeremiah that before he was born, even before he was formed in his mother's womb, God had appointed him to be a prophet (Jeremiah 1:5).

What a shock this must have been! Understandably, Jeremiah resisted God's call. He complained that he was too young, too inexperienced to do such difficult work.

But God proclaimed that if He wanted Jeremiah to do something, then He would help Jeremiah do it. Jeremiah went on to live a life marked by a determined faithfulness to do whatever God asked him to do.

Your children are at about the same stage as Jeremiah was when God called him to be a prophet. They are in the process of discovering or verifying God's calling for their lives. And we at Southern Adventist University are dedicated to helping them discover that calling and to commit to it.

I know that you pray daily for your children. Please pray for God to reveal to them His will for their lives. I believe there is no greater satisfaction in life than the satisfaction that comes from doing what God asks you to do. I pray that your children will discover that for their own lives.

~by David Smith, president



Did You Know?

McKee Library

The McKee Library has many easily accessible resources to help students get the most from their study time and succeed in their classes:

The Writing Center

The Writing Center is a resource where students skilled in writing help their peers fine-tune papers, speeches, and other writing projects. These students are College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA) certified, meaning they have excellent writing and citation skills.

“The Writing Center workers are good at helping students clarify their thought processes, while making them feel confident about the final product,” said Katie McGrath, associate library director.



Students receive help from fellow students as well as trained librarians in McKee Library.

Peer Tutoring Center

At the Tutoring Center, students seeking help are matched with individuals who have already successfully taken the classes they are struggling in. This peer-driven tutoring style has proven to be beneficial for not only those seeking assistance but for the tutors as well.

“I really like being able to help people with a subject that they find challenging,” said Sarah Wu, junior mathematics major and tutor. “I think it is great that Southern offers this for free, and I'm so happy to be part of the it.”

Research Coaches

Professional librarians are dedicated to helping students with any research-based class. Coaches are available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. to aid in the process of navigating through library resources.

Therapy Dogs

Twice a month, therapy dogs visit the library to provide emotional relief and support. Getting to play with a well-behaved dog gives students a fun study break and helps them manage stress.

~by Natalie Boonstra, freshman public relations major

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9 School of Music Christmas Concert
Collegedale Church of Seventh-day Adventists
at 4 p.m.

11-14 Semester Exams

11-14 Book Buy Back
Campus Shop from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

12 Last Day to Make Up Winter and Summer 2017 Incompletes

13 School of Nursing Dedication
Collegedale Church of Seventh-day Adventists
at 7 p.m.

14 Winter Commencement
Iles P.E. Center at 7 p.m.

Christmas Break: December 15 to January 7!