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## Definition

Reflect, verb

to shine by casting or reflecting light

to think deeply or carefully about

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To Dr. Carl Dickman Anderson, who ignited my interest in seeing and telling history as His Story.

To all the members and employees of the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, past and present, whose lives reflect Christ in their life and ministry.





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## Psalm 143:5

I remember the days of long ago;  
I meditate on all your works  
and consider what your hands have done.

## With Gratitude

This book has required the collaborative efforts of our entire editorial team: Bryant Taylor, Irisene Douce, Yaime Cordova, Sheila Elwin, and O’livia Woodard, designer; the contributing editors at the local conferences and institutions; Lessie Scurry and her daughter, Taylor Scurry; and Nathan Zinner, former associate communication director for the Southern Union.

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Above all, I give thanks to God.

R. Steven Norman III  
Editor



# Introduction

*Reflection* is a pictorial journal that allows you to see God's hand in the 120-year (1901-2021) history of the Southern Union and record how God is using you in His service.

You will look back 150 years to the spring of 1871, when Elbert B. Lane preached the first Seventh-day Adventist evangelistic meeting in Edgefield Junction, Tennessee. Beginning in 1901, you will follow the 120 years of growth in our Union — moving through the decades, stopping at each of the eight local conferences, three universities, and the AdventHealth System to review their history in timelines and pictures.

The journal has three major sections: 1) Conference Reflections, Institutional Reflections, and Southern Union Reflections, which contain illustrated timeline histories of each one; 2) My Personal Reflections, which provides journaling space where you can record your personal history within the Seventh-day Adventist Church as an employee or member; and 3) My Commitment to Reflect Christ, where we invite you to prayerfully consider how you can reflect the light of Christ through service and witness in the coming quinquennium.

While we review our accomplishments, we do so humbly, ever mindful that “all that we have accomplished God has done for and through us,” Isaiah 26:12. We take no credit to ourselves.

As we present this book, I share the sentiments of John: “Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written,” John 21:25. God has done much more in the Union than can be mentioned in this book. You have the opportunity to help fill in the blanks by writing your personal history with the Church in the My Personal Reflections section. We also invite you to help us by sharing other stories of faith, love, sacrifice, and commitment to God with the Southern Union as well as your local church family.

“...things that we have heard and known,  
that our fathers have told us.  
We will not hide them from their children,  
but tell to the coming generation  
the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might,  
and the wonders that he has done.”

Psalm 78:3-4

I.



## Conference Reflections

Carolina Conference

Florida Conference

Georgia-Cumberland Conference

Gulf States Conference

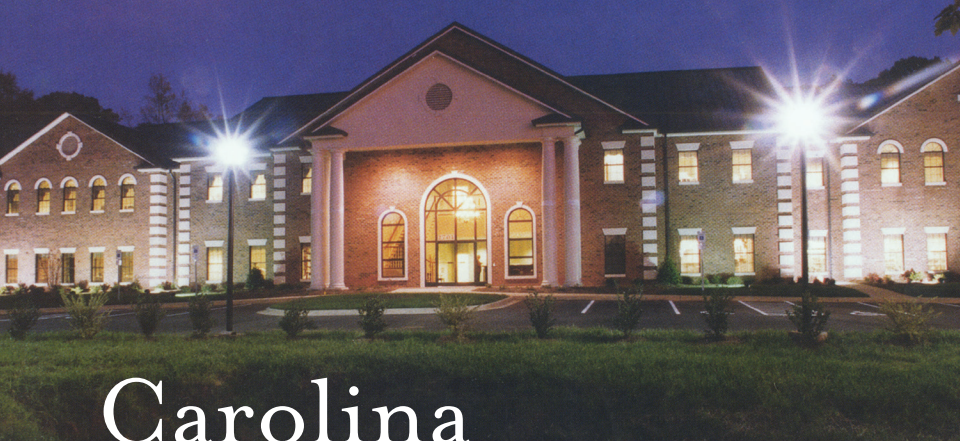
Kentucky-Tennessee Conference

South Atlantic Conference

South Central Conference

Southeastern Conference





# Carolina

## CONFERENCE

By Rebecca Carpenter

### 1880–1889

#### 1881

The present Valle Crucis Church, originally called the Bethel Church, was organized by L. P. Hodges in the home of Larkin Townsend on May 15, with 11 charter members (including some from Banner Elk in an adjoining county, where a separate church was organized in 1912).

#### 1882

The Bethel members walked as far as 10 miles to help build their church on Dutch Creek on land donated by Larkin Townsend. This is believed to be the first church building erected by Adventists in the South.

#### 1889

W. L. Killen and another colporteur sold the book *Bible Readings for the Home Circle* to several families in Stokes County, North Carolina. The Toab Young, Will Young, and

F. A. Slate families soon became convicted of the Bible truths. The Slate family moved to Kernersville in 1904. A few Sabbath-keepers met faithfully in the homes of the Slates, the H. R. Hahns, or often in rooms above the Slates' print shop. Joe Crews, former speaker of the Amazing Facts radio program, was a grandson of Arch McDowell, one of the first members of the Kernersville Church.

### 1890–1899

#### 1894

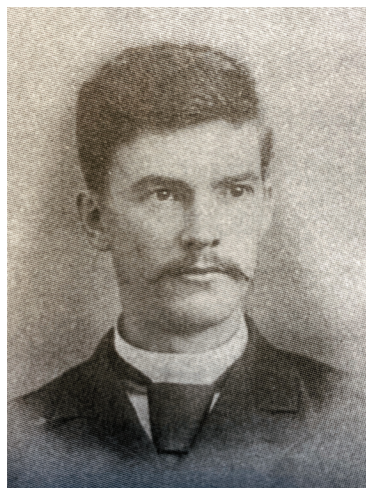
E. W. Webster, from Wisconsin, was sent to Spartanburg, South Carolina, and soon afterward J. O. Johnston arrived at Greenville from North Carolina. In the spring Webster and Johnston held a series of Adventist tent meetings — the first in South Carolina — at Brushy Creek, a rural community near Greenville. The first church was organized in Spartanburg in August. The Brushy Creek Church was or-

ganized the following year, and would later occupy the first church building, in 1897.

## 1900–1909

### 1901

After the General Conference District #2 became the Southern Union Conference in the spring of 1901, the North and South Carolina missions were combined and organized September 1 as the Carolina Conference, with J. O. Johnston as president. There were three ministers, four licensed ministers, 10 churches, seven companies, and a total membership of 300.



### 1904

In February North Carolina was made a conference, and South Carolina, with two churches and 76 members, became a mission under the Southern Union Conference.

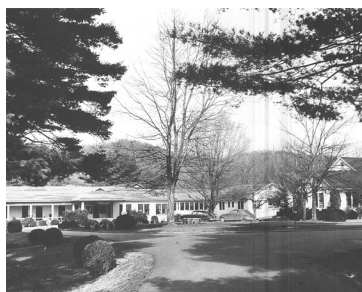
### 1907

South Carolina became a conference with four churches and 100 members.

## 1910–1919

### 1910

Fletcher Academy and Mountain Sanitarium were founded near Hendersonville, North Carolina.



### 1914

Mt. Pisgah Academy was founded near Asheville, North Carolina, as a private academy, by E. C. Waller, William Steinman, and C. A. Graves with their families; it was originally called the Pisgah Industrial Institute.



Camp Meeting in 1920



## 1918

During the time the Southern Union was divided (1909-1932), the Carolinas belonged to the Southeastern Union Conference. The two conferences were reunited in 1918 as the Carolina Conference, comprising all of South Carolina and eastern North Carolina. The headquarters were established in Charlotte, North Carolina, and a church was organized there the next year.

## 1920–1929

### 1921

The Carolina Conference had seven schools, 10 teachers, and 222 students.

### 1923

Conference membership was at 625. Tithe was \$17,670.10.

### 1924

There were 42 churches with a membership of 1,242.

## 1930–1939

### 1936

Eight evangelistic efforts were held in tents or halls. The number of new members was 181. The total membership of the Conference was 2,256. The tithe received was \$43,351.78.

## 1940–1949

### 1941

The colporteurs delivered \$26,145 worth of books and literature. This was the highest record by any group of colporteurs in the Southern Union.

### 1942

The Carolina Conference moved to 1936 East 7th Street in Charlotte, North Carolina.

## 1950–1959

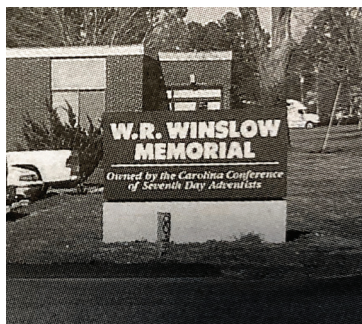
### 1952

Ownership of Pisgah Industrial Institute was transferred to the Carolina Conference, and the school was given the name Mount Pisgah Academy (MPA).

## 1960–1969

### 1961

The W.R. Winslow Memorial Home opened in December, with 40 beds serving Elizabeth City, North Carolina. W. R. Winslow, a Washington, D.C., businessman, friend of Seventh-day Adventists, and native of Elizabeth City, provided funds for construction and established a trust for its continuous operation. Several years after opening the home, Winslow deeded complete ownership to the Carolina Conference.



## 1970–1979

### 1971

Nosoca Pines Ranch, a youth camp and convention center for the Carolina Conference, was purchased. The 170-acre camp is located on the shores of Lake Wateree in Liberty Hill, South Carolina. The first camp was held there in 1974.



### 1975

MPA Corporation developed a beautiful retirement community. The community is composed of Pisgah Manor, a 118-bed skilled and intermediate care nursing facility, and Pisgah Estates, 72 modern condominiums designed for indepen-





Carolina Conference Office 1998

dent living. These communities provide employment for Mount Pisgah Academy students and retirement living for former Church employees 55 and older.

## 1980–1989

### 1985

Plans were realized for 150 evangelistic campaigns to be held throughout the Conference.

## 1990–1999

### 1992

Using the book *The Great Controversy*, the Conference conducted radio campaigns in major cities of the Carolinas. More than 10,000 listeners responded to the free book offer, and church members hand-delivered most of the 10,000 copies to individual homes. Evangelistic meetings followed in several cities. The combined efforts of this program resulted in a record-breaking year for soul winning.

### 1995

The Carolina Conference headquarters moved to their current facility at 2701 East WT Harris Blvd., Charlotte, North Carolina.

## 2000–2009

### 2001

A Centennial Celebration was held during Lake Junaluska Camp Meeting in North Carolina. Conference membership topped 15,000.



### 2003

Evangelist E. Lonnie Melashenko held a month-long series called



“The Voice of Prophecy Speaks,” in Columbia, South Carolina. The series was uplinked to North America and the Caribbean.

## 2007

Pisgah Manor, Inc. and Carolina Living, Inc. were merged into Carolina Adventist Retirement Systems, Inc.

## 2010–2019

### 2014

Ron Halverson Sr. of *It Is Written*, in joint effort with the South Atlantic Conference, held city-wide meetings in Charlotte, North Carolina. Attendance was as high as 1,800, and 112 people were baptized between both conferences.

### 2016

Doug Batchelor of *Amazing Facts* held a seven-day series in Charlotte, North Carolina, as a follow-up on

his book about the benefits of Sabbath rest, *How to Keep the Sabbath Day Holy*.

## 2018

Pisgah Valley Retirement Community facilities were sold by Carolina Adventist Retirement System, Inc. to Liberty Healthcare Corporation, and an endowment was created to assist students of Mount Pisgah Academy.

## 2019

Shawn Boonstra, of the *Voice of Prophecy*, held an evangelistic series on the book of Revelation in Raleigh, North Carolina, resulting in about 60 baptisms.

## 2020–Present

### 2020

The Carolina Conference oversees 132 churches and 34 companies in

North and South Carolina, including Hispanic, Cambodian, Haitian, Karen, Korean, and African congregations. The Conference has 18 elementary schools; one K-9, one K-10, and one K-12 school; two academies; one Adventist hospital; and numerous community centers within its territory. Membership in the Conference is more than 24,000, and there are around 180 ministry workers employed as pastors, teachers, office staff, and administration.

## Presidents

### Carolina Conference:

J. O. Johnston, 1901–1904

### North Carolina Conference:

T. H. Jeys, 1904–1909  
 G. W. Wells, 1909–1910  
 G. M. Brown, 1910–1913  
 Stewart Kime, 1913–1914  
 J. H. Behrens, 1914–1915  
 J. B. Locken, 1915–1917  
 A. H. Evers, 1917–1918  
 W. H. Branson  
 (acting president), 1918  
 J. W. MacNeil, 1918

### South Carolina Conference:

R. T. Nash, 1907–1909  
 T. H. Jeys, 1909–1911  
 W. H. Branson, 1911–1912  
 C. V. Achenbach, 1912–1914  
 J. L. Shuler, 1914–1917

A. N. Allen, 1917  
 E. W. Wolfe, 1917–1918

### Carolina Conference:

J. W. MacNeil, 1918–1920  
 L. T. Crisler, 1920–1921  
 R. I. Keate, 1921–1926  
 C. L. Butterfield, 1926–1932  
 E. T. Wilson, 1932–1933  
 A. S. Booth, 1933–1934  
 J. L. Shuler, 1934–1937  
 H. E. Lysinger, 1937–1943  
 R. S. Blackburn  
 (acting president), 1943  
 F. O. Sanders, 1943–1948  
 C. H. Lauda, 1948–1956  
 G. R. Nash, 1956–1958  
 H. V. Reed, 1958–1963  
 Willard B. Johnson, 1963–1968  
 E. S. Reile, 1968–1977  
 Malcolm Gordon, 1977–1985  
 Robert Folkenberg, 1985–1990  
 Kenneth Coonley, 1990–2004  
 Jim Davidson, 2004–2011  
 Leslie Louis, 2012–present



“The more peace we have within our own lives,  
the more we can reflect into the outer world.”

- Senora Roy





# Florida

## CONFERENCE

By Lee Bennett

### 1880–1889

#### 1885

The first church in Florida Conference territory was organized with 22 members after a series of evangelistic meetings by E. G. Rupert. It was located 10 miles south of Tampa, the forerunner of the present Palmetto Church.

### 1890–1899

#### 1892

Members of Barberville and DeLeon Springs, for the first time in Florida Conference territory, erected a building specifically intended to be used as an Adventist church. All congregations prior to Barberville/DeLeon Springs gathered in existing facilities.

#### 1893

Florida Conference was organized September 22 with six churches represented at a meeting held in

Barberville. The Conference started with three ordained ministers, two licentiates, and 139 members. At the same time, members organized a tract society and a Sabbath School Association. L. H. Crisler was the first president.



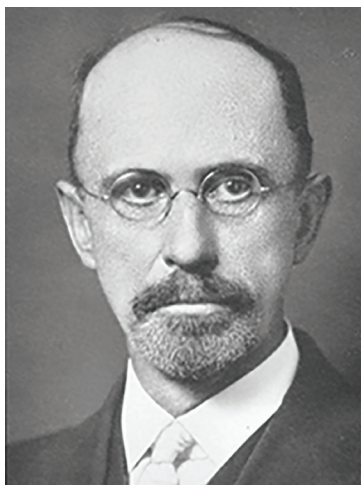
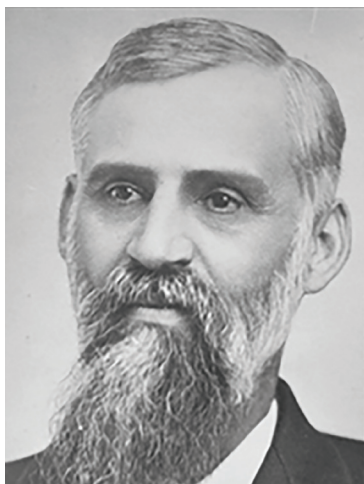
#### 1894

The first Conference Camp Meeting and first regular constituency meeting were held in Tampa.

## 1900–1909

### 1901

George Ide Butler was elected as the second Conference president in November. In January 1902, he was also elected as president of the Southern Union, thus serving both constituencies at the same time.



### 1903

Conference membership doubled to 286 in 12 churches.

### 1908

Rufus Wells Parmele, the fifth president, worked to establish Florida Sanitarium, later renamed Florida Hospital, and presently AdventHealth.

## 1910–1919

### 1913

Conference membership was 744 with 27 churches.

### 1917

Official Conference headquarters were established on the corner of Rosalind Avenue and Robinson Street in downtown Orlando in a portion of the new Orlando Central Church.



## 1918

Lake Winyah Academy was founded in the vicinity of the Florida Sanitarium. It moved to Forest City and was renamed Forest Lake Academy in 1926.

## 1920–1929

### 1923

The Conference moved into a separate office facility on Rosalind Avenue, adjacent to Orlando Central Church.



## 1928

The first known Book and Bible House (Adventist Book Center) in

Florida was located within Conference headquarters on Rosalind Avenue in Orlando.

## 1930–1939

### 1932

The final stage of transferring membership of Florida's 10 westernmost panhandle counties to what is now Gulf States Conference was completed.

## 1940–1949

### 1945

After the General Conference voted the formation of Regional Conferences, 21 Black churches in the Florida Conference were transferred to the South Atlantic Conference on December 3.

## 1950–1959

### 1953

Camp Kulaqua began when a group of members purchased land in High Springs to be used for a youth camp. It serves as a year-round retreat, conference center, and summer camp.



Rollins Office

## 1960–1969

### 1960

Florida Conference moved into the Rollins Avenue building across the street from Florida Hospital Orlando (now AdventHealth).

### 1962

Constituent members reached 10,000.

### 1965

Florida Living Retirement Community opened a short distance from Forest Lake Academy.



## 1970–1979

### 1970

The Nursing Center was opened adjacent to Florida Living Retirement Community.

### 1976

The Conference numbered 100 local congregations.

### 1978

The Florida Spanish-language Ministries Department was organized.

## 1980–1989

### 1980

Florida Conference reached 20,000 constituent members.

### 1989

Women's Ministries directors were elected in each Florida Confer-





Winter Park Office

ence church, under the direction of Hazel Gordon, wife of the Conference president.

## 1993

Florida Conference held its centennial celebration.

## 1990–1999

### 1990

The MagaBook literature evangelism program in Florida was started on January 4. It provides scholarship money for students as well as contacts with communities through Adventist literature.

### 1990

The Conference reached 30,000 constituent members.

### 1992

Conference headquarters moved into the Wymore Road building in Winter Park.



## 1996

Constituent members reached 40,000.

## 2000–2009

### 2000

Greater Miami Adventist Academy became a Conference-sponsored institution on January 1.

### 2001

The Conference reached 50,000 constituent members.

Local congregations numbered 200.

## 2010–2019

### 2010

Florida Conference reached 60,000 constituent members.

### 2014

Conference headquarters moved into the present location on the corner of S. State Road 434 and West Town Parkway in Altamonte Springs.

### 2018

Conference-sponsored North Tampa Christian Academy opened on August 20.

## 2020–Present

### 2020

There are presently just under 300 Florida Conference congregations, and approximately 65,000 constituent members.

## Presidents

L. H. Crisler, 1893-1901  
George I. Butler, 1901-1904  
C. B. Stephenson, 1904-1906  
L. H. Crisler, 1906-1907  
R. W. Parmele, 1907-1912  
W. H. Heckman, 1913-1917  
A. R. Sandborn, 1917-1919  
C. B. Stephenson, 1919-1921  
J. L. Shuler, 1921-1926  
A. S. Booth, 1926-1933  
L. K. Dickson, 1933-1936  
L. E. Lenheim, 1936-1941  
L. C. Evans, 1941-1947  
R. H. Nightingale, 1947-1954  
Don R. Rees, 1954-1957  
H. H. Schmidt, 1957-1965  
W. O. Coe, 1965-1973  
H. J. Carubba, 1973-1984  
Malcolm D. Gordon, 1985-1990  
Obad O. Graham, 1990-1997  
Gordon Retzer, 1997-2000  
Lewis Hendershot, 2000-2005  
Mike Cauley, 2005-2018  
Allan Machado, 2018–present



Allan Machado



# Georgia-Cumberland

## CONFERENCE

By Tamara Watson

### 1870–1879

#### 1872

Letters and reports began appearing in *The Advent Review* and *Sabbath Herald* from J. A. Killingsworth, who was living in Georgia. He related that the Adventist teachings faced serious opposition in this state because they “originated with the Yankees.”

#### 1876

C. O. Taylor, the first official Adventist worker in Georgia, arrived in the area of Quitman in the southern part of the state.

Adventist work was taking root in the hills of Tennessee. M. J. Wetherbee moved from Blendon, Michigan, to Bledsoe County, Tennessee. He sent a letter to the *Review* calling for someone to come and work in that state. Orlando Soule, a young man from Michigan, responded, starting in Bledsoe County, near Pikeville, Tennessee.

Soule formed the first Adventist church in eastern Tennessee, the Mt. Gilead Church in Cumberland County, now Georgia-Cumberland territory.

#### 1878

“The first general meeting of those in Georgia who keep all the commandments of God” took place in Reynolds, Georgia.

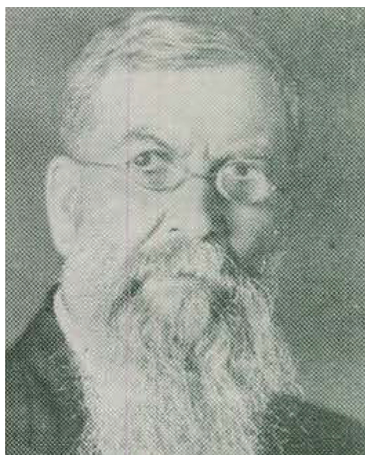
Samuel P. Mitchell was imprisoned in Brooks County, Georgia, for “his adherence to the Sabbath”; he was tried and found guilty. Rather than pay the fine, Mitchell thought he “could do more good, could better help on the great work of the reform on the Sabbath, and bring it before more minds, by passing 30 days in jail.”

### 1880–1889

#### 1882

W. F. Killen organized the first

church in Georgia, located in Quitman with eight members, in March. The church was reorganized in 1885 by G. G. Rupert.



## 1885

George A. King, the original Adventist literature evangelist, and Charles F. Curtis went to Georgia to sell Gospel literature.

## 1887

Charles Curtis and his wife were next asked to move to Atlanta to work with George W. Anglebarger and his wife, who were starting a mission in that city. They rented a house that could accommodate up to 20 workers and host weekly Sabbath School and other meetings.

## 1888

A church was organized by S. H. Lane. The 15 charter members held

their first services in a tool shed at the corner of South Boulevard and Bryant Street in Atlanta.

E. R. Gillet built a church in Graysville, Tennessee, about 30 miles north of Chattanooga, with the help of P. D. Moyer and J. W. Scoles. J. M. Rees organized this church of 10 members, and it was later voted into the Tennessee Conference. Graysville became a center for the Adventist work in the South for several years.





## 1889

The first Camp Meeting in Georgia was held in Reynolds, with about 60 Adventists in attendance. Four people were baptized, and a course in canvassing trained ten canvassers.

The *Review and Herald* opened an office in Atlanta. This office remained active until the Southern Publishing Association was formed in Nashville in 1901.

The General Conference voted that the eastern portions of Tennessee and Kentucky would be joined together as the Cumberland Mission Field, while the western portions of those states were organized as the Tennessee River Conference.

## 1890–1899

### 1890

R. M. Kilgore made Graysville the headquarters of District 2. The church constructed there was “the first building erected for the worship of God in the Cumberland Mission Field.”



## 1892

George W. Colcord opened the Southern Training School in Graysville. In 1916, this institution would move to Collegedale, Tennessee, and grow into what is currently known as Southern Adventist University.



## 1893

Churches were organized in several places. J. W. Scoles organized a church in Webster, Roane County, Tennessee; W. A. McCutchen in Gainesville, Georgia; and Grant Adkins in Knoxville, Tennessee. Also in Knoxville, a company of African-American believers was formed following house-to-house Bible studies.



The Tennessee River Conference expanded to include the entirety of both the states of Tennessee and Kentucky. Later in the decade, the Tennessee River Conference was reshaped to once again include only the western portions of Tennessee and Kentucky.

Two believers, W. A. McCutchen and E. C. Keck, were arrested in Gainesville for building benches for the new school on Sunday. Charges were dismissed, and the city of Gainesville even granted electricity and water free of charge for the Camp Meeting held the next year.

## 1894

Twenty members from the Graysville and Dayton churches in Tennessee were arrested for Sunday labor. The incident, which was featured in newspapers across the country, forced the school in Graysville to close for a short time.

It was voted at Camp Meeting in Gainesville to begin taking steps that would lead to the organization of a conference in the state of Georgia.

## 1900–1909

### 1900

The eastern part of Kentucky and Tennessee again comprised the Cumberland Mission, and this area was organized as the Cumberland Conference during a specially called Camp Meeting in Harriman, Tennessee.

### 1901

The Georgia Conference, with five churches and 145 members, was organized during a Camp Meeting in Austell, Georgia.

A. W. Spalding spent two years teaching at the Southern Training School in Graysville, Tennessee. He would go on to become a noted educator, prolific writer, and pioneer of the Home Commission (precursor to Family Ministries) at the General Conference. In 1958 the elementary school located on the now Southern Adventist University's campus was named the Arthur W. Spalding Elementary School.

### 1902

The first annual session of the Cumberland Conference convened at Graysville, reporting “eight churches having a total membership of four hundred and 17 [sic],” an increase of 37 members and a small increase in tithe.

### 1903

R. M. Kilgore's leadership as president of Georgia Conference had a major impact on the early development of the Adventist work in both Georgia and eastern Tennessee. He went on to serve as the first president of the Southern Union from 1901 to 1902, and also as the second president of the Georgia Conference from 1903 to 1906.

A sanitarium opened in Graysville, and in Atlanta the Review and Herald Publishing building was transformed into the Atlanta Sanitarium. Treatment rooms were opened in Knoxville in 1909. The Atlanta Sanitarium continued operating in various locales in the city until 1958.



## 1904

Georgia Conference membership had increased to 216. The Conference office was located in Macon, Georgia.

## 1908

The Cumberland Conference's counties in eastern Kentucky were transferred to the newly formed Kentucky Conference.

## 1920–1929

### 1923

During 1923 and 1924, eight more Georgia counties were transferred to Cumberland Conference, bringing the total to 10.

### 1924

Medical missionary work was seen in

Greeneville, Tennessee. The Takoma Medical Center was established, first as a treatment room and cafeteria, then expanding to a sanitarium and fully functioning hospital.



## 1930–1939

### 1932

The Cumberland and Georgia conferences were brought together as part of a restructuring that took place at a joint quadrennial session of the Southeastern and Southern Union conferences held in Macon. After 24 years of separation, these two unions merged to form the Southern Union Conference. Most of the territory of the Cumberland Conference was merged with Georgia to form the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, with headquarters in Atlanta at 547 Cherokee Avenue, overseeing 49 churches and 2,634 church members.

## 1940–1949

### 1946

After the creation of the regional conferences, Georgia-Cumberland Conference continued with 63 churches and 3,592 members. Since 1946,

the territory of Georgia-Cumberland Conference has remained the same.



## 1950–1959

### 1959

The Hurlbutt Farm property, located in Reeves, Georgia, just outside of Calhoun, Georgia, was purchased by Georgia-Cumberland for the purpose of constructing a boarding academy, the future Georgia-Cumberland Academy.



## 1960–1969

### 1969

Georgia-Cumberland Academy opened with Ed Reifsnnyder serving as the first principal.

## 1970–1979

### 1975

The Conference office moved from

Atlanta to a new office building in Calhoun situated in a highly visible location along Interstate 75.



### 1976

An emphasis on Branch Sabbath Schools led to 14 churches forming in the span of five years (1976-1981) in Georgia-Cumberland.

### 1978

The Conference voted to purchase 580 acres, including a 45-acre lake, near Eton, Georgia, and construction began on Cohutta Springs Youth Camp.





## 1979

Georgia-Cumberland's Cohutta Springs Youth Camp opened, for campers in a new location, after 23 years at its Atoka Springs property.

## 1990–1999

### 1995

NET '95, the denomination's inaugural satellite evangelism seminar, was broadcast from the host site in Chattanooga and downlinked by nearly 700 churches across North America. Mark Finley, speaker-director for the *It Is Written* media ministry, was the main speaker for this seminar, a project of the North American Division, Adventist Media Center, Georgia-Cumberland Conference, and several other entities. The endeavor resulted in more than 5,000 baptisms, including 250 in Chattanooga.

## 2000–2009

### 2004

Tragedy struck Georgia-Cumberland Conference on December 2, when a plane carrying six people, including

four Conference officials, crashed on takeoff from the Collegedale Airport. Five people were killed in the crash: Dave Cress, president; Jim Frost, vice president; Jamie Arnall, communication director; Clay Farwell, assistant to the president; and the plane's pilot, John Laswell. There was one survivor, co-pilot Jim Huff.

## 2006

Georgia-Cumberland adopted Atlanta Adventist Academy (AAA) as a second Conference-sponsored high school. The school had opened in 1979, funded by several local churches. AAA operates with students and staff meeting at three main campuses in the Atlanta Metro area; the campuses are connected with virtual video streaming technology. This format has allowed other schools, both within the Conference borders and in other locales, to become distance-learning campuses of AAA.



## 2010–2019

### 2014

Georgia-Cumberland Conference took over the management of Home



Home Health Education Service Ribbon Cutting

Health Education Service (HES) within its territory. Several other conferences in the Southern Union joined in this cooperative, and the Georgia-Cumberland Publishing Department provides support services to full-time, part-time, and student literature evangelists.



## 2015

Smyrna Towers, a Conference-owned housing complex near Atlanta, was sold. Originally funded from a \$10,000 Conference investment in 1979, it was sold for \$11 million, funding construction of a Cohutta Springs Life Center building, new buildings at Georgia-Cumberland Academy, and an endowment for Atlanta Adventist Academy, among other projects.

## 2018

The Conference set up endowment funds for Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Atlanta Adventist Academy, Collegedale Academy, and Cohutta Springs Youth Camp.

Cohutta Springs Youth Camp opened a new building that included an auditorium, fitness center, nurse's quarters, and a new outdoor pool.

Georgia-Cumberland Academy opened the Wally Fox Wellness Center that included a new gymnasium, classrooms, and a cafeteria facility. New classrooms and a student center were also added to the administration building.





## 2019

Georgia-Cumberland membership reached more than 40,000.

## 2020—Present

### 2020

There are presently 242 Georgia-Cumberland Conference congregations, 43 schools, and approximately 42,456 constituent members.

## Presidents

### Cumberland Conference

Sharp Smith, 1900-1903  
 O. C. Godsmark, 1903-1905  
 W. W. Williams, 1905-1907  
 J. F. Pogue, 1907-1910  
 P. G. Stanley, 1910-1913  
 W. H. Branson, 1913-1915  
 R. W. Parmele, 1916-1917  
 J. L. Shuler, 1917-1919  
 A. W. Coon, 1919-1921  
 B. F. Kneeland, 1921-1926  
 R. I. Keate, 1926-1932

### Georgia Conference

C. A. Hall, 1901-1903  
 R. M. Kilgore, 1903-1906

George W. Wells, 1906-1910  
 C. B. Stephenson, 1910-1912  
 L. T. Crisler, 1912-1913  
 N. V. Willes, 1913-1916  
 W. H. Branson-acting, 1916  
 B. J. White, 1916-1917  
 B. H. Brown, 1917-1918  
 W. F. McMahan, 1918-1919  
 B. W. Spire, 1919-1922  
 A. S. Booth, 1922-1926  
 B. F. Kneeland, 1926-1932  
 H. E. Lysinger, 1932-1937

## Georgia-Cumberland Conference

R. I. Keate, 1937-1943  
 I. M. Evans, 1943-1949  
 G. R. Nash, 1949-1956  
 A. C. Fearing, 1956-1958  
 N.C. Wilson, 1958-1960  
 A. C. McKee, 1960-1963  
 LeRoy J. Leiske, 1963-1964  
 Desmond Cummings, 1964-1980  
 Gary Patterson, 1980-1985  
 Bill Geary, 1985-1994  
 Gordon Bietz, 1995-1997  
 Larry Evans, 1997-2002  
 Dave Cress, 2002-2004  
 Ed Wright, 2005-2019  
 Gary Rustad, 2019–present



Gary Rustad

“What we shall be in heaven is  
the reflection of what we are now in  
character and holy service.”

- Ellen G. White





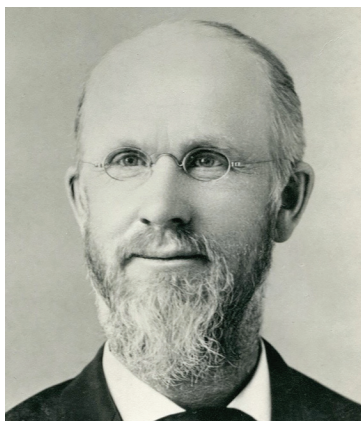
# Gulf States

## CONFERENCE

By Shane Hochstetler



ministry in Alabama, and licensed J. R. Waite to preach.



## 1870–1879

### 1878

The first church in Gulf States territory was organized with 50 members after a series of evangelistic meetings by A. O. Burrill and years of work beforehand from Jesse Morgan Elliott. The first church was located Bladon Springs, Alabama.

### 1885

Peter H. Clark established himself in the Gulf City Hotel in Mobile, Alabama, opened a reading room, and carried on personal evangelism by distributing publications.

## 1880–1889

### 1880

John Orr Corliss, who had been sent to visit the churches in the South, ordained J. M. Elliott to the

### 1885

R. B. Hewitt held a series of meetings at Beauregard, Mississippi, gather-

ing a company of 16 believers, and organizing a Sabbath school.

## 1890–1899

### 1894

The second Seventh-day Adventist church in Alabama was organized in Montgomery.

### 1896

A church in Hatley, Mississippi, was formed in 1898, and groups of adherents also met at Amory, Tupelo, and Burnsville, Mississippi.

## 1900–1909

### 1900

James Edson White and a group of workers, including Will O. Palmer and Fred Rogers, operated the river steamer *Morning Star* (built in 1894 by White in Allegan, Michigan) on the Mississippi River from its base at Vicksburg, Mississippi.

### 1901

The Alabama Conference, encompassing the entire state, was organized. By 1908, the territory also included seven counties in western Florida. Conference headquarters resided variously in Selma, Birmingham, Fort Payne, and Clanton, Alabama.

The Mississippi Conference was organized at the Camp Meeting

held at Hatley, Mississippi, with Robert M. Kilgore presiding. There were three churches, five companies, and 182 members.

### 1902

A small school was opened in Vicksburg, Mississippi, by F. R. Rogers. A Sunday school was also begun, which drew 40-50 adults and children. In a short time, Rogers had gained 11 adult converts, with five children.

### 1904

A church was organized at Ellisville-Laurel, Mississippi.

## 1910–1919

### 1912

A church was organized in the state capitol of Jackson, Mississippi, with 13 charter members. More members were added the same year as the result of evangelistic meetings conducted in the Conference office building by C. S. Wiest. At the end of 1912, the Mississippi Conference had six churches and 159 members.

## 1920–1929

### 1920

The Mississippi and Louisiana conferences were united as the Louisiana-Mississippi Conference, with the headquarters for the new Conference remaining at Jackson, Mississippi.

## 1930–1939

### 1932

When the state of Louisiana was transferred to the Southwestern Union Conference, the states of Alabama and Mississippi were united into one conference, retaining the counties of northwest Florida that had previously made up a part of the Alabama Conference, and adding one more. R. I. Keate became the first president of the newly organized Alabama-Mississippi Conference. Shortly after the organization, the headquarters were moved from Jackson to Meridian, Mississippi.

## 1940–1949

### 1945

After Regional Conferences were voted by the General Conference in 1944, the Black constituency of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference became part of the new South Central Conference on December 4.

## 1950–1959

### 1955

Over the next seven years, Alabama-Mississippi Conference membership increased by 40 percent.

## 1960–1969

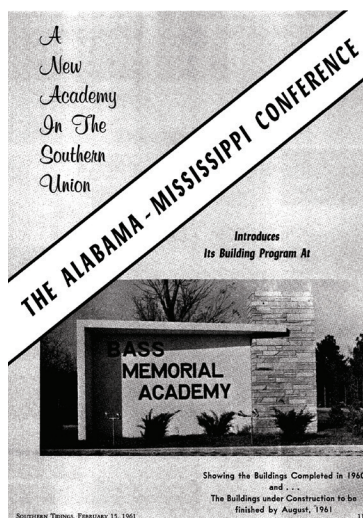
### 1961

Bass Memorial Academy was built

in southern Mississippi as a result of a gift from I. H. Bass of Lumberton, Mississippi.

### 1968

The Conference acquired a 60-acre peninsula on Lake Martin, near Dadeville, Alabama, and developed Camp Alamisco.



## 1970–1979

### 1972

The \$1 million mark in tithe was reached.

### 1973

Alabama-Mississippi Conference membership passed 5,000 people, and headquarters were moved from Meridian, Mississippi, to Montgomery, Alabama.



## 1973

The building of a new Alabama-Mississippi Conference office, prominently located east of downtown Montgomery, was begun in the fall of 1974. The \$300,000 plant was completed in the spring of 1975.

## 1980–1989

### 1984

The constituency voted to rename the Alabama-Mississippi Conference the Gulf States Conference so that Florida constituents would also be included in the name.

## 1990–1999

### 1994

Jesus and Clara Cisneros, who had arrived in southern Mississippi in 1991, started the Spanish-speaking ministry in Gulf States Conference with a group of 40 people.

### 1995

Eván Valencia was appointed Hispanic coordinator for Gulf States Conference.

## 1997

The Alonzo Francisco family started a Spanish-speaking ministry in Gadsden, Alabama, about 65 miles northeast of Birmingham. Moving successively from the mothers' room in the Gadsden English Church to a classroom and then to a rented meeting place in Albertville, about 30 miles to the northwest, the group grew to about 110 people.

## 2000–2009

### 2003

Gulf States Conference membership surpassed 8,000.

## 2010–2019

### 2014

A larger Conference office was constructed in Montgomery, Alabama. In addition to the increased exposure from the adjacent interstate, the new \$1.8 million office offered additional features such as new office spaces, warehousing, and a dedicated media studio. Years of saving, combined with the sale of the previous office property, allowed

the Conference to construct the new office without incurring debt.

## 2020—Present

### 2020

There are presently 80 Gulf States Conference congregations and approximately 13,000 constituent members.



## Presidents

### Alabama Conference:

W. L. McNeely, 1901-1905  
A. J. Haysmer, 1906-1909  
J. R. Bagby, 1910  
E. G. Hayes, 1911-1912  
A. L. Miller, 1912-1918  
J. F. Wright, 1918-1921  
S. G. Haughey, 1921-1922  
C. B. Stephenson, 1922-1927  
A. B. Russell, 1927-1931  
N. S. Ashton, 1931-1932

### Mississippi Conference:

Rodney S. Owen, 1901-1903  
H. G. Thurston, 1904-1905  
F. R. Shaeffer, 1906-1907  
W. S. Lowry, 1909-1912

C. S. Wiest, 1912-1916  
C. J. Buhalts, 1916-1919  
W. R. Elliott, 1919-1920

### Louisiana-Mississippi Conference:

W. R. Elliott, 1920-1926  
F. H. DeVinney, 1926-1932

### Alabama-Mississippi Conference:

R. I. Keate, 1932-1937  
H. W. Walker, 1937-1941  
H. J. Capman, 1941-1949  
I. M. Evans, 1949-1954  
L. J. Leiske, 1954-1962  
Wallace O. Coe, 1962-1965  
W. D. Wampler, 1965-1981  
W. A. Geary, 1981-1984

### Gulf States Conference:

W. A. Geary, 1984-1985  
R. R. Hallock, 1985-1992  
J. O. Greek, 1992-1996  
Melvin K. Eisele, 1996-2015  
David O. Livermore, 2015-2020  
Brian Danese, 2020—present



“I remember the days of long ago;  
I meditate on all your works  
and consider what your hands have done.”

Psalm 143:5





# Kentucky-Tennessee

## CONFERENCE

By Denise Pope

### 1870–1879

#### 1871

The first Seventh-day Adventist minister to preach in what is now the Southern Union Conference was Elbert B. Lane, who was sent in March to Edgefield Junction, Tennessee, to visit and baptize a small group of converts won through reading Adventist publications. Lane returned in May 1873, baptized seven, and organized a church of 13 members.

The earliest recorded evangelistic meetings in Kentucky began in 1871. These meetings were presented by Squier Osborn, later the first president of the Kentucky and Tennessee Conference.

#### 1873

In what is now the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, Squier Osborn organized the first church in Locust Grove, Kentucky.

#### 1876

The first conference organization was the Kentucky and Tennessee Conference. Squier Osborn was the first president. The conference only lasted three years.



#### 1878

Julia A. Owen, wife of G. K. Owen, served as a licensed minister from 1878 to 1895.

## 1879

Kentucky and Tennessee Conference was divided into two conferences. Squier Osborn became president in Kentucky and G. K. Owen in Tennessee.

## 1880–1889

### 1882

Kentucky had two ordained ministers, two licensed ministers, five churches, and 84 members. Tennessee had one ordained minister, three licensed ministers, and five churches with 54 members.

### 1883

The Tennessee Conference president, Samuel Fulton, held meetings in Leach, Tennessee. Opponents to Adventist teachings burned down his tent to the ground and threatened him with bodily harm. Fulton continued preaching in the open air. Friends came with a volunteer guard of 12 armed men, gave offerings for a new tent, and built a log church. Two months later, he held the Tennessee Camp Meeting in the new tent and organized a church.

### 1885

A series of prosecutions of Seventh-day Adventists began at the Springville, Tennessee, Church under the State Sunday law. In the 1880s and 1890s, nearly every man in the Springville Church was

convicted and sentenced to fines or imprisonment. Some were required to perform road labor on a chain gang.

### 1889

The Tennessee River Conference was organized with E. E. Marvin as its first president. The Conference included roughly the western half of both Kentucky and Tennessee. The eastern half of both states became the Cumberland Mission.

## 1890–1899

### 1891

Tennessee River Conference had two ministers, seven churches, and 172 members.

## 1900–1909

### 1906

Under the personal direction of Ellen G. White, E. A. Sutherland and P. T. Magan founded Madison Sanitarium and Madison College.

### 1908

Conference changes were made to the Tennessee River Conference and Cumberland Conference. The Kentucky Conference was formed, which consisted of Kentucky, except for eight counties in the southwest which remained in the Tennessee River Conference. The Cumberland Conference was reduced to east-





Fountain Head School

ern Tennessee alone. This left the Tennessee River Conference with 15 churches and 408 members. Kentucky Conference had 14 churches and 263 members.

## 1906

Three Tennessee counties (De Kalb, Smith, and Macon) were transferred to the Cumberland Conference.

## 1920–1929

### 1922

Six Kentucky counties (Trigg, Christian, Todd, Logan, Simpson, and Allen) were added to the Tennessee River Conference.

## 1930–1939

### 1932

The Kentucky Conference and the Tennessee River Conference were combined to form the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee. This Confer-

ence included all of Kentucky and the western portion of Tennessee. It began with 2,562 members, 43 churches, 10 ordained ministers, and 4 licensed ministers. The annual tithe was \$41,262.



## 1940–1949

### 1942

The Conference had grown to 4,326 members, 54 churches, and 18 ordained ministers.

### 1946

Camp Meeting was moved to Highland Academy where it remains today.

## 1950–1959

### 1956

The Conference had 5,338 members, 71 churches, 34 ordained ministers, 15 licensed ministers, 46 church schoolteachers, and 21 colporteurs. The tithe was \$547,470.

### 1959

Kentucky-Tennessee Conference purchased 34.5 acres for a youth camp on Center Hill Lake near Smithville, Tennessee.

## 1960–1969

### 1960

The first junior/youth camps were held at Indian Creek Camp. The Conference office building on Gallatin Road and Shepherd Hills Drive was built around 1960 and was the Conference headquarters for the next 20 years.

### 1962

The year closed with 6,333 members, 77 churches, 32 ordained ministers, 7 licensed ministers, 38 teachers, 16 full-time colporteurs, and \$738,851 in tithe.

### 1963

Three new junior academies were built: Memphis and Nashville, Tennessee, and Louisville, Kentucky.

### 1967

The Adventist Book Center erected a new building on the campus near Madison Academy and Madison Hospital.

## 1970–1979

### 1970

The Conference began the year with 6,813 members, 70 churches, and five companies. K. D. Johnson was the president.

## 1980–1989

### 1980

The present Conference office location was dedicated on January 6. It was the only building on the new street, so it was named Conference Drive. Membership was 9,085, 79 churches, and six companies. A. C. McClure was the president.

### 1981

Clayton R. Farwell became president of the Conference.

### 1985

Clinton L. Shankel became Conference president.

## 1990–1999

### 1992

Richard R. Hallock became president of the Conference.



## 1998

On March 18, the Executive Committee voted Carmelo Rivera as the first Hispanic coordinator for the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. He was also the pastor for Nashville Hispanic Church.

## 1999

Conference constituency voted to rebuild the youth camp facilities.

## 2000–2009

### 2001

Ten new cabins were completed debt-free at the youth camp

### 2005

A new wing was added to the Indian Creek Camp Cafeteria that consisted of a larger kitchen and dining area.

### 2009

Steve L. Haley became the new Conference president.

## 2010–2019

### 2010

On May 15, a grand opening ceremony was held for the new auditorium at Indian Creek Camp.

### 2017

The Kentucky-Tennessee Conference had 15,305 members, 99 churches, and 11 companies.

### 2019

At Indian Creek Camp, a new horse barn was built, RV spaces were added, and renovations and updates on the 21-year-old cabins began.

## 2020–Present

### 2020

Currently, the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference has 15,860 members, 100 churches, and 15 companies.

## Presidents

### Kentucky and

### Tennessee Conference:

S. Osborn, 1876–1879

### Kentucky Conference:

S. Osborn, 1879–1884

G. G. Rupert, 1884–1886

J. H. Cook, 1886–1888

### Tennessee Conference:

G. K. Owen, 1879–1881

S. Fulton, 1882–1886

J. M. Rees, 1886–1888

William Covert, 1888–1889

### Tennessee River Conference:

E. E. Marvin, 1889–1890

C. L. Boyd, 1891–1896

F. D. Starr, 1896–1898

C. P. Bollman, 1898–1899

W. J. Stone, 1899–1903

N. W. Allee, 1903–1906

W. R. Burrow, 1906–1911

C. P. Bollman, 1911–1912

E. L. Maxwell, 1912–1913

J. W. Norwood, 1913–1914

W. R. Elliott, 1914–1919

I. M. Martin, 1919–1920

M. A. Hollister, 1920–1925

H. E. Lysinger, 1925–1932

### Tennessee Conference:

Smith Sharp, 1900–1903

O. C. Godsmark, 1903–1905

W. W. Williams, 1905–1907

J. F. Pogue, 1907–1908

(see Georgia-Cumberland  
Conference)

### Kentucky Conference:

A. O. Burrill, 1908–1911

B. W. Brown, 1911–1916

R. I. Keate, 1916–1921

C. W. Curtis, 1921–1926

F. G. Ashbaugh, 1926–1930

J. A. Leland, 1930–1932

### Kentucky-Tennessee Conference:

C. L. Butterfield, 1932–1934

V. G. Anderson, 1934–1937

C. V. Anderson, 1937–1943

T. L. Oswald, 1943–1946

W. E. Strickland, 1946–1954

R. H. Pierson, 1954–1956

E. L. Marley, 1956–1969

K. D. Johnson, 1969–1977

E. S. Reile, 1978

A. C. McClure, 1978–1980

C. R. Farwell, 1980–1984

C. L. Shankel, 1985–1992

R. R. Hallock, 1992–2009

Steve L. Haley 2009–present



Steve L. Haley



# South Atlantic

## CONFERENCE

By David M. Jones and James Lamb

### 1880–1889

#### 1885

Charles F. Curtis and George A. King came as colporteurs selling *Daniel and the Revelation*, by Uriah Smith. This was the beginning of the work in Atlanta, Georgia. Around 1892, the first church building was erected on Fair Street, now Memorial Drive, near the corner of Cherokee Avenue.

#### 1896

I. E. Kimball, former president of the Vermont Conference, went to Charleston, North Carolina, where he spoke and distributed the *Signs of the Times* in Black churches. He also brought volunteer teachers who came and taught night schools for several winters, while manning a welfare mission for underprivileged Whites. In early 1900 Kimball organized a church of 17 of both White and Black members, all of them recipients of “Christian help work”

in Charleston. When he returned north the fledgling group scattered, but a few remained faithful.

#### 1899

In January the Southern Missionary Society sent Franklin H. Bryant, stenographer on Edson White’s Morning Star, from Yazoo City, Mississippi, to work in Hickory, North Carolina, where he gave Bible studies secured rooms for a school.

### 1900 - 1909

#### 1901

A church was organized at Winston-Salem and is now the Ephesus Church.

#### 1903

The Atlanta-Berean Church was organized and located on Ashby Street. It is believed to be the first Adventist church organized in Atlanta.

## 1905

Lay evangelist D. E. Blake (later a physician) reported that a church of about 20 was organized at Spartanburg.

## 1907

Ephesus Jr. Academy was established. This school, located in Jacksonville, Florida, is one of the oldest schools in what was South Atlantic Conference territory, and the oldest school in the Southeastern Conference.

In January W. H. Sebastian and his wife were sent to Atlanta to pastor the small company of believers and start a school. Starting in a 14'x13' room with 34 chairs, one small melodeon, one table, and a fireplace. If all the members were present, there was no room for visitors. In time a church, two schoolrooms, and treatment rooms with quarters for eight patients were erected on Greens Ferry Avenue. That school is now the Berean Christian Junior Academy, 401 Hamilton E. Holmes Drive N.W., Atlanta, Georgia.

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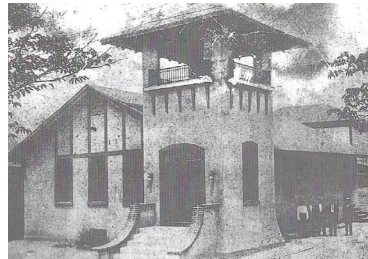
A mission school was opened in Charleston in the fall. A new church was organized in December, with nine members. Some of the nine

had remained faithful after Kimball left and the church scattered.

## 1908

Sydney Scott succeeded D. E. Blake as the Black evangelist for South Carolina. Before the end of the year, he had won 25 converts in Greenville, and the Black membership in the state was doubled. The next year there were 20 more converts at Greenville and a church school; also, a church was established at Sumter.

Churches or companies were organized in Asheville, New Bern, and Greensboro between 1908 and 1910.



## 1909

When W. C. White visited Atlanta, he found a mission school of two rooms and homemade desks. Having to necessitate strict economy, they kept their trunks and beds in parts of the schoolrooms. A new location was purchased about this time. The new building, 34x48 ft., faced Greensferry Avenue. It was in the neighborhood of Spellman, Morehouse, and Atlanta universities. The front of this building was used as a church auditorium, and the back, for school pur-



poses. Behind the main building, another two-story building was erected for schoolrooms and parsonage.

## 1910-1919

### 1910

Black membership in the Seventh-day Adventist Church was 1,000.

Anna Knight organized the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA for Black women in Atlanta. Offices and a dormitory were opened connection with the treatment rooms at the church.

A White colporteur who worked in Columbia, South Carolina, awakened an interest among Black people that resulted in seven converts. Evangelist Sydney Scott was sent to take care of the interests. He opened a Sabbath School and then conducted tent meetings from May to October. In September the first Black Adventist Camp Meeting in South Carolina was held there. From those baptized in these first tent meetings, a church was organized. Many of those baptized during these early meetings in the Carolinas would become pastors: B. W. Abney Sr., F. S. Keitts, W. H. Maynor, O. S. Osterman, and A. L. Crichlow.



### 1912

John W. Manns held meetings in Savannah. The same year, a church of 44 new members was organized. Later he baptized 125 persons.

## 1920-1929

### 1920

A church of 50 was organized at Raleigh, North Carolina.

### 1929

James Edson White died. Some said he was an eccentric, a dreamer, hard to get along with, and a generator of too many projects; but, he was also a chosen vessel of God who pioneered Gospel ministry among, then, a despised and neglected minority.



## 1940-1949

### 1945

On December 4 at 10 a.m., the General Conference, Southern Union

Conference, and three state conferences (Carolina, Florida, and Georgia-Cumberland) met at the Berean Church on Ashby Street to organize a Black conference. The Southern Union president, A. F. Hackman, presided over 395 delegates and 19 delegates-at-large. The delegates came from the Colored (Black) departments of the Carolina, Florida, and Georgia-Cumberland Conferences. It was voted the name of the new conference would be the South Atlantic Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Conference territory from north to south stretched over 1,000 miles, and nearly 300 miles from east to west.



## 1946

The first Conference office was in the home of publishing secretary Richard P. Robinson, 150 Rosser St., Atlanta, Georgia.

## 1947

South Atlantic rented office space in the Odd Fellows Building on Auburn Avenue, Atlanta. Harold D. Singleton, Conference president, led in the purchase of the first owned building on Simpson Street, Atlanta.

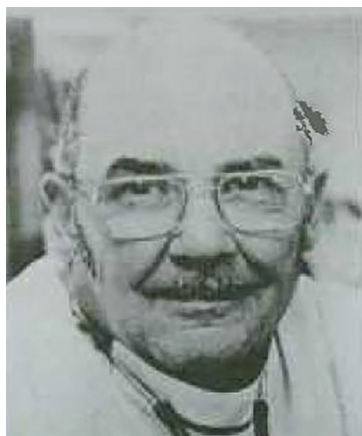


H. D. Singleton led in the purchase of 40 acres of land in Hawthorne, Florida, to build the first Conference campground. In the same year, another 20 acres was purchased across the highway for additional growth. Singleton hired many pastors to foster the growth of the Conference.

## 1950–1959

### 1952

Dr. Carl Dent was voted in as the first medical secretary for the South Atlantic Conference, and F. H. Jenkins as first secretary for rural living.

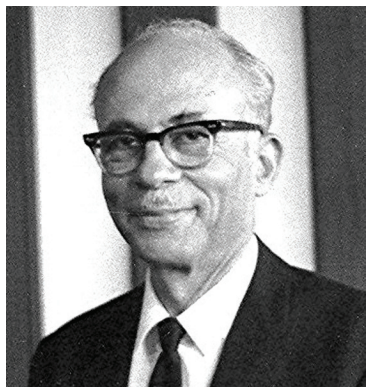




## 1954

H. D. Singleton left South Atlantic Conference to become president of Northeastern Conference, and John H. Wagner left the Allegheny Conference to become the second president of South Atlantic Conference.

The Fifth Biennial Session of South Atlantic Conference was held July 5, 1954, in Hawthorne, Florida. J. H. Wagner was reelected president.



## 1957

J. H. Wagner built a new Conference office at 235 Chicamauga Avenue, Atlanta; the building was appraised at \$490,000. A short time later, a new school facility was built on West View Place. Mrs. Jesse Wagner was the principal of the school.



## 1960–1969

In this decade, over 200 of the rental cabins on the campground were constructed.

## 1962

In July J. H. Wagner became ill and passed away at Riverside Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee. His funeral was August 15. A few months later, Warren S. Banfield was elected president of South Atlantic Conference.

## 1963

Tithe reached \$935,039.32. This was a great gain over the previous biennial period.

## 1965

Tithe reached \$1,072,763.95.

Evangelism was the watchword for W. S. Banfield and his administration. In 1964, 714 were baptized, and in the middle of 1965, 1,141 were baptized. By the end of 1965, membership stood at 8,544.

Banfield organized the first evangelistic team for the Conference; Lloyd G. Rahming and David M. Jones held meetings in Georgia and North Carolina, and hundreds became members of the Adventist Church.



## 1967

On July 17 Herman Vanderberg, his wife, and their two children left the Charleston, South Carolina, district headed to Liberia, West Africa, where Vanderberg served as pastor-evangelist.

## 1970-1979

### 1970

Conference membership reached 10,876.

### 1971

W. S. Banfield was elected associate secretary of the Southern Union, and Robert L. Woodfork became president of the South Atlantic Conference.

Between 1970 and 1980, a total of 15,584 were baptized; this was an average of 1,558 per year.

The membership grew steadily under Woodfork's administration. Once again, evangelism was the watchword. In 1973, 1,647 were baptized; in 1974, 1,482 were baptized; in 1975, 1,881 were baptized.

## 1975

South Atlantic Conference had the most baptisms out of all of the regional conferences, and had the second highest number of baptisms in North America. There were 22 centurions — pastors who baptized more than 100 in a year — and 18 pastors who baptized 50 or more per year during that triennium.

A new pavilion was erected on the campground. There were three motel buildings, a store, a warehouse, a camp book center, a new kitchen, an enlarged cafeteria, and a trailer park.



## 1979

In May R. L. Woodfork and his team broke ground for a new Conference office that was completed in July 1980.

## 1980-1989

### 1980

The South Atlantic Conference became the largest conference in membership in the Southern Union. A special constituency meeting was

called on June 4 to consider dividing the Conference. The delegates assembled and voted to divide South Atlantic territory into two conferences beginning January 1, 1981. The lower territory became Southeastern Conference, and the upper territory remained South Atlantic Conference.

## 1981

On January 1, the South Atlantic Conference had a new beginning. Ralph B. Hairston was elected as president to fill the unfinished term of R. L. Woodfork, who was called to the General Conference. Hairston finished the term of Woodfork, and was reelected at the South Atlantic Conference Fourth Triennium, Sixteenth Conference Session. As fifth president of the South Atlantic Conference, Hairston presided over Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina, with Florida becoming Southeastern territory.

The first 10-day joint Camp Meeting for the South Atlantic and Southeastern conferences was held in June. The Conference development offering on June 13 broke all records, with a total of \$125,000 reported — \$50,000 for Southeastern and \$75,000 for South Atlantic.

## 1983

A new campground of 106 acres, now known as the River Oaks Campground and Convention Center, was purchased May 30. Located at 524 Neeses Highway,

Orangeburg, South Carolina, the camp is in the middle of the South Atlantic Conference territory, with reasonable access from every part of the Conference. A dining room/auditorium combination was the first building.



## 1984

The first Camp Meeting on the River Oaks Campground was held June 7-16.



## 1988

On April 17 Ralph P. Peay became the sixth conference president. The Hispanic and Haitian membership grew greatly; evangelism and church

growth were top priority. From 1988 to 1997, when Peay retired, a total of 9,809 individuals became members of the South Atlantic Conference.

The primacy of evangelism, with emphasis on layman involvement between 1988 and 1991, resulted in 13 new churches constructed or bought.

## 1989

Dr. Deborah Harris, women's ministries director, hosted the largest women's retreat in the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.



## 1990-1999

### 1991

The baptisms and professions of faith in 1991, 1992, and 1993 were 1,115, 1,279, and 802, respectively. The tithe figures for 1991, 1992, and 1993 were \$5,857,700.00, \$7,626,221.00, and \$7,594,482.00, respectively.

## 1995

Carolyn Hinson, women's ministries director, had a very successful Bi-Annual Women's Convention at New Heritage USA in Fort Mill, South Carolina.

## 1997

On May 19 Vanard J. Mendinghall was elected the seventh president of the South Atlantic Conference. Under Mendinghall's administration, membership grew from 27,205 to 42,139. The number of churches increased from 71 to 136.

## 1999

On May 9 groundbreaking took place on the construction of a \$4 million worship center with a seating capacity of 4,100, as well as a chapel that seats 200 in the rear of the worship center. The Conference also purchased over 11 acres for additional ministries. The construction included an air-conditioned youth worship center with a state-of-the-art gymnasium, several large classrooms for meetings, and an office for camp security. Additionally, South Atlantic constructed the Villas – four beautiful motel units comprising a total of 80 rooms which sleep nearly 400 people.

## 2000 – 2009

### 2004

In April the new Greater Atlanta Adventist Academy had an open



house. The Academy, grades 9-12; Berean Christian Junior Academy, grades K-8; Berean Child Development Center, 18 months to 4 years; and the cafeteria, library, gymnasium, and offices were all open for viewing.

## 2010 — 2019

### 2011

On September 11, at the 24th Constituency Session, W. L. Winston became the eighth president of the South Atlantic Conference.

### 2014

A new office building was purchased, as the space in the old office building was inadequate to meet the growing needs of the Conference and its ministries. The new office is located at 3978 Memorial Dr., Decatur, Georgia. Thirteen new pastors were hired to staff the growing work.

### 2021

Churches: 144. Members: 49,008. Population: 23,342,676. Pop./Member Ratio: 476.



William L. Winston

“Sometimes, you have to look back in order to  
understand the things that lie ahead.”

- Yvonne Woon





# South Central

## CONFERENCE

By Laurene Brown

### 1860-1869

#### 1865

Elbert B. Lane was the first Seventh-day Adventist minister in the South.

### 1870-1879

#### 1871

Elbert B. Lane preached for several weeks at the Edgefield Junction L&N Railway Station, and left a company there. In 1873 he returned and organized the Edgefield Junction, Tennessee, Church, the first Seventh-day Adventist Church south of the Mason-Dixon line.

### 1880-1889

#### 1865

The Blacks in the Edgefield Junction Church were organized into a separate company called the First Colored Seventh-day Adventist

Church by Samuel Fulton. It officially became a church on November 9, 1886. Some were disappointed with the separation and left the church.



#### 1889

Charles M. Kinney became the first Black ordained Seventh-day Adventist minister.

### 1890-1899

#### 1890

Magazine Street Church, the second Black Adventist church, was organized by Alonzo Barry in Louisville, Kentucky.

## 1891

Charles M. Kinney organized a church in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

## 1892

A Black church was organized in New Orleans, Louisiana, which was in the Southern Union territory for a few years.

## 1894

Another church was organized September 15-16, by C. L. Boyd. Ellen White visited this church in 1904 while Charles M. Kinney was the pastor. The church started on Winter Street, moved to Meharry Boulevard, and is currently called the Hillcrest Church on 25th Avenue. Two more churches were organized that year in Memphis, Tennessee, and Lexington, Kentucky.

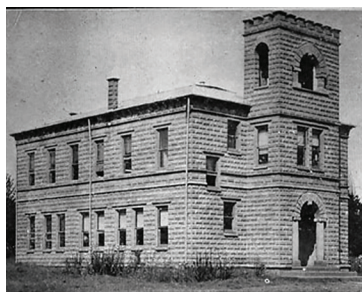


## 1896

A church was established in Birmingham, Alabama.

Oakwood Industrial School opened November 16 with 16 students. In

1904 Ellen White visited Oakwood Manual Training School. Oakwood became a junior college in 1917, a senior college in 1943, and a university in 2008. James L. Moran became the first Black president in 1932.



## 1900-1909

### 1901

March 16-23, Ellen White visited the Southern Missionary Society (incorporated by her son Edson in 1898 for education and evangelistic work). She dedicated the Colored church in Vicksburg, Mississippi, March 17, and spoke at the Memphis church March 18. The next two days, she met Adventist leaders in Nashville, and visited the new Gospel Herald Office and Nashville Colored Sanitarium. One month later, the Southern Union Conference was organized.

The first Colored Camp Meeting was held at Edgefield Junction, Tennessee.

### 1902

The Adventist message began among Black people in Birmingham,



and in 1902 the first Black Adventist church (now Ephesus Church) in Birmingham was erected.

## 1904

A mission school was opened in Jackson, Mississippi, with Joseph H. Laurence as teacher/pastor. The church is now the Berean Church and has had various locations, including Blair Street (1912), in the Perkins home on Hickory Street (1916-18), and Rose and Pascagoula Streets (1921-22).

## 1909

Jordan Street Church, Pensacola, Florida, formerly known as Ebenezer Church, was started in 1909 with a tent effort. In 1910, a church was built by Adventist workers.

## 1910-1919

### 1911

Mt. Olive Church in Dothan, Alabama, was the result of a tent effort conducted by G. E. Peters and assisted by elders Murphy, C. A. Wilson, and Henry. In 1912, under the leadership of A. L. Miller, president of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference, the first congregation of 23 members was organized with the help of Wilson and Peters. Wilson remained pastor for many years.

## 1920-1929

### 1927

Riverside Sanitarium was opened by Nellie Druillard for Blacks. Later known as Riverside Hospital, it served the Nashville community for more than 50 years. Dr. Carl Dent served as medical director for many years. Riverside Hospital was sold in 1983.



## 1930-1939

### 1934

The First Black Youth Congress was held in Huntsville, Alabama, on the Oakwood Junior College campus, coordinated by Anna Knight, associate MV (Missionary Volunteer) director for the Southern Union. Knight, from Soso, Mississippi, was the first Adventist woman to serve as a missionary in India. She served the Southern Union in the Education, Health, and Youth Ministry departments. She also served on the Colored Survey Committee that recommended forming the South Atlantic and South Central conferences in 1944.



## 1937

A small group started meeting in homes, the beginnings of First Adventist Church in Huntsville, Alabama. In 1938, about 17 members were added to the company through Anthony Kelly Sr.'s assistance. Members met and worshipped together regularly, without a pastor, and additional members joined by transfer from the Oakwood College Church. The group was organized under the name Berean Adventist Church. C. E. Moseley, chair of the Religion Department at Oakwood, acted as counselor and overseer. He initiated an internship program whereby ministerial students were assigned to help plan and conduct the worship program. Land was purchased, and a church was built at Grove St. on Oak Ave., later named Gallatin St. The church was renamed First Church. There was also a church school in the building. The church is currently located at 1303 Evangel Dr., Huntsville, Alabama.

## 1940-1949

### 1945

The South Central Conference was organized at a meeting in Birmingham, Alabama, with 42 churches in a territory covering Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, Tennessee, and the portion of Florida west of the Apalachicola River.



### 1946

Herman R. Murphy, former statesman and Conference evangelist for Alabama-Mississippi Conference, served as the first president, 1946-1954, of South Central. The new Conference officially began operations in Nashville, Tennessee, at the Hawkins Street home of the Louis B. Reynolds family. Later, they moved to their first office, 1914 Charlotte Street.

The first South Central Camp Meeting was held on the campus of Oakwood College, June 27-July 6, and has been held there annually through the present time.





This van was used to minister to people during the riots in Detroit, Michigan, and in the Poor People's March on Washington. Thirty physicians offered free medical care to thousands of Resurrection City residents.



## 1970–1979

### 1970

Charles Dudley, South Central president, partnered with the Federal Government to provide low-income HUD housing for the poor and elderly. Five properties were funded by the Federal Government: two in Kentucky, one in Mississippi, and two in Tennessee.

### 1973

Family Health Education Services (FHES) was adopted by regional

conferences as an alternative to Home Health Education Service.

Eric C. Ward was invited to serve as Oakwood College Church's senior pastor in Huntsville, Alabama. Under Ward's leadership, a new College Church building was a reality in 1977. The circular structure housed the pastor's offices, treasurer, medical emergency room, choir room, Sabbath School classrooms, kitchen, and a dining area that seats 2,700. During Ward's 21-year tenure, membership grew from 348 to more than 2,000. During this time, Ward also established and built Mount Calvary Adventist Church in Huntsville, Alabama, and simultaneously led both congregations. He also created the widely distributed Revival Bible Lessons in the late 1970s.

## 1980–1989

### 1980

The first phase of constructing a building to house Oakwood Elementary was begun and completed in 1993.

## 1980

The Supplemental Retirement plan for South Central workers was initiated by C. E. Dudley Sr.

## 1987

In January ground was broken for a new South Central office building. The facility was constructed by W. O. Freeman. Housing the administrative and departmental offices, the Adventist Book Center, and a chapel seating 150 for workers' meetings and other gatherings, the current office building was erected for \$2.5 million in 1990 and paid for in five years.

## 1990-1999

### 1990

Women's Ministries began as the Women's Commission. Laura Smith served as first commissioner. Later in 1990 it became the Women's Ministries Department.

An Archives Department was established to preserve South Central history and sponsor Adventist History tours. R. Steven Norman III was the first director.

### 1996

The South Central constituents voted to change the term elections for the Conference officers and departmental directors from a three-year term (triennial) to every five years (quinquennial).

South Central purchased property to develop into a campground in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

## 1999

The South Central Conference, under the leadership of J. W. McCoy, and other regional conferences voted to establish their own retirement plan. In 2000, the regional conferences chose to create a Defined Benefits Retirement Plan for all of its employees, rather than the North American Division's Defined Contributions Plan. Later they established the Regional Conference Retirement Plan (RCRP), and are the only local conferences operating a full-service retirement plan for their employees, without Division or General Conference oversight.

## 2000-2009

### 2003

South Central established the Latino Ministries Department with Edgardo Herrera as coordinator. Companies of Latino believers were organized at Russellville and Kilpatrick, Alabama, and the first Annual Latino Convention was held on Thanksgiving Day.



## 2005

During this time, South Central had 147 congregations, a membership of 31,784, and title of more than \$14 million.

South Central's first Prayer Ministries and Men's Ministries departments were established. The first Men's Prayer Summit was held.

## 2010-2019

### 2010

South Central First Youth Congress Mission Cruise to the Bahamas was held.

Lola Moore was the first female pastor hired by South Central and installed to the pastoral staff at the Oakwood University Church.

### 2011

Merkita M. Mosley was elected as the first South Central female treasurer/administrator.

### 2012

Shawn Moss was hired as the second female pastor. She is also the first solo female pastor of a congregation in Memphis, Tennessee.

Breath of Life Television Ministry moved to South Central, with Carlton P. Byrd, Ph.D., as both speaker and Oakwood University Church pastor.

Latino Ministries became Multicultural Ministries Department and added Haitian, African, and Korean focuses.



### 2013

South Central sponsored a female pastor, Tina Carriger, to Andrews Seminary.

### 2015

South Central housing properties were sold.

The first South Central Pastoral Commissioning Service for women was held for Lola Moore and Shawn Moss.



### 2016

Virtual Church Officers Meeting (VCOM) launched and broadcasted online.



## 2017

The Charles and Etta Dudley Foundation was established to honor the memory and work of the Dudleys by providing financial resources to support Christian education and other charitable projects.

Phase II of Oakwood Adventist Academy's building was completed.

## 2018

Riverside Sanitarium received an official Tennessee Historical Marker as a North-Nashville Treasure. On September 29, the Riverside Historical Society (RHS) unveiled the historical marker paying homage to the first Black Adventist medical facility (1901-1983) and doctors Dorothy Brown and Carl Dent at the original site, 800 Youngs Lane, Nashville, Tennessee. At its height, Riverside Sanitarium provided the community with a 290-bed acute care hospital, and was a major employer and center of activities in the North-Nashville community. Riverside Adventist Chapel continues its legacy of providing healthcare to the community.

## 2019

South Central churches in Mississippi provided food and support to displaced and separated immigrant families during a period of tightened government enforcement.

First Church Officer's training was held June 7-9, during Camp Meeting.

## 2020-Present

### 2020

The grand opening of the Oakwood Academy Building, Phase III, was completed.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the South Central Conference Operation Impact Program assisted local churches, members, and schools with over \$600,000.

South Central Conference currently has 149 churches, 38,024 members, eight elementary schools and junior academies, and one academy.

## Presidents

Herman R. Murphy, 1946–1954

Walter W. Fordham, 1954–1960

Frank L. Bland, 1960–1962

Charles E. Dudley Sr., 1962–1993

Joseph W. McCoy, 1993–2005

Benjamin P. Browne, 2005–2009

Dana C. Edmond, 2009–2016

Benjamin Jones Jr., 2016–present



“Many who are now dwelling in the shadow of sin and death, as they see in God’s faithful servants a reflection of the Light of the world, will realize that they have a hope of salvation, and they will open their hearts to receive the healing beams, and will in turn become light bearers to others yet in darkness.”

- Ellen G. White





# Southeastern

## CONFERENCE

By Kathleen Williams

### 1980-1989

#### 1980

J.A. Edgecombe, pastor of the Miami Bethany Church, was called in at constituency meeting held on June 22, to give leadership as the first Southeastern Conference president. D.A. Walker, secretary-treasurer from the South Central Conference, was called to carry the same responsibilities in the newly formed Conference.



#### 1981

Southeastern Conference officially organized in January with 8,511

members; 51 churches; 20 pastors; 5 church schools; 24 teachers; 12 literature evangelists; 2 associate publishing secretaries and 1 Bible worker.

James A. Edgecombe was elected as the first president of Southeastern Conference, serving from 1981 - 1988. Under his leadership membership began with 8,511 in 51 churches and ended with 14,247 members in 80 churches.

#### 1982

Southeastern Conference Hispanic Ministries was officially organized. Pilgrims Spanish Church-Hialeah was its first Spanish church.

#### 1983

When Southeastern Conference began operations in 1981, the camp site was shared between Southeastern and South Atlantic. In 1983 the conferences agreed that Southeastern would continue to operate the campground, and that South

Atlantic would establish a campground within its territory.

## 1986

The first headquarters for South-eastern Conference, a rented facility at 801 W. Highway 436, yielded to a purchased office building located at 180 N. Westmonte Drive in Altamonte Springs, Florida.

## 1988

Jackson M. Doggette, the second president, served from 1988 to 1994. Under his leadership membership grew from 14,247 in 80 churches to 21,093 members in 102 churches.



## 1990-1999

### 1990

Women's Ministries Department was established.

## 1994

Roy R. Brown, the third president, served from 1994 to 1998. Under his leadership the Conference membership grew from 21,093 members in 102 churches to 27,268 members in 128 churches.



## 1996

A five-acre waterfront property at Hawthorne Campground was purchased.

## 1998

The Main Pavilion at Hawthorne Campground was constructed.

## 1999

Willie L. Taylor, the fourth president, served from 1999 to 2008. Under his leadership the Conference membership grew from



27,268 members in 128 churches to  
29,706 members in 128 churches.

A new roof was installed on the  
Main Pavilion at Hawthorne Camp-  
ground.



## 2000–2009

### 2000

First SEC Workers' Meeting Cruise  
to the Bahamas was held.

### 2001

Live-streaming of Hawthorne Camp  
Meeting services was introduced.

### 2003

A 23,000-sq.-ft. office complex on  
8.5 acres was purchased in Mt. Dora.

Office headquarters in Altamonte  
Springs were sold, and the South-  
eastern office moved to the Mt.  
Dora complex, the Conference's  
third office.

Southeastern Conference reached  
30,000 constituent members.

### 2005

Southeastern purchased a 480-  
acre campground (Beech Valley  
Ranch) in Alachua County.

Air conditioning was installed in  
Hawthorne Youth Pavilion.

Florida Conference and South-  
eastern Conference Joint Workers'  
Meetings were held at Forest Lake  
Academy in 2005 and 2006.



## 2006

Southeastern participated in the filming of the historic 60th Anniversary of regional conferences.

Southeastern Conference's 25th Anniversary GALA was held at Camp Meeting.

The Conference hosted the Bi-annual NAD Technology Standards Committee (TSC) where it was voted to officially adopt Southeastern's

model for technology ministries and implement it throughout the North American Division.

## 2008

Hubert J. Morel, became the fifth president and served from 2008 to 2016. With a membership of 29,706 members in 128 churches, his presidency witnessed the membership reaching 40,000.

## 2010-2019

### 2010

Southeastern Conference reached 40,000 constituent members.

A Human Resource Department that works directly under the Office of the Secretariat was established.

### 2011

Southeastern paid off its mortgage on the office complex in Mt. Dora.





## 2015

Two full-time female pastors, Lindsay Syeh and Yvette Parham, were hired.



## 2016

Gregory O. Mack, was elected at the 11th Regular Session as the Conference's sixth president, serving 2016 to 2020. Under his leadership, Southeastern reached membership of 50,000.

Southeastern Conference reached 50,000 constituent members.



## 2020-Present

### 2020

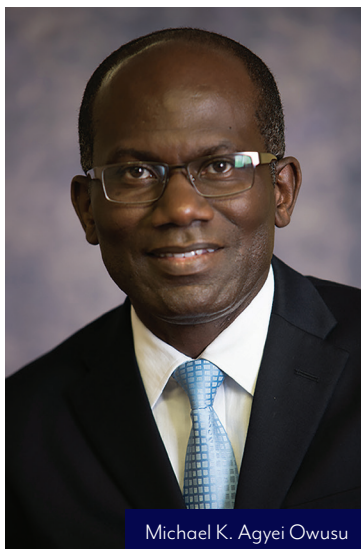
Southeastern Conference TV was officially launched.

Michael Owusu serves as president of the Conference.

There are presently 175 Southeastern Conference congregations and approximately 58,000 constituent members.

### Presidents

James A. Edgecombe, 1981–1988  
Jackson M. Doggette, 1988–1994  
Roy R. Brown, 1994–1999  
Willie L. Taylor, 1999–2008  
Hubert J. Morel, 2008–2016  
Gregory O. Mack, 2016–2020  
Michael K. Agyei Owusu, 2020–present





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## Institutional Reflections

AdventHealth

AdventHealth University

Oakwood University

Southern Adventist University





# AdventHealth

By Shannon Hill

## 1890-1899

### 1897

Louis A. Hansen, a full-time missionary, traveled from his ministry post in Indiana to the Tennessee Centennial Exposition in 1897. Hansen, a native of Denmark, completed a course in nursing at the Western Health Reform Institute in Battle Creek, Michigan. Hansen saw an opportunity to share God's love along with novel health treatments. He and his wife, Anna, who was a trained nurse, established health care treatment rooms in Nashville before the formal formation of sanitariums.



## 1900-1909

### 1902

The institution began in the early 1900s, offering massage and hydrotherapy services. From there, mission work gained more traction after the establishment of the Madison School and Sanitarium in Tennessee.



### 1908

The Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists moved forward in faith to purchase a new facility with \$4.83 they had on hand to build the Florida Sanitarium. This expansion was inspired by Ellen White to provide care to all local residents of Florida and visitors from the northern states.

## 1910-1919

### 1910

Ellen G. White encouraged many pioneers of Adventist healthcare to move to Western North Carolina where she hoped to start medical and educational work. Martha Rumbough, Edward A. Sutherland, R.L. Williams, Percy T. Magan, and Sidney Brownsberger were among the first to establish and purchase land that was the beginning of Fletcher Academy and the Mountain Sanitarium. The facility joined Adventist Health System in 1984.



the Washington Sanitarium, where he attended medical school, to help treat patients at the hydrotherapy center. Coolidge purchased the facility in 1928, which was renamed Branch Takoma Park Sanitarium from the historical connection to the Washington Sanitarium in Takoma Park, Maryland.



## 1940-1949

### 1948

The facility was originally a resort, casino, health center, hotel, and military training center until the stock market crash in 1929. The Air Force had moved out of the military training center, leaving the building vacant and owned by a War Assets Administration. For this reason, a not-for-profit organization could purchase the land for a discounted price. At the time, the Southern Union Conference had no interest in purchasing the facility because of lack of funds. However, authorities in Avon Park, Florida, raised money for donations to convert the facility into a sanitarium for the community. Later, Adventists purchased the entire facility at a 100% discount. By 1973, Walker joined Adventist Health System as the community

## 1920-1929

### 1927

The first sanitarium built for the Black community, which became a hospital in 1927, offered focused services such as alternative therapies. The facility served the community in Nashville for more than 50 years and many Black nurses and physicians came to Riverside from all over the United States.

### 1928

In 1926, Dr. LeRoy Coolidge traveled to Greeneville, Tennessee, from

continued to expand. The administration later purchased a closed hospital in Wauchula, and in 1994 the main hospital's name was changed to Florida Hospital Walker. The facility continued to grow in number of staff and patients. In 1997, they built a 109-bed facility as the main hospital, AdventHealth Sebring.



## 1949

The hospital in Murray County, Georgia, opened in 1949. Since then, the hospital has grown its inpatient services and invited new specialists to the hospital. These include internal medicine, general surgery, ear/ nose/throat, and urology. In January 2019 the hospital joined AdventHealth and is currently operating as a 42-bed hospital.



## 1970-1979

### 1971

In 1917 the hospital began in Oneida, Kentucky, as Oneida Moun-

tain Hospital, to help end the horrible feuds that caused many injuries in Clay County. Dr. C. Adeline McConville raised funds to build the hospital for Mountain Woman. This led to the beginnings of Oneida Mountain Hospital, ran successfully by the state, as a maternity hospital for ten years. They admitted most patients regardless of their ability to pay, but, unfortunately, the hospital ran out of funds in 1952. The facility closed and was turned over to the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The conference president at the time reopened the hospital as a 23-bed facility. The expansion continued until they added more staff and patients than they could accommodate. The building did not meet basic state requirements and was ready for an update. In 1971, administration launched a fundraising campaign for a new facility, which opened in 1971 as a 63-bed hospital known today as AdventHealth Manchester. In 1973, Manchester Memorial Hospital was one of the first hospitals outside of the state of Florida to join Adventist Health System.



## 1973

A survey conducted in the early 1970s determined that 90% of the patients in Seminole County, Florida, traveled to the Orlando area for health care. Donald Welch, president/CEO of Florida Hospital Orlando, had a vision to build a 100-bed satellite campus that could better serve the needs of people in Florida. Construction for the new facility began in 1971, and it became the biggest hospital in Seminole County. Services expanded to various outpatient services, an emergency department, medical and surgical services, pediatric, maternity, and many other areas to help the community. The growth of the facility continued when Florida Hospital Altamonte Springs opened in 1973.

## 1975

Florida Hospital added a third facility to its growing network through the acquisition of the community hospital in Apopka. The newly acquired facility was a 50-bed hospital when it began, and currently has one of the busiest Emergency Departments in the area.



## 1976

Smyrna Adventist Hospital in Smyrna, Georgia, was opened in 1974 by a group of physicians who saw the need for a hospital in the area. The facility later became a part of Adventist Health System, and in 1995 began a joint venture with Emory Healthcare. Smyrna Adventist Hospital was later renamed to Emory Adventist Hospital. The joint venture came to an end in 2014.



## 1980-1989

### 1981

Gordon County Hospital in Calhoun, Georgia, opened on Pine Street in 1953. In 1979, the hospital was unable to meet minimum state requirements, and the administration issued a \$4 million bond to build a new community hospital on Red Bud Road. The government assumed responsibility of the hospital, but was discontent with its success. In 1981, the state sold the facility to Adventist Health System on a lease-purchase agreement.



Gordon County Hospital

## 1981

In the 1920s, the building opened as a small emergency hospital and was open to all practicing physicians in Pasco County, Florida, known as Jackson Memorial Hospital after the founder of the hospital. From 1934 and 1981, the hospital was managed by Pasco County. After being bought and sold three times, Adventist Health System acquired Jackson Memorial in 1981 and re-named East Pasco Medical Center.

Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center and a member of Adventist Health System.



## 1990-1999

### 1990

Orlando General Hospital began as Orlando, Florida's first osteopathic hospital, and opened with 15 beds in 1941. Orlando General Hospital joined the Central Florida hospital network as Florida Hospital East Orlando and secured managed care contracts previously unavailable to a stand-alone facility. In 1990, the hospital joined Adventist Health System, which improved financial stability of the facility.



## 1982

Lake Placid Medical Center in Lake Placid, Florida, was acquired to serve as a satellite facility of





## 1992

In 1923, Frank D. Waterman, president of the Waterman Fountain Pen Company, began a hotel in downtown Eustis, Florida. The inn operated until 1936 when the hotel could no longer operate through the Great Depression. Waterman decided to turn the hotel over to a group of physicians to build a hospital. As a result, the building became known as Waterman Memorial Hospital, which was acquired by Adventist Health System in 1992. In 2003, a new facility was built in Tavares, Florida.



## 1993

Medical Center of Kissimmee, Florida, opened in the home of Dr. Raymond Session on Church Street in 1941. In 1980 the hospital moved to a location on

Orange Blossom Trail and was renamed Kissimmee Memorial Hospital. In 1992, Adventist Health System purchased the hospital and renamed it Florida Hospital Kissimmee.



Hardee Memorial Hospital opened as a community hospital in 1970 and closed 22 years later due to bankruptcy. In 1993, the hospital was purchased by Adventist Health System and reopened as Florida Hospital Wauchula.



## 1997

The Walt Disney Company and Florida Hospital created a one-of-a-kind, full-service health care facility in the community of Celebration. The intent and purpose of Celebration Health is to serve as a technologically advanced and innovative showcase of emerging consumer focused health care.



Winter Park Memorial Hospital

## 2000-2009

### 2000

In 1994 a 40-year lease agreement was signed with Memorial Health Systems, and the hospital was renamed Memorial Hospital—West Volusia. In 2000 West Volusia was handed over completely to Memorial Health systems, which merged with Adventist Health System.



The facility began in 1967, when its parent company, Memorial Health Systems Inc., merged with Adventist Health System. The name was changed to Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center, and in 2009 the hospital moved to a new facility. In 1951, a group of residents of Win-

ter Park, Florida, formed a Winter Park Memorial Hospital Association. In 1955 the hospital opened across from a golf course donated by the city. The group operated the hospital for 40 years before joining a partnership with the Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corporation in 1994 where they managed and co-owned the facility. The hospital was purchased by Florida Hospital in 2000, making the facility a member of Adventist Health System.

### 2002

Like Memorial Hospital—Ormond Beach, Florida Hospital Flagler in Palm Coast was built as a replacement facility for Memorial Health Systems Hospital Bunnell.



## 2009-2019

### 2010

A 103-bed hospital, Carrollwood was one of three hospitals in Tampa, Florida, brought into Adventist Health system. This includes Florida Hospital Tampa, Connerton Long Term Acute Care North Pinellas, and Pepin Heart Institute, all known as AdventHealth Carrollwood.



This specialty acute care hospital in Land O' Lakes, Florida, provides advanced care for patients who require an additional hospital stay. University Community Health opened the facility in 2009, and it was acquired by Adventist Health System in 2010. Today the hospital is known as AdventHealth Conner-ton Long Term Acute Care.

In the mid-1960s, a group of businessmen recognized the need for hospital services in a rural, yet developing, north Tampa region. They went on to build a 208-bed facility which opened on July 15, 1968.

University Community Health opened the Pepin Heart Hospital in Tampa, Florida, and four years

later merged into Adventist Health System. The hospital has since been renamed to AdventHealth Pepin Heart Institute.



The building opened as a two-story 12-bed hospital known as Tarpon Springs General Hospital in 1927. A few years later, much of the country was ravaged by the Great Depression, resulting in the hospital closing in 1947. Leadership established a foundation to raise money in support of the hospital. The state agreed to lease the hospital to the foundation for \$1 a year. By the end of the 1950s, the city planned on building a new hospital, and demolished the previous building. In 1988 the hospital board voted to change the name of the hospital to Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital in honor of a generous donor. In 2010, Adventist Health System acquired the facility, and it was renamed Florida Hospital North Pinellas.





## 2012

In 2006 Pasco County was one of Florida's fastest growing areas, and many expected this number to grow by 2010. Some residents worried about traffic as this expansion continued, with five hospitals in the western and eastern side of the state, but no facility in the middle. The demographic need of the community led to numerous applications from various organizations to the state's Agency for Health Care Administration to build new hospital facilities. Construction for Wesley Chapel began in 2010 and Florida Hospital Wesley Chapel opened in October 2012.



owner of Fish Memorial Hospital and West Volusia Memorial, which was only a few blocks away. These two hospitals served Deltona, Orange City, and Debary. Residents of these cities traveled between 10 and 15 miles to obtain acute care. The district agreed to transfer the bed license to a new facility in southwest Volusia county. A new 97-bed hospital opened with full outpatient services from DeLand to Orange City, under the joint venture of West Volusia Medical Center and Adventist Health System.



## 2016

This facility opened in 1954 in honor of the community's legacy judge, Bert Fish who devoted his life to help ensure quality healthcare in Volusia County. The hospital in Orange City, Florida, known as Fish Memorial Hospital, was funded by the Bert Fish Testamentary trust. In 1993 the hospital was rebuilt under a joint venture between Adventist Health System and West Volusia Hospital Authority in Orange City on Saxon Boulevard. The district was the

The first public hospital in New Smyrna Beach also opened in 1954 in honor of the community's legacy judge, Bert Fish. The building now operates as a 109-bed hospital.

Winter Garden hospital opened in 2016 with a 24-bed emergency department and adjacent medical office building providing primary care and a variety of specialty practices.





## 2018

The 120-bed hospital was acquired by Adventist Health System in 2018. The hospital was renamed AdventHealth Dade City after the system's rebrand and currently operates as part of the West Florida Division.



AdventHealth acquired Munroe in 2018 and all outpatient services and the TimberRidge emergency department. The hospital joined the West Florida Division as the second largest hospital in the division and the third largest hospital at Adventist Health System.

## 2019

The organization finalized an agreement to purchase a 193-bed hospital known as Heart of Florida Regional Medical Center and 160-bed hospital known as Lake Wales Medical Center from Community Health Sys-

tems Incorporated. The agreement included all related businesses, physician outpatient services and physician clinic operations. The system welcomed about 1,200 employees to the organization, as well as dozens of employed physicians.

The system rebranded the name and logo to establish the health-care company as one connected system known as AdventHealth, with a brand promise to help people feel whole.



## Presidents

Donald W. Welch, 1973–1984  
Mardian J. Blair, 1984–2000  
Thomas L. Werner, 2000–2006  
Donald L. Jernigan, 2006–2016  
Terry D. Shaw, 2016–present



Terry D. Shaw



# Advent Health

UNIVERSITY

By Eric Cadiente

## 1990-1999

### 1992

David Greenlaw, D.Min., becomes the school's founder, CEO, and first president.



Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences enrolled its first class in Orlando, Florida.



### 1998

The College started its first four-year nursing program.



## 2000-2009

### 2001

First online degree was started in radiologic sciences.

### 2001

The first master's degree was offered in nurse anesthesia.





## 2001

FHCHS opened an online extension campus in Denver, Colorado, offering accredited programs in radiography, sonography, and nursing.

## 2010-2019

### 2011

The school added a master's in occupational therapy.



### 2012

FHCHS status changed to university (level IV), and was renamed Adventist University of Health Sciences.

### 2013

The University opened a master's degree program in healthcare administration.

## 2015

Degrees expanded to offer a physician's assistant master's.

## 2016

The first doctoral degree was offered in physical therapy.

## 2017

Edwin I. Hernández, Ph.D., became the second president of the university.

## 2018

A second doctoral degree was added in nurse anesthesia.

The university's name was changed to AdventHealth University.

## Presidents

### Oakwood Industrial School:

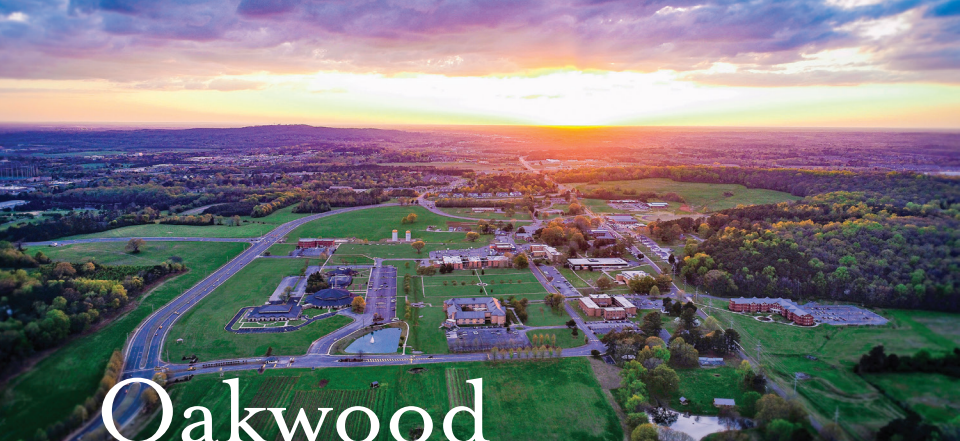
David Lee, 1992–2017

Edwin I. Hernández, 2017–present



Edwin I. Hernández





## UNIVERSITY

By Mervyn Warren / Barbara Stovall / Debbe Millet

### 1890-1899

#### 1896

A.S. Steele loaned future principal Solon Jacobs \$1,000 to begin the initial development of Oakwood.

Founders Ellen G. White, O. A. Olsen, H. Linsey, and G. A. Irwin originally called the school Oakwood Industrial School, and opened its doors November 16 with 16 students.

#### 1899

Students were able to receive a diploma from the Oakwood Industrial School.

### 1900-1909

#### 1904

Ellen G. White, one of the founders and promoters, visited and addressed the Oakwood family.

Oakwood almost closed because

of the poor conditions of its buildings and because of state legislation against education of Blacks.

#### 1905

Oakwood enrollment rose from 16 to 30.



#### 1909

The nine graduates of Oakwood Industrial School were nurses.

### 1910-1919

#### 1910

Oakwood Sanitarium (now known as East Hall) opened.

1917

Oakwood Manual Training School became Oakwood Junior College.



1945

Oakwood College became a four-year institution.

The first senior college graduating class at Oakwood consisted of nine students.

1944

Eva B. Dykes established the Aeolians at Oakwood.

1930-1939

1934

Calvin E. Moseley became the first African-American to chair the Religion Department and to pastor the Oakwood College Church.

1936

Oakwood Junior College operated a clinic that offered services to the community of Huntsville.

1940-1949

1943

Oakwood received its first accreditation as a junior college, changing the name to Oakwood College.

1943

The first graduating class of Oakwood College received their degrees.

Eva B. Dykes joined the Oakwood faculty as its first faculty member with a Ph.D.

1950-1959

1955

Frank W. Hale Jr. became the first active Oakwood faculty to earn a Ph.D. (Eva B. Dykes had been brought to the faculty from Howard University.)

1956

By the end of the sixth decade (1946-1956), more than 600 students were enrolled at Oakwood.

1958

Oakwood College received official accreditation as a four-year liberal arts institution from Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

## 1959

Desmond T. Doss, Congressional Medal winner, spoke at Oakwood College.



## 1960-1969

### 1962

Martin Luther King Jr. spoke on the Oakwood campus to students, staff, and Huntsville community, invited by Garland J. Millet, president.

### 1964

Oakwood College was accepted into the United Negro College Fund (UNCF).

### 1968

Oakwood sponsored its first student missionary, Barry Black, to serve in Lima, Peru.

## 1970-1979

### 1973

The first Oakwood class to exceed 100 graduates, graduated 124 students.

## 1975

Oakwood awarded its first associate degree in nursing.

## 1980-1989

### 1981

Essence Magazine cited Oakwood College for preparing more Black people for success in medical and dental schools around the country than all but four or five of the leading colleges in the country.

## 1990-1999

### 1996

Oakwood celebrated 100 years.

### 1964

The Diversity Educational Exchange Program (DEEP) was inaugurated by Oakwood University and Southern Adventist University to bring together students and employees of both schools for relationship building, overcoming diversity barriers, and development of personal leadership skills through student exchange, retreats, reciprocal visits, and cooperative events.

### 1999

Ellen G. White Estates Branch was established on the Oakwood campus (subsequently discontinued when Oakwood transitioned from





the General Conference to the North American Division).

## 2000-2009

### 2000

A slave cemetery was identified on the property of Oakwood and made a part of the Oakwood Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

### 2000

McKee Business & Technology Complex opened at Oakwood.

### 2006

Monument to Service was erected on Oakwood campus.

### 2007

Oakwood College received approval to award graduate degrees.

Oakwood offered its first graduate degree, the master of arts in pastoral leadership.

### 2008

Oakwood College became Oakwood University, and 315 members of the graduating class were the first to receive degrees under the Oakwood University designation.

### 2009

Oakwood reached its highest enrollment of 1,916.

U. S. News and World Report ranks Oakwood University number 28 among 100-plus historically Black colleges and universities, and 31st among all institutions in the South, the latter a ranking shared with another Adventist university of the region.





## 2010-2019

### 2012

Oakwood Aeolians won three awards at the World Choir Games in Cincinnati, Ohio.

### 2014

Oakwood University transitioned from General Conference sponsorship to the North American Division.

### 2015

Oakwood participated in the historic Selma 50th Anniversary March.

### 2016

Oakwood Farms was launched.

### 2017

Aeolians were named 2017 Choir of

the World at the National Eisteddfod of Wales Music Festival.

### 2018

Oakwood University Information Technology was awarded the 2018 Exemplary Models Award by the American Association of University Administrators (AAUA).

### 2019

Oakwood University prepared to offer a master of public health in nutrition and wellness, focusing on how diet can play a major role in promoting health.



Oakwood University partnered with Ross University School of Medicine. Oakwood's Child Development Lab became a licensed facility.

Oakwood's Aeolians raised more than \$11K at a benefit concert following the group's bus crash.

## 2020–Present

### 2020

A first-year Oakwood student, Robert Booker II, was selected by the Obama Foundation and the Reach Higher Initiative to feature in their educational Instagram stories.



## Presidents

### Oakwood Industrial School:

Solon M. Jacobs, 1896–1897  
Henry H. Shaw, 1897–1899  
Benjamin E. Nicola, 1899–1904

### Oakwood Manual Training School:

Fred R. Rogers, 1904–1905

Grandville H. Baber, 1905–1906  
Walter J. Blake, 1906–1911  
Clarence J. Boyd, 1911–1917

### Oakwood Junior College:

James L. Beardsley, 1917–1921  
Joseph A. Tucker, 1922–1932

### Oakwood College:

James L. Moran, 1932–1945  
Frank L. Peterson, 1945–1954  
Garland J. Millet, 1954–1963  
Addison V. Pinkney, 1963–1965  
Frank W. Hale, 1966–1971  
Calvin B. Rock, 1971–1985  
Emerson Cooper, Interim 1985  
Benjamin F. Reaves, 1985–1996

### Oakwood University:

Delbert W. Baker, 1996–2010  
Mervyn Warren, Interim 2010–2011  
Leslie N. Pollard, 2010–present



Leslie N. Pollard



# Southern Adventist

## UNIVERSITY

By Janell Hullquist

### 1890-1899

#### 1892

Graysville School, now Southern Adventist University, was founded by George W. Colcord in Graysville, Tennessee, with 23 students.

Thatcher Farm and moved onto the piece of property in what was later named Collegedale. The following year, the institution became Southern Junior College.

### 1900-1909

#### 1902

The Southern Union assumed oversight of then-called Southern Training School from the General Conference.

### 1920-1929

#### 1924

Southern Junior College built a new administration and classroom building, now known as Lynn Wood Hall, which remains the oldest inhabited building on campus.



### 1910-1919

#### 1916

Church and school officials bought

### 1930-1939

#### 1936

Southern Junior College gained accreditation with Southern Association.



## 1940-1949

### 1994

Southern Junior College was re-named Southern Missionary College in recognition of the institution's long-standing emphasis on missions.

Southern Missionary College awarded its first baccalaureate degree.

## 1950-1959

### 1950

Southern Missionary College was accredited as a four-year college.

### 1956

A furniture factory, Southern's largest industry for working students, burned down. The insurance money was used to build a new plant that is leased to McKee Baking Company.



## 1960-1969

### 1965

Collegedale Church of Seventh-day Adventists was constructed on Southern's campus.

Southern's board voted that students should be accepted regardless of race or national origin.



### 1967

Southern sent out its first official student missionary — Leslie Weaver, '69, who served in Panama for a year — and Wright Hall was built, providing offices for administration, a new cafeteria, and a student center.

## 1970-1979

### 1972

The Village Market opened in Fleming Plaza on Southern's campus.

## 1980-1989

### 1982

Southern Missionary College becomes Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists and offered the first free fourth summer session (now SmartStart).





## 1990-1999

### 1993

Southern's first Martin Luther King Jr. Service Day was held, a tradition that continues today.

### 1996

Expanding to include a graduate program, SCSDA was renamed Southern Adventist University.

### 1998

Southern awarded its first graduate degrees.



## 2000-2009

### 2001

Undergraduate enrollment reached

a new record of 2,098, and Southern became the largest Adventist undergraduate institution in the North American Division.

For the first time, students were able to earn an MBA degree from Southern entirely online.

### 2004

The Lynn H. Wood Archaeological Museum opened on campus; today it houses the largest teaching collection of ancient Near Eastern ceramics in North America.

## 2010-2019

### 2012

With an enrollment of about 3,000 students, Southern introduced the doctor of nursing practice degree program.

### 2014

Southern conferred its first doctoral degrees, the doctor of nursing practice.

## 2016

Southern marked the school's 100-year anniversary at the current location.

## 2017

Southern held a year-long 125th celebration recognizing how God led the institution since it was founded in 1892.

## Presidents

### Graysville Academy

G. W. Colcord, 1892–1895  
W. T. Bland, 1896–1898

### Southern Industrial School

W. T. Bland, 1896–1898  
Charles W. Irwin, 1899–1900

### Southern Training School

N. W. Lawrence, 1901  
J. Ellis Tenney, 1902–1905  
M. B. Van Kirk, 1906–1911  
C. L. Stone, 1912–1913  
Lynn H. Wood, 1914  
A. N. Atteberry, 1915

### Southern Junior College

Leo F. Thiel, 1916–1917  
Lynn H. Wood, 1918–1921  
Leo F. Thiel, 1922–1924  
H. H. Hamilton, 1925

Marion E. Cady, 1926  
Henry J. Klooster, 1927–1936  
John C. Thompson, 1937–1941  
Denton E. Rebok, 1942

### Southern Missionary College

Kenneth A. Wright, 1943–1954  
Thomas W. Walters, 1955–1957  
Conard N. Rees, 1958–1966  
Wilbert Schneider, 1967–1970  
Frank A. Knittel, 1971–1982

### Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists

John Wagner, 1983–1985

### Southern Adventist University

Donald R. Sahly, 1986–1997  
Gordon Bietz, 1998–2016  
David Smith, 2016–2021  
Ken Shaw, June 2021–present





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“If we are to go forward, we must go back and  
rediscover those precious values – that all  
reality hinges on moral foundations, and that all  
reality has spiritual control.”

- Martin Luther King Jr.



# Southern Union

## CONFERENCE

By R. Steven Norman III

April 9, 2021, marked 120 years since the Southern Union was organized in 1901, and 150 years since Elbert B. Lane, the first Seventh-day Adventist minister to preach in the South, preached an evangelistic meeting in Edgefield Junction, Tennessee, in 1871.



Lane traveled to Edgefield Junction, a small township located 10 miles north of Nashville, Tennessee, on the junction of two major southern railroads. He arrived in March and

submitted a change of address notice to the *Review and Herald*, (*The Advent Review and Herald of the Sabbath*, April 11, 1871, p. 136).

The May 2, 1871, *Advent Review* carried another report:

“After a few days preparation, I came to this place, Edgefield Junction, near Nashville, Tennessee. Here are a few keeping the Sabbath who desire baptism. They embraced the truth from reading publications, having never heard a discourse from one of our ministers.

“There is but one church (Catholic) in the place, and, as the schoolhouse was small, we accepted an invitation to occupy the station and telegraph rooms in the depot building, the white people occupying one room, and the colored the other. These, however, soon became insufficient to accommodate the people. Accordingly, the freight room was prepared, and the platform out-

side also seated before all could be comfortably entertained. I have now given thirteen discourses which have brought me to the Sabbath question, which seems to be received without unusual opposition, and I look for some to embrace and keep it, with all God's commands. I will before long give my views in another article of the South as a field of labor. Yours striving for eternal life, E. B. LANE."

A couple of years later, in 1873, Squier Osborne organized a church in Locust Grove, Kentucky. In May Elbert Lane organized a church in Edgefield Junction, composed of four White families and a Black minister, Harry Lowe. R. K. McCune submitted the following report:

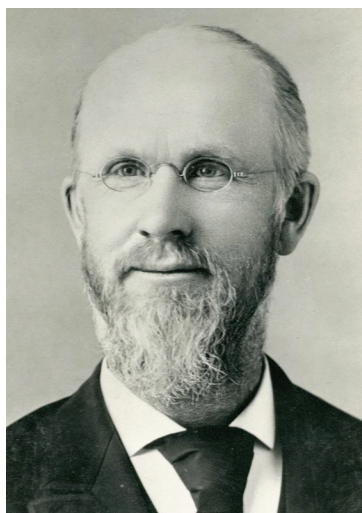
"We have had a very refreshing visit from Bro. E. B. Lane, and a great reviving in our midst, considering the short stay he made with us. Seven were baptized, a little church of thirteen members organized, and some others are willing to join, but circumstances at present hinder them from so doing.

"We have organized S. B. [systematic benevolence] to the amount of thirty-three dollars, which would have been more but for the fearful work the cholera is making around us. It is said to be the most destructive malady that ever visited Nashville, and all kinds of business is sadly deranged. We beg the prayers of our people, that the destroying angel may pass us by, and God's mercy be extended to the

community at large," "Tennessee" R. K. McCune, Edgefield Junction, Tenn., (*The Advent Review and Herald of the Sabbath*, July 1, 1871).

## A FEW SEEDS GROW IN A UNION

The precious seeds of truth planted by Elbert B. Lane, Squier Osborne, C. O. Taylor, D. T. Bordeaux, and many others found receptive hearts throughout the South. Soon other congregations were organized in various states, and the Kentucky and Tennessee Conference was organized in 1876. At the General Conference of 1883, C. O. Corliss, the first person to be sent by the General Conference to strengthen the work in the South, gave the report for the General Southern Mission. He reported that there were 267 White Sabbath keepers and 20 Colored, (Hansen, p. 33).



## FORMATION OF GENERAL DISTRICT #2 – 1890

To strengthen the work in the South, the General Conference District #2 was formed in 1890 to provide supervision of the work. Its headquarters was in Graysville, Tennessee, with Robert M. Kilgore as the superintendent, (*Yearbook 1891*, pp. 48, 49).

After one year, Kilgore reported, “District #2 embraces nine Southern states, as follows: Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. There is but one organized conference in the District, the Tennessee River Conference, which is composed of those portions of the states of Kentucky and Tennessee lying west of the Cumberland Mountains. The eastern part of these two states forms the Cumberland Mission Field. All the other states in the District are also mission territory.

“During the year, five ministers have been engaged in the work in these mission fields; five new churches have been added, making in all at present an aggregate of 19 churches and 383 members, who have paid tithes to the amount of \$2,921.16,” (*Yearbook 1891*, p. 67).

Ellen White made additional appeals for more workers to go south to work among the African-Americans in the South. One of these calls appeared

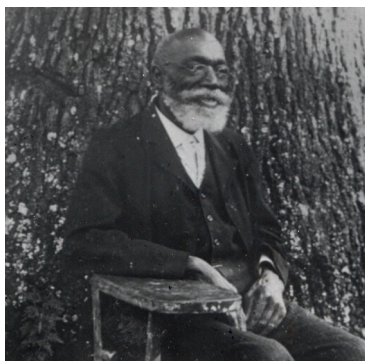
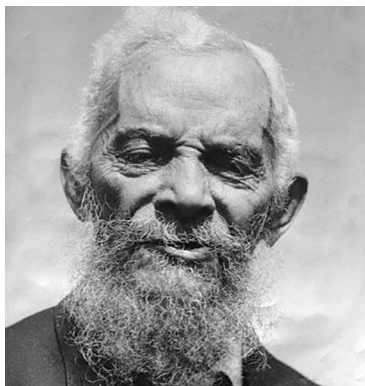
in “Our Duty to the Colored People.” In 1893 James Edson White read the tracts and decided to build a boat he called the Morning Star.



On January 1895 Edson White anchored on Centennial Lake in Vicksburg, Mississippi, and began his work among Black people in the South. After eight years of labor, at the 1903 General Conference in Oakland, California, Edson reported five schools “located at Vicksburg, Yazoo City, Columbus, and Jackson.” Regarding churches and companies, he reported, “A few months ago the president of the Mississippi Conference united with Brother Rogers in organizing a colored church at Vicksburg, and one at Yazoo City. There are also companies at Calmar, Columbus, and Jackson. Our laborers have also carried forward efforts in Nashville, Memphis, and Edgefield Junction, in Tennessee, and in Louisville and Bowling Green, in Kentucky,” (*General Conference Bulletin 1903*, p. 200). The congregations in

Nashville, Edgefield Junction, Louisville, and Bowling Green were organized and/or pastored by Charles M. Kinney and Alonzo Barry.

Beyond the churches, Edson had



organized the Southern Missionary Society as an umbrella organization that oversaw the churches, schools, the *Gospel Herald* newsletter, the Herald Publishing Co., and the Nashville Colored Clinic.

The medical work in the Southern Union territory was started by Louis E. Hansen and his wife, Anna. They joined Edson White shortly after he arrived in Vicksburg intending

to work in New Orleans. However, they went to Nashville, Tennessee, where they had a health exhibit at the Tennessee Centennial and International Exposition from May 1 to October 31, 1897. From contacts made during the Exposition, they opened the Nashville Sanitarium and Bath Rooms, (*From So Small a Dream*. Louis A. Hansen. Nashville. Southern Publishing Assn. 1968).



## GROWTH INTO UNION

Ellen White visited General District #2 in March 1901. In Vicksburg, Mississippi, March 16-17, she dedicated the new Vicksburg Chapel School her son, Edson, had built. In Memphis, Tennessee, on March 18, she spoke with 35 members of the Adventist congregation there. She and her fellow travelers then caught the 1 p.m. train and headed to Nashville, Tennessee. Edson rushed ahead and was waiting at the Nashville Union Station with his “Gospel Wagon” when his mother arrived.

Early Tuesday morning they were met by N. W. Allee, Smith Sharp,

Edward A. Sutherland, D. T. Shireman, Fred Halladay, I. H. Ford, A. F. Harrison, and Stone. Everyone climbed aboard the Gospel Wagon and toured the Adventist interests in Nashville, which was already a blossoming hub for the Church.

In the Nashville/Davidson County area, there were four Adventist churches: two in Nashville and two in Edgefield Junction. There were also the Nashville Colored Sanitarium, managed by Fred and Fannie Youngs; the Herald Publishing Company; and the treatment rooms operated by Louis E. Hansen and his wife, Anna. Other institutions within the territory were the Graysville School (1892), Oakwood Manual Training School (November 1896), the Southern Missionary Society (1898), and the Review office in Atlanta, Georgia.

Ellen White also attended meetings of the Southern Missionary Society for the next two days. The Gospel Herald Supplement for March 1901 records, "Plans were laid for developing and strengthening the work with some items referred to for study at the time of the General Conference, to be held at Battle Creek." We do not know what those items were, but perhaps one was the organization of unions.

Ellen White and colleagues left for Chicago on Thursday morning, March 21, en route to Battle Creek where the General Conference would be held April 2-23.

## SOUTHERN UNION ORGANIZED

"An early proposal [at the 1901 General Conference Session] was that union conferences, after the order of what had been done in Australia, be formed throughout North America and the European fields. At the business session held Thursday afternoon, April 4, a model was presented from the Southern field, or what might be termed the Southern district, embodying three conferences and six missions. Perhaps it was the relative smallness of the field, with 2,600 members, and because the work was just getting well established there, that they were able quickly to move into line with the new organizational plans and with a suggestion that they be made a union conference," (*Ellen G. White: The Early Elmshaven Years 1900-1905*, p. 85).



The delegates took several days to discuss the reorganization plan. On April 9, 1901, the Southern Union Conference was organized with Robert M. Kilgore as president. The Union began operation on May 1,





1901, with its first headquarters at 1025 Jefferson Street in Nashville.

The territory included “three state conferences, Tennessee River, Florida, and Cumberland. The rest of the territory was an unorganized mission field. In the entire territory there were 62 churches, having a membership of 1,900, which, with 680 isolated Sabbath-keepers, made a total of 2,580 reported believers. At the time of organization, there were 24 ministers, 11 licentiates, and 30 licensed missionaries, making a total of 65 laborers. There were also 65 canvassers, 20 medical missionaries and nurses, and 15 other workers laboring as self-supporting missionaries. The tithe received for the year ending December 31, 1900, was \$13,214.80,” (GCB 1903).

Kilgore hit the ground running. During the next few months, new conferences were organized in the Carolinas (September), Georgia-Cumberland (August), Alabama, and Mississippi.

The following timeline shows that the Southern Union was organized during the Progressive Era in the United

States, but ensuing decades brought challenges and opportunities. Some of the major world challenges that provided ministry opportunities were World Wars I and II, the Spanish influenza pandemic, the genocides against Armenians and Jews, the Great Depression, and the Holocaust. The timeline will show how the members and leaders of the Union have undauntedly used their spiritual gifts to carry the Gospel during the best and worst of times, as God helped us turn challenges into opportunities for ministry and growth. We invite each member of the Southern Union family to pause this month to celebrate God’s leading in the Union and in your own personal experience, remembering that “we have nothing to fear for the future, except as we forget how God has led us in the past.”

## 1900-1909

### 1901

The Southern Union Conference was organized April 9, 1901, with Robert M. Kilgore as president.

The Southern Publishing Association was organized on June 4.

Nashville Colored Sanitarium was opened by Edson White, with Fred and Fannie Young as manager and matron.

New conferences were organized in the Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi.



## 1902

George I. Butler, former president of the General Conference, was elected second president of the Southern Union and the Southern Publishing Association.

## 1903

George I. Butler reported that within the five conferences, there were

80 churches with a membership of 5,824, 30 church schools with an enrollment of 854 pupils, 36 church buildings, 10 buildings occupied for school purposes, 32 ordained ministers, 17 licentiates, 40 licensed missionaries, and 31 canvassers. Tithe for 1902 was \$20,575.30.

## 1902

Madison College and Sanitarium (1907) was opened by Edward A. Sutherland and Percy Magan.

## 1907

The first official news organ for the Union was the *Report of Progress*.

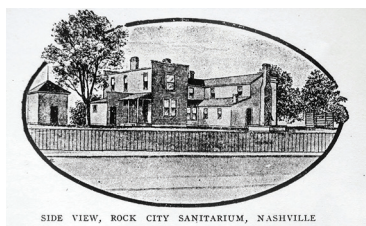
## 1908

The Union Divided: On January 12, the Union was divided into the Southern Union and Southeastern Union.

The Southeastern Union covered Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, eastern Tennessee, and the Bahamas Mission; headquarters were located in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The official newsletter was the *Field Tidings*. (President A. Westworth, 1908-09) The Southern Union Conference territory included Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. Its headquarters remained in Nashville until 1932. *The Report of Progress* was renamed *Southern Worker*. (President G. A. Irwin, 1907-09)

Dr. Lottie Blake opened Rock City Sanitarium to serve the Colored people in Nashville, Tennessee.

Florida Sanitarium, later Florida Hospital and now AdventHealth Orlando, opened in October in an old farmhouse in Orlando, Florida.



SIDE VIEW, ROCK CITY SANITARIUM, NASHVILLE

## 1909

At the opening of the 1909 General Conference Session, Ellen White predicted “terrible scenes of strife and oppression beyond anything they had conceived of,” (GCB, May 21, 1909). A series of events ensued that rocked the world and affected the Southern Union: WWI (1914), genocides (1914-1923), the Spanish Influenza (1918-1920), the Stock Market Crash and Great Depression (1929-1932), the rise of Nazism and the Holocaust (1933-1945), and WWII (1939-1945).

Anna Knight was called by the Southeastern Union to work in Atlanta, Georgia. Her duties included nursing, teaching, and Bible work. When the Southeastern Union and Southern Union merged, she served in the Educational Department until she retired in 1945.



## 1910-1919

### 1911

The first Ministerial Institute was held in Knoxville, Tennessee. W. W. Prescott, G. B. Thompson, and A. G. Daniells trained pastors and Bible workers during the day, and held public evangelistic meetings in the evening.

### 1914

WWI (July 28, 1914-Nov. 11, 1918): W. C. Cleveland, a Seventh-day Adventist from Chattanooga, Tennessee, and father of E. E. Cleveland, was among the Adventists from the Southern Union who, though drafted, refused to bear arms or work on Sabbath.

### 1916

Graysville Academy bought a piece of property in Tennessee called Thatcher Switch and named it Collegedale. The school was renamed Southern Junior College, and 57 students started classes on October 18.



## 1930-1939

### 1932

The Unions Merge: The Southern and Southeastern unions merged as a means of reducing expenses during the Great Depression, but without the inclusion of Louisiana and the Bahamas. The two newsletters, *Southern Worker* and *Field Tidings*, were combined to become the *Southern Tidings*. The reorganized Southern Union held offices in Chattanooga, Tennessee, until 1936, when headquarters moved to Decatur, Georgia. (President, S. A. Ruskjer, 1932-35)

The Alabama and Mississippi conferences merged to become the Alabama-Mississippi Conference. It was renamed the Gulf States Conference in 1984.

### 1918

Young Adventist men from the South were among those encouraged to attend one of two Institutes of War Time Nursing held in Washington, D.C., and Loma Linda, California, to prepare to be nurses in WWI.

The Spanish Influenza: Many members and workers in the Southern and Southeastern unions perished during the two-year pandemic that killed tens of thousands throughout the South.

Millions were massacred in the five-year Armenian and Syrian genocides. The Southern and Southeastern unions sponsored relief campaigns to assist the Armenians and Syrians suffering disease and starvation.

### 1916

The Great Depression (August 1929-March 1933) greatly affected the work of the Church. This led to the merging of the Southeastern and Southern unions in 1932.

### 1933

The first Southern Union Youth Congress was held May 22-25, at Southern Junior College. Alfred W. Peterson was the Missionary Volunteer leader and education secretary for the Union. The following year other unions held Youth Congresses for their youth.

### 1934

May 25-28, a Colored Youth Congress was held at Oakwood Junior College and organized by Anna Knight. Youth from all over America attended this first Youth Congress open to Colored youth.

## 1937

The first Field School of Evangelism was held in Greensboro, North Carolina, to teach pastors the system of evangelism used by the most effective evangelists. J. L. Shuler, Union evangelist and president of the Carolina Conference, directed the School.



## 1939

With WWII imminent, J. K. Jones, Union president, urged, “While Europe prepares for the coming Armageddon, and America is stunned by the apparent nearness of the conflict, millions in our own land are wondering about the future. Stocks and bonds are tumbling and uncertainty prevails everywhere. Now is our opportunity to place our message literature in the hands of the masses in the cities and towns. The people are looking for someone with prophetic vision to tell them what these things mean,” (*Southern Tidings*, March 29, 1939.)

WWII (September 1, 1939-September 2, 1945): The Seventh-day Adventist Church began to prepare young men to serve in the Medical Cadet Corps program started at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska, and adopted by the General Conference to train Seventh-day Adventist youth to serve as noncombatants.

## 1940-1949

### 1941

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, the United States entered WWII.

### 1942

After the U.S. entered the war, Medical Cadet training was launched at Southern Junior College and Madison College. Southern was designated a theological school so theology students could get the Class IV-status needed to continue their education.

Desmond Doss, who was a long-time member of the Southern Union after the war, served in the role of combat medic as a conscientious objector, and received two Bronze Stars, three Purple Hearts, and the Medal of Honor for heroism by the end of the war.

The Southern Union raised \$102,451.55 in support of the Missions Relief Fund to help rebuild missions destroyed during WWII.

## 1945

The Holocaust ended in May 1945 after the Germans and their collaborators had murdered six million European Jews as part of a systematic plan of genocide.

African-American veterans who had sacrificed to defend “liberty and justice for all” returned to the U.S. throughout the war and demanded free exercise of their own rights, which were prohibited by the Separate but Equal Doctrine until 1954. This push included many Seventh-day Adventists who sought to desegregate Adventist institutions.

The request for desegregation was denied, but the General Conference proposed regional conferences. The Southern Union appointed a feasibility committee to study the idea, and organized the South Atlantic Conference and South Central Conference in December 1945. The new conferences began operations January 1, 1946.

## 1950-1959

### 1950

Raquel Genanian organized a Spanish Sabbath School class at Miami Temple English Church in Florida, which was the beginning of the first Spanish church in the Southern Union.

### 1951

The 25th anniversary of Junior

Camps was celebrated by all conferences Union-wide.

### 1954

E. C. Ward and E. E. Cleveland held major evangelistic meetings in Wilmington, North Carolina, and Montgomery, Alabama. More than 500 persons were baptized in each city.



### 1958

The Miami Spanish Church was organized on December 20 as the first Spanish church in the Southern Union, with Ernesto Santos as pastor.

### 1959

Operation Dixie, a Union-wide evangelistic thrust involving all Southern Union departments and pastors, was organized by Don Rees, Union president.

## 1960-1969

### 1960

Revival evangelism was introduced in the Southern Union during this decade by Harmon C. Brownlow and Glenn Coon as a shorter evangelistic meeting format.

### 1964

A new office was built at 3978 Memorial Drive in Decatur, Georgia. (President LeRoy J. Leiske, 1964-1965)

### 1965

Oscar Heinrich launched the Church Identification Service to provide signs for churches and schools.

1,100 Pathfinders and Pathfinder officers converged on Veteran's State Park in Cordele, Georgia, on April 1, for the first Union-wide Southern Union Pathfinder Camporee, under the direction of E. S. Reile, Union youth director



### 1969

Mission Spotlight, the monthly Sabbath School Mission video report,

previewed under the leadership of Oscar Heinrich, Southern Union communication director. Mission Spotlight featured Church work in 160 countries, and served 3,000 Sabbath Schools in seven world divisions until 2007.

## 1970-1979

### 1970

The first Southern Union Council on Evangelism was held to train evangelists. The Council is now known as E3.



### 1973

A second Union office building was built to house the growing Home Health Education Service, and was completed in 1974.

### 1974

The publishing directors of the regional conferences in the Southern Union — Theodore Smith for South Atlantic Conference and Joseph Hutchinson for South Central Conference — adopted a new ministry and business model called Family Health Education Service. FHES helped regional conference litera-



ture evangelists to be successful in both sales and soul winning.

## 1978

During the Festival of the Faith Youth Congress, March 22-25, about 2,300 youth presented Jesus through music, gymnastics, health screening, door-to-door visitation, and literature to every secular campus and mall, and almost every home in Greensboro, North Carolina. They distributed more than 45,000 copies each of *These Times* and *Listen*, and 50,000 Bible course enrollment cards.



## 1979

The Union began to publish a Statement of Non-Discrimination for Adventist schools in the *Southern Tidings*, which had been voted by the North American Division in 1971.

## 1980-1989

### 1980

In December 1980, the constituency of the South Atlantic Conference

voted to divide and establish the Southeastern Conference. Southeastern began operations January 1. (President J. A. Edgecombe, 1981-1988)



## 1988

The Southern Society of Adventist Communicators (SSAC), was formed under the mentorship of Martin Butler, Olson Perry, and George Powell, former communication directors at the Southern Union Conference. The group voted in 1999 to invite communicators nationwide and internationally, and became the Society of Adventist Communicators, headquartered at the North American Division.

## 1990-1999

### 1990

After six years as a Women's Commission, the Southern Union Women's Ministries Department was established with Evelyn VandeVere as the first director (1990-1997).



## 1997

Norwida Marshall, Ed.D., Union director of elementary education, launched the Early Childhood Education Program in the Southern Union.

## 1998

Jorge Mayer became the first full time Southern Union Hispanic Ministries coordinator, succeeding Rolando del los Rios, who served as the acting Hispanic coordinator from 1997 to 1998.

## 1999

SURF, or the Southern Union Revolving Fund, was established. SURF is a financial ministry which allows Adventists to invest money for a reasonable return, and with that money provides the blessing of low-cost loans to churches and other Adventist institutions.

## 2000-2009

### 2000

Native Ministries launched in the Southern Union under the directorship of Fred Rogers.

### 2001

The Southern Union Conference celebrated its 100th anniversary since organizing in 1901 in a year-long centennial celebration under the leadership of Malcolm Gordon, president.

### 2004

The Southern Union Department of Education introduced the Adventist EDGE, or Educators Delivering GREAT Education, within its school system.



### 2009

A Year of Evangelism was declared. Southern Union baptized 9,618.

## 2010-2019

### 2010

The Union hosted the World Church's General Conference Ses-



View from Southern Union Office

sion in Atlanta, Georgia, with more than 2,400 delegates and 50,000-plus in attendance.

## 2013

In December, the Southern Union Executive Committee voted in a new publishing ministry and business initiative called BLAST, designed to reach the 62 million people throughout the Southern Union territory.

## 2014

The Southern Union moved its headquarters to 302 Research Drive, Peachtree Corners, Georgia, in March.

## 2018

Clergy and Educator Memorial Medallions of Honor were developed by the Union Communication Department and adopted by the North American Division.

WHAT CONFERENCE LEADERS NEED TO KNOW



## 2020–Present

### 2020

Novel Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19): Sadly, many members of the Southern Union died from the ongoing virus.

The Union moved staff to remote operations on March 16 because of COVID-19, and remained on remote operations for longer than a year.

April 9 marked 120 years of ministry in the Southern Union Conference.

## Proposal by the Southern Field

*To the General Conference  
Battle Creek, Michigan, April 4, 1901*

The Delegates and Brethren representing the Southern Field present to you the following memorial.

In our study of the situation in the Southern field, we find that there are many circumstances and conditions peculiar to the South which make it desirable that the work of reform which our cause represents should be planned and carried forward by persons who have lived long enough in the field to be well acquainted with its peculiarities and necessities.

Especially do we find that in the education and training of workers and of teachers, that they should receive their education and training in the field where their work is to be done, for this is not only the most economical way, but it is sure to add greatly to the efficiency of the laborers.

Such being the case, we believe that a more complete and independent organization of the work in this field, if sanctioned and approved by the General Conference, will result in great benefit to the work.

1. By using to the very best advantage the working forces in the territory.
2. By fostering the spirit of faithfulness and self-reliance, and developing of self-supporting conferences with such aid as may be needed and provided for its advance work.
3. By closely linking together all the interests in the field, each part may be made more efficient in helping every other part.

In view of this we suggest that the delegates present take up and act upon the recommendation of the thirty-second session of the General Conference relating to the organization of Union Conferences which reads as follows:

*“That Union Conferences be organized in Europe and America as soon as deemed advisable, and that these Union Conferences hold biennial sessions, alternating with the General Conference.”* Bulletin 1897, p.215.

In the territory comprising District No. 2, there are three organized conferences and a large mission field covering six states. We think it would be for the best interest of the churches in these states if they should be organized at an early date into three or more conferences.

As this is a mission field which has been largely assisted by the General Conference, and as its advance work will call for large expenditure of means, we request for it a continuation of such assistance: First, by remitting the tithe that would naturally be expected from a Union Conference to the General Conference. Second, by an appropriation for the current year of a sum equal to three-fourths of the net expenditure by the General Conference in this field during the past year, with the understanding that the aid from the General Conference will decrease as the states in the Union Conference become self-supporting.

We also request the General Conference to accept the president of the Southern Union Conference as a member of the General Conference Executive Committee.

Adopted at a meeting of delegates and representative brethren from the Southern States held in the east vestry of the Tabernacle, April 4, 1901.

N. W. Allee, Chairman  
S. Sharp, Secretary

“Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has many — not on your past misfortunes, of which every man has some.”

- Charles Dickens



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If these propositions meet with the approval of the representatives of the ~~State~~ Southern field now present, we suggest that they appoint a committee of five to present them to the General Conference at the earliest opportunity with statistics regarding the field and our work in it, together with a draft of Constitution and by-laws.

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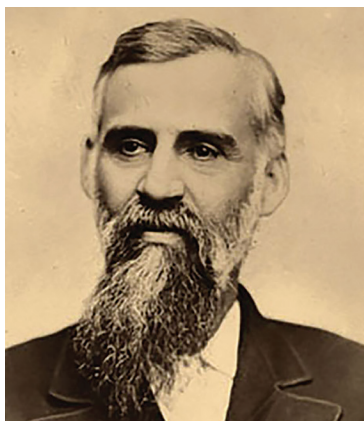
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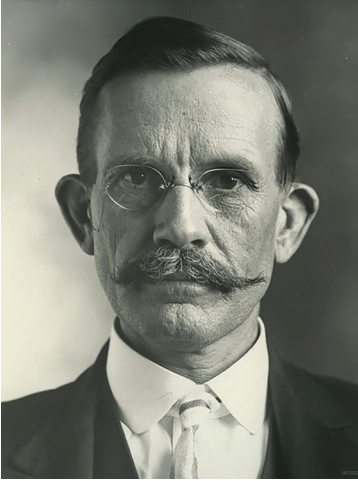
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## 1916

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 Cantonment Work T. E. Pavey  
 C. R. Callicott W. F. McMahon  
 Home Missionary Secretary:  
 J. B. Locken  
 Press Bureau Secretary: \_\_\_\_  
 Union Negro Mission Superintendent:  
 W. H. Branson

### Southern Union

President: S. E. Wight  
 Secretary / Treasurer: G. H. Curtis  
 Auditor / Transportation Agent:  
 G. H. Curtis  
 Union Book Depository Manager:  
 R. L. Pierce  
 Religious Liberty Secretary:  
 S. E. Wight  
 Educational Secretary:  
 J. C. Thompson  
 Young People's Secretary:  
 J. C. Thompson  
 Home Missionary Secretary:  
 O. R. Staines  
 Medical Missionary Secretary:  
 Dr. E. A. Sutherland

1920

### Southeastern Union

President: W. H. Heckman



Secretary / Treasurer:  
 W. E. Abernathy  
 Auditor / Transportation Agent:  
 W. E. Abernathy  
 Union Book Depository Manager:  
 L. D. Randall  
 Educational Secretary: J. A. Tucker  
 Religious Liberty Secretary:  
 J. L. Shuler  
 Young People's Secretary:  
 J. A. Tucker  
 Home Missionary Secretary:  
 J. B. Locken  
 Union Negro Mission Superintendent:  
 W. H. Heckman

## Southern Union

President: J. L. McElhany



Secretary / Treasurer: G. H. Curtis

Auditor: G. H. Curtis

Union Book Depository Manager:

R. L. Pierce

Religious Liberty Secretary:

S. E. Wight

Educational Secretary:

J. C. Thompson

Young People's Secretary:

J. C. Thompson

Home Missionary Secretary:

O. R. Staines

Medical Missionary Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Agent: C. J. Buhalts

## 1921

### Southeastern Union

President: W. H. Heckman

Secretary / Treasurer:

W. E. Abernathy

Auditor / Transportation Agent:

W. E. Abernathy

*Department Secretaries:*

Field Missionary: James Hickman.

Educational / Missionary Volunteers:

J. A. Tucker.

Home Missionary: E. F. Hackman.

Religious Liberty: J. L. Shuler.

Union Negro Mission Superinten-

dent: W. H. Heckman

## Southern Union

President: J. L. McElhany

Secretary / Treasurer: / Auditor:

F. L. Harrison

*Department Secretaries:*

Field Missionary: V. O. Cole.

Educational / Missionary Volunteers:

J. C. Thompson.

Home Missionary: O. R. Staines.

Medical Missionary:

E. A. Sutherland M. D.

Financial Agent: C. J. Buhalts

## 1922

### Southeastern Union

President: W.H. Heckman

Secretary / Treasurer: Burton

Castle

Auditor: Burton Castle

Transportation Agent:

W. H. Heckman

*Department Secretaries:*

Field Missionary: James Hickman

Educational / Missionary Volunteers:

J. A. Tucker

Home Missionary: E. F. Hackman

Religious Liberty: W. H. Heckman

Union Negro Mission Superinten-

dent: W. H. Heckman

## Southern Union

President: J. L. McElhany

Secretary / Treasurer: F. L. Harrison

Auditor / Transportation Agent:  
F. L. Harrison  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Field Missionary: V. O. Cole  
Educational / Missionary Volun-  
teers: J. C. Thompson  
Home Missionary: O. R. Staines  
Medical Missionary:  
E. A. Sutherland M. D.  
Financial Agent: C. J. Buhalts

## 1923

### Southeastern Union

President: W. H. Heckman  
Secretary / Treasurer: Burton Castle  
Auditor: Burton Castle  
Transportation Agent:  
W. H. Heckman  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Field Missionary: James Hickman  
Educational / Missionary Volunteers:  
J. A. Tucker  
Home Missionary: E. F. Hackman  
Religious Liberty: W. H. Heckman  
Union Negro Mission Superinten-  
dent: W. H. Heckman

### Southern Union

President: G. W. Wells



Secretary / Treasurer: F. L. Harrison  
Auditor / Transportation Agent:  
F. L. Harrison  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Field Missionary: V. O. Cole  
Educational / Missionary Volun-  
teers: J. C. Thompson  
Home Missionary: O. R. Staines  
Medical Missionary:  
E. A. Sutherland M. D.  
Financial Agent: C. J. Buhalts

## 1924

### Southeastern Union

President: W. H. Heckman  
Secretary / Treasurer: Burton Castle  
Auditor: Burton Castle  
Transportation Agent:  
W. H. Heckman  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Field Missionary: W. P. Dougherty  
Educational / Missionary Volunteers:  
F. R. Isaac  
Home Missionary: E. F. Hackman  
Religious Liberty: W. H. Heckman  
Medical: M. M. Martinson M.D.  
Union Colored Superintendent: W.  
H. Heckman

### Southern Union

President: G.W. Wells  
Secretary / Treasurer: F. L. Harrison  
Auditor / Transportation Agent:  
F. L. Harrison  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Field Missionary: V. O. Cole  
Educational / Missionary Volun-  
teers: J. C. Thompson  
Home Missionary: O. R. Staines  
Medical Missionary:  
E. A. Sutherland M. D.



## 1925

### Southeastern Union

President: W.H. Heckman  
 Secretary / Treasurer: Burton Castle  
 Auditor: Burton Castle  
 Transportation Agent:  
 W. H. Heckman  
*Department Secretaries:*  
 Field Missionary: W. P. Dougherty  
 Educational / Missionary Volunteers:  
 F. R. Isaac  
 Home Missionary:  
 Religious Liberty: W. H. Heckman  
 Medical: Gertrude M. Nichols  
 Union Colored Superintendent:  
 W. H. Heckman

### Southern Union

President: G. W. Wells  
 Secretary / Treasurer: F. L. Harrison  
 Auditor / Transportation Agent:  
 F. L. Harrison  
*Department Secretaries:*  
 Field Missionary: V. O. Cole  
 Educational / Missionary Volunteers:  
 J. C. Thompson  
 Home Missionary / Religious Liberty:  
 O. F. Frank

## 1926

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## 1927

### Southeastern Union

President: W. H. Heckman  
 Secretary / Treasurer:  
 W. E. Abernathy  
 Auditor / Transportation Agent:  
 W. E. Abernathy

Union Book Depository Manager:  
 L. D. Randall  
 Educational Secretary: J. A. Tucker  
 Religious Liberty Secretary:  
 J. L. Shuler  
 Young People's Secretary:  
 J. A. Tucker  
 Home Missionary Secretary:  
 J. B. Locken  
 Union Negro Mission Superintendent:  
 W. H. Branson

### Southern Union

President: J. J. Nethery



Secretary / Treasurer: G. H. Curtis  
 Auditor: G. H. Curtis  
 Union Book Depository Manager:  
 R. L. Pierce  
 Religious Liberty Secretary:  
 S. E. Wight  
 Educational Secretary:  
 J. C. Thompson  
 Young People's Secretary:  
 J. C. Thompson  
 Home Missionary Secretary:  
 O. R. Staines

Medical Missionary Secretary: \_\_\_\_  
Financial Agent: C. J. Buhalts

## 1928

### Southeastern Union

President: W. H. Heckman  
Secretary / Treasurer: Burton Castle  
Auditor: Burton Castle  
Transportation Agent:  
W. H. Heckman

#### *Department Secretaries:*

Field Missionary: W. P. Dougherty  
Educational / Missionary Volunteers:  
F. R. Isaac  
Home Missionary: J. C. Klose  
Religious Liberty: W. H. Heckman  
Medical: Gertrude M. Nichols, R.N.  
Union Evangelist: L. D. Richardson  
Union Colored Superintendent:  
W. H. Heckman

### Southern Union

President: G.W. Wells  
Secretary / Treasurer: \_\_\_\_  
Auditor / Transportation Agent:  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Field Missionary: F. W. Schmehl  
Educational / Missionary Volunteers:  
W. P. Bradley  
Home Missionary / Religious Liberty:  
O. F. Frank

## 1929

### Southeastern Union

President: W. H. Heckman  
Secretary / Treasurer: H. W. Klaser  
Auditor: H. W. Klaser  
Transportation Agent:  
W. H. Heckman

#### *Department Secretaries:*

Field Missionary: W. P. Dougherty  
Educational / Missionary Volunteers:  
F. R. Isaac  
Home Missionary: J. C. Klose  
Medical: Gertrude M. Nichols R.N.  
Union Evangelist: J. L. Shuler  
Religious Liberty: W. H. Heckman  
Union Colored Superintendent:  
W. H. Heckman

### Southern Union

President: J. J. Nethery  
Secretary / Treasurer: Burton Castle  
Auditor / Transportation Agent:  
Burton Castle  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Field Missionary: F. W. Schmehl  
Educational / Missionary Volunteers:  
W. P. Bradley  
Home Missionary / Religious Liberty:  
O. F. Frank

## 1930

### Southeastern Union

President: W. H. Heckman  
Secretary / Treasurer: H. W. Klaser  
Auditor: H. W. Klaser  
Transportation Agent:  
W. H. Heckman  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Educational / YPMV: F. R. Isaac  
Field Missionary: N. H. Conway  
Home Missionary: J. C. Klose  
Medical: Dr. L. L. Andrews  
Religious Liberty: W. H. Heckman  
Union Evangelist: J. L. Shuler  
Union Colored President:  
W. H. Heckman

## Southern Union

President: N. S. Ashton



Secretary / Treasurer: Burton Castle  
Auditor / Transportation Agent:  
Burton Castle  
Department Secretaries:  
Educational and YPMV:  
W. P. Bradley  
Field Missionary: W. I. Coleman  
Home Missionary / Religious Liberty:  
O. F. Frank

## 1931

### Southeastern Union

President: W. H. Heckman  
Secretary / Treasurer: C. G. Ortner  
Auditor: C. G. Ortner  
Transportation Agent:  
W. H. Heckman  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Educational / YPMV / Field Mis-  
sionary: N. H. Conway  
Home Missionary: J. C. Klose  
Medical: Dr. L. L. Andrews  
Religious Liberty: W. H. Heckman  
Union Colored President:  
W. H. Heckman

## Southern Union

President: N. S. Ashton  
Secretary / Treasurer: Burton Castle  
Auditor / Transportation Agent:  
Burton Castle  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Educational and YPMV: W. S. James  
Field Missionary: W. I. Coleman  
Home Missionary / Religious Liberty:  
O. F. Frank

## 1932

### Southeastern Union

President: W.H. Heckman  
Secretary / Treasurer: C. G. Ortner  
Auditor: C. G. Ortner  
Transportation Agent:  
W. H. Heckman  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Educational / YPMV: Archa Dart  
Field Missionary: N. H. Conway  
Home Missionary: J. C. Klose  
Medical: Dr. L. L. Andrews  
Religious Liberty: W. H. Heckman  
Union Colored President:  
W. H. Heckman

## Southern Union

President: N. S. Ashton  
Secretary / Treasurer: Burton Castle  
Auditor / Transportation Agent:  
Burton Castle  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Educational and YPMV: W. S. James  
Field Missionary: W. I. Coleman  
Home Missionary / Religious Liberty:

## 1933

President: S. A. Ruskjer



Secretary / Treasurer: C. G. Ortner  
Auditor: C. G. Ortner  
Transportation Agent: S. A. Ruskjer  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Educational / YPMV:  
A. W. Peterson  
Field Missionary: H. F. Kirk  
Home Missionary: V. G. Anderson  
Religious Liberty: S. A. Ruskjer  
Union Colored Press. S. A. Ruskjer

## 1934

President: S. A. Ruskjer  
Secretary / Treasurer: C. G. Ortner  
Auditor: C. G. Ortner  
Transportation Agent: S. A. Ruskjer  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Educational / YPMV:  
A. W. Peterson  
Field Missionary: H. F. Kirk  
Home Missionary: V. G. Anderson  
Religious Liberty: S. A. Ruskjer  
Union Colored President:  
S. A. Riskier

## 1935

President: S. A. Ruskjer  
Secretary / Treasurer: C. G. Ortner  
Auditor: C. G. Ortner  
Transportation Agent: S. A. Ruskjer  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Educational / YPMV: J. E. Weaver  
Field Missionary: H. F. Kirk  
Home Missionary: R. G. Strickland  
Religious Liberty: S. A. Ruskjer  
Union Colored President:  
S. A. Ruskjer

## 1936

President: G. A. Roberts



Secretary / Treasurer: C. G. Ortner  
Auditor: C. G. Ortner  
Transportation Agent:  
G. A. Roberts  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Educational / YPMV: J. E. Weaver  
Field Missionary: H. F. Kirk  
Home Missionary: R. G. Strickland  
Religious Liberty: G. A. Roberts  
Union Colored President:  
G. A. Roberts

## 1937

President: J. K. Jones



Secretary / Treasurer: C. G. Ortner  
Auditor: C. G. Ortner  
Transportation Agent: J. K. Jones  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Educational / YPMV: C. A. Russell  
Field Missionary: H. F. Kirk  
Home Missionary: R. G. Strickland  
Religious Liberty: J. K. Jones  
Union Colored President: J. K. Jones

## 1938

President: J. K. Jones  
Secretary / Treasurer: C. O. Franz  
Auditor: C. O. Franz  
Transportation Agent: J. K. Jones  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Educational / YPMV: C. A. Russell  
Field Missionary: H. F. Kirk  
Home Missionary: B. M. Preston  
Religious Liberty: J. K. Jones  
Union Evangelist: J. L. Shuler  
Union Colored President: J. K. Jones

## 1939

President: J. K. Jones  
Secretary / Treasurer:  
Charles O. Franz  
Auditor: Charles O. Franz  
Transportation Agent: J. K. Jones  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Educational / YPMV: C. A. Russell  
Field Missionary: H. F. Kirk  
Sabbath School / Home Missionary:  
B. M. Preston  
Religious Liberty: J. K. Jones  
Union Evangelist: J. L. Shuler  
Union Colored President: J. K. Jones

## 1940

President: J. K. Jones  
Secretary / Treasurer:  
Charles O. Franz  
Auditor: Charles O. Franz  
Transportation Agent: J. K. Jones  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Educational / YPMV: C. A. Russell  
Field Missionary: I. M. Evans  
Sabbath School / Home Missionary:  
B. M. Preston  
Religious Liberty: J. K. Jones  
Union Colored President: J. K. Jones

## 1941

President: J. K. Jones  
Secretary / Treasurer:  
Charles O. Franz  
Auditor: Charles O. Franz  
Transportation Agent:  
Charles O. Franz  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Educational / YPMV / Home Com-  
mission / National Service Commis-  
sion: C. A. Russell

Field Missionary: I. M. Evans  
Sabbath School / Home Missionary: B. M. Preston  
Religious Liberty: J. K. Jones  
Union Colored President: J. K. Jones

## 1942

President: J. K. Jones  
Secretary / Treasurer: Charles Franz  
Auditor / Transportation Agent: Charles Franz  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Educational / YPMV: K. A. Wright  
Religious Liberty / National Service Commission: J. C. Thompson  
Field Missionary: I. M. Evans  
Sabbath School / Home Missionary: B. M. Preston  
Negro Department: J. K. Jones

## 1943

President: J. K. Jones  
Secretary / Treasurer: Charles Franz  
Auditor / Transportation Agent: Charles Franz  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Educational / YPMV: K. A. Wright  
Field Missionary: I. M. Evans.  
Home Missionary / Sabbath School / Radio: B. M. Preston  
Religious Liberty / Temperance / Counsellor on War Service Problems: M. E. Chapman  
Colored Department: J. K. Jones

## 1944

President: E. F. Hackman



Secretary / Treasurer: Charles Franz  
Auditor / Transportation Agent: Charles Franz  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Educational / YPMV: H. B. Lundquist  
Field Missionary: B. E. Wagner  
Home Missionary / Sabbath School / Radio: B. M. Preston  
Religious Liberty / Temperance / Counsellor on War Service Problems: M. E. Chapman  
Colored Department: E. F. Hackman

## 1945

President: J. K. Jones  
Secretary / Treasurer: Charles O. Franz  
Auditor: Charles O. Franz  
Transportation Agent: Charles O. Franz  
*Department Secretaries:*

Educational / YPMV / Home Commission / National Service Commission: C. A. Russell

## 1946

President: E. F. Hackman  
Secretary / Treasurer / Auditor: Charles O. Franz  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Educational: H. C. Klement  
Home Missionary / Sabbath School / Radio: B. M. Preston  
Religious Liberty / Temperance / Regional Secretary for Army Camp: M. E. Chapman  
Transportation Agent / Public Relations: Charles O. Franz  
YPMV: C. H. Lauda

## 1947

President: E. F. Hackman  
Secretary / Treasurer / Auditor: H. E. Schneider  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Educational: H. C. Klement  
Home Missionary / Sabbath School / Radio: R. H. Wentland  
Publishing: B. E. Wagner  
Religious Liberty / Temperance / Regional Secretary for Army Camps: Transportation Agent / Public Relations: H. E. Schneider  
YPMV: C. H. Lauda

## 1948

President: V. G. Anderson



Secretary / Treasurer: H. E. Schneider  
Auditor: A. P. McDow  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Educational / Commission on Rural Living: H. C. Klement  
Home Missionary / Sabbath School / Temperance: R. H. Wentland  
Publishing: B. E. Wagner  
Religious Liberty: V. G. Anderson  
Transportation Agent / Public Relations: H. E. Schneider  
YPMV / Radio: Caris H. Lauda

## 1948

President: V. G. Anderson  
Secretary / Treasurer: H. E. Schneider  
Auditor: A. P. McDow  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Educational / Commission on Rural Living: H. S. Hanson  
Home Missionary / Sabbath School / Temperance: R. H. Wentland



Press / Extension: J. M. Cox  
Publishing: B. E. Wagner  
Publishing Assistant: S. J. Martz  
Religious Liberty: V. G. Anderson  
Transportation Agent / Public  
Relations: H. E. Schneider  
YPMV / Radio / War Service:  
L. M. Nelson

## 1950

No Records

## 1951

President: V. G. Anderson  
Secretary / Treasurer:  
H. E. Schneider  
Auditor: A. P. McDow  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Child Guidance / Sabbath School:  
A. O. Dart  
Educational / Rural Living:  
H. S. Hanson  
Extension Press / Public Relations:  
J. M. Cox  
Home Missionary: R. H. Wentland  
Publishing: W. A. Higgins  
Radio / Temperance / War Service /  
YPMV: L. M. Nelson  
Religious Liberty: V. G. Anderson

## 1952

President: V. G. Anderson  
Secretary / Treasurer:  
H. E. Schneider  
Auditor: A. P. McDow  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Child Guidance / Sabbath School:  
A. O. Dart  
Educational / Self-Supporting  
Institutions: H. S. Hanson

Industrial / Public Relations:  
J. M. Cox  
Home Missionary: R. H. Wentland  
Publishing: W. A. Higgins  
Radio / Temperance / War Service /  
YPMV: L. M. Nelson  
Religious Liberty: V. G. Anderson

## 1953

President: V. G. Anderson  
Secretary / Treasurer:  
H. E. Schneider  
Auditor: A. P. McDow  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Child Guidance / Sabbath School:  
A. O. Dart  
Educational / Self-Supporting  
Institutions: H. S. Hanson  
Home Missionary: R. H. Wentland  
Press Relations: Clara Crawford  
Publishing: W. A. Higgins  
Radio / Temperance / War Service /  
YPMV: L. M. Nelson  
Religious Liberty: V. G. Anderson

## 1954

President: V. G. Anderson  
Secretary / Treasurer:  
H. E. Schneider  
Auditor: A. P. McDow  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Child Guidance: A. O. Dart  
Educational / Self-Supporting  
Institutions: H. S. Hanson  
Home Missionary / Sabbath School:  
R. H. Wentland  
Press Relations: Clara Crawford  
Publishing: W. A. Higgins  
Radio / Temperance / War Service /  
YPMV: L. M. Nelson  
Religious Liberty: V. G. Anderson

## 1955

President: V. G. Anderson  
Secretary / Treasurer:  
H. E. Schneider  
Auditor: A. P. McDow  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Educational / Self-Supporting  
Institutions: H. S. Hanson  
Home Missionary / Sabbath School:  
S. S. Will  
Press Relations: Clara Crawford  
Publishing: Eric Ristau  
Radio / Temperance / War Service /  
YPMV: L. M. Nelson  
Religious Liberty: V. G. Anderson

## 1956

President: V. G. Anderson  
Secretary / Treasurer: A. P. McDow  
Auditor: K. C. Beem  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Educational / Self-Supporting  
Institutions: H. S. Hanson  
Home Missionary / Sabbath School:  
S. S. Will  
Press Relations: Clara Crawford  
Publishing: Eric Ristau  
Radio / Temperance / War Service /  
YPMV: L. M. Nelson  
Religious Liberty: V. G. Anderson

## 1957

President: V. G. Anderson  
Secretary / Treasurer: A. P. McDow  
Auditor: K. C. Beem  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Educational / Self-Supporting  
Institutions: H. S. Hanson  
Home Missionary / Sabbath  
School: S. S. Will

Press Relations: Clara Crawford  
Publishing: Eric Ristau  
Publishing Associate: W. L. Crofton  
Radio / Temperance / War Service /  
YPMV: L. M. Nelson  
Religious Liberty: V. G. Anderson

## 1958

President: D. R. Rees



Secretary / Treasurer: A. P. McDow  
Auditor: K. C. Beem  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Educational / Self-Supporting  
Institutions: H. S. Hanson  
Home Missionary / Sabbath  
School: S. S. Will  
Publishing: Eric Ristau  
Publishing Associate: W. L. Crofton  
Radio / Temperance / War Service /  
YPMV: L. M. Nelson  
Religious Liberty / Public Relations:  
D. R. Rees

## 1959

President: D. R. Rees  
Secretary / Treasurer: A. P. McDow

Auditor: K. C. Beem  
Assistant Auditor: A. J. Hess  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Educational / Self-Supporting  
Institutions: H. S. Hanson  
Home Missionary / Sabbath  
School: S. S. Will  
Publishing: Eric Ristau  
Publishing Associate: W. L. Crofton  
Radio / Temperance / War Service /  
YPMV: L. M. Nelson  
Religious Liberty / Industrial Rela-  
tions / Public Relations: D. R. Rees

## 1960

President: D. R. Rees  
Secretary / Treasurer / Auditor:  
K.C. Beem  
Assistant Auditors:  
A. J. Hess Frank McMillan  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Educational: H. S. Hanson  
Home Missionary / Sabbath School:  
S. S. Will  
Medical / ASI: L. T. Hall  
Publishing: Eric Ristau  
Publishing Associate:  
W. E. Roberson  
Radio-TV / Public Affairs:  
C. R. Coffey  
Temperance / YPMV:  
Desmond Cummings

## 1961

President: D. R. Rees  
Secretary / Treasurer: / Auditor:  
K.C. Beem  
Assistant Auditors:  
A. J. Hess, Frank McMillan  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Educational: H. S. Hanson

Home Missionary / Sabbath School:  
S. S. Will  
Medical / ASI: L. T. Hall  
Publishing: Eric Ristau  
Publishing Associate:  
W. E. Roberson  
Radio-TV / Public Affairs:  
C. R. Coffey  
Temperance / YPMV:  
Desmond Cummings

## 1962

President: D. R. Rees  
Secretary / Treasurer / Auditor:  
K.C. Beem  
Assistant Auditor: A. J. Hess  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Church Development Service:  
O. L. Heinrich  
Educational: V. W. Becker  
Field Secretary: M. B. Elliston  
Home Missionary / Sabbath  
School: S. S. Will  
Medical / ASI: \_\_\_\_\_  
Publishing: Eric Ristau  
Publishing Associate:  
W. E. Roberson  
Radio-TV / Public Affairs:  
C. R. Coffey  
Temperance / YPMV:  
Desmond Cummings

## 1963

President: D. R. Rees  
Secretary: Leroy J. Leiske  
Treasurer Associate Secretary /  
Auditor: K.C. Beem  
Associate Auditors:  
Clarence M. Laue, Bernard J. Penner  
Assistant Auditor: Richard E. Green  
*Department Secretaries:*

Church Development Service / Public Relations: O. L. Heinrich  
Educational: V. W. Becker  
Field Secretary: M. B. Elliston  
Home Missionary / Sabbath School / Radio-TV: S. S. Will  
Medical / ASI / Religious Liberty: LeRoy J. Leiske  
Publishing: Eric Ristau  
Publishing Associate: W. E. Roberson  
Temperance / YPMV: Desmond Cummings

## 1964

President: D. R. Rees  
Secretary / Treasurer: K. C. Beem  
Auditor: C. M. Laue  
Associate Auditors: B. J. Penner, R. E. Green  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Church Development Service / Public Relations: O. L. Heinrich  
Educational: V. W. Becker  
Home Missionary / Sabbath School / Radio-TV: S. S. Will  
Medical / ASI: \_\_\_\_\_  
Publishing: Eric Ristau  
Publishing Associates: W. E. Roberson, M. G. Cato  
Religious Liberty: M. B. Elliston  
Temperance / YPMV: Desmond Cummings

## 1965-1966

President: LeRoy J. Leiske



Secretary-Treasurer: J. H. Whitehead  
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer: O. H. Rausch  
Auditor: C. M. Laue  
Associate Auditors: B. J. Penner, Richard Terrell  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Church Development Service / Public Relations: O. L. Heinrich  
Educational: V. W. Becker  
Home Missionary / Sabbath School: S. S. Will  
Medical: D. W. Welch  
Publishing: Eric Ristau  
Publishing Associates: M. G. Cato, R. L. Chamberlain, M.E. Culpepper  
Religious Liberty / Radio-TV / ASI: M. B. Elliston  
Temperance / YPMV: E. S. Reile

## 1967

President: H. H. Schmidt



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tal), D. W. Welch (Institutions)  
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tal), D. W. Welch (Institutions)  
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Publishing Associates: M. G. Cato,  
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## 1975

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tal), D. W. Welch (Institutions)  
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Publishing: Eric Ristau  
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berlain, G. S. Culpepper, O. W.  
Mackey, Hoyet Taylor  
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C. L. Brooks  
Stewardship: W. S. Banfield  
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## 1976

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## 1977

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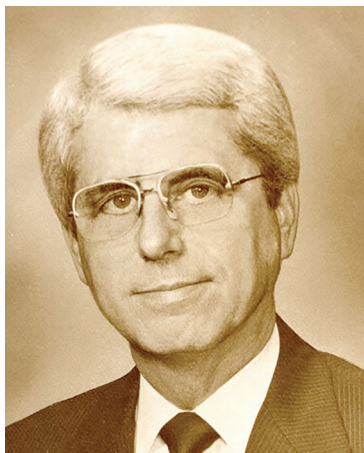
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## 1981

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## 1982

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Loss Control: Terence Butcher  
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## 1983

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## 1984

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Health Associates: Joe S. Cruise, J.  
Glen Linebarger  
Lay Activities / ASI: W. M. Abbott  
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Ministerial Associate:  
O. J. McKinney  
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## 1985

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Education Associates:  
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Health Associates: Joe S. Cruise, J.  
Glen Linebarger  
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Ministerial Associate:  
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## 1986

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Communication Assistant:  
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Education Associates:  
Norwida Marshall, D. L. Weatherall  
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R. P. Peay  
Health Associates: Joe S. Cruise, J.

Glen Linebarger  
Lay Activities: W. M. Abbott  
Ministerial: H. E. Metcalf  
Ministerial Associate:  
O. J. McKinney  
Publishing: G. S. Culpepper  
Publishing Associates: W. E. Miller,  
T. R. Smith  
Religious Liberty / Sabbath School:  
Fernon Retzer  
Stewardship: O. J. McKinney

## 1987

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Murray Joiner, O. J. McKinney, Allan  
Williamson  
Communication: G. A. Powell  
Communication Associate:  
Gary L. Ivey  
Education: D. K. Griffith  
Education Associates:  
Norwida Marshall, D. L. Weatherall  
Health / Temperance: R. P. Peay  
Health Associates: Joe S. Cruise, J.  
Glen Linebarger  
Ministerial: O. J. McKinney  
Public Affairs and Religious Liberty:  
Lewis A. Stout  
Publishing: G. S. Culpepper  
Publishing Associates: G. R. Bietz,  
T. R. Smith

## 1988

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Williamson  
Communication: G. A. Powell  
Communication Associate:  
Gary L. Ivey  
Communication Assistant:  
Olson Perry  
Education: James Epperson  
Education Associates:  
Norwida Marshall, D. L. Weatherall  
Health / Temperance: R. P. Peay  
Health Associates: Joe S. Cruise, J.  
Glen Linebarger  
Ministerial: O. J. McKinney  
Public Affairs and Religious Liberty:  
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Publishing: Bill Beckworth  
Publishing Associates: G. R. Bietz,  
T. R. Smith

## 1989

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Church Ministries: W. M. Abbott  
Church Ministries Associates:  
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Williamson  
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Communication Associate:

Martin Butler  
Communication Assistant:  
Olson Perry  
Education: James Epperson  
Education Associates:  
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Glen Linebarger  
Health Assistant: Harold W. Moody  
Ministerial: O. J. McKinney  
Public Affairs and Religious Liberty:  
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## 1990

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Communication Associates: Martin  
Butler, Olson Perry  
Education: James Epperson  
Education Associates:  
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Health Associates: Joe S. Cruise, J.  
Glen Linebarger  
Health Assistant: Harold W. Moody  
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## 1991

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Church Ministries: W. M. Abbott  
Church Ministries Associates:  
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Williamson  
Communication: G. A. Powell  
Communication Associates: Martin  
Butler, Olson Perry  
Education: James Epperson  
Education Associates:  
Norwida Marshall, D. L. Weatherall  
Health / Temperance: Dennis Ross  
Health Associates: Joe S. Cruise, J.  
Glen Linebarger  
Health Assistant: Harold W. Moody  
Ministerial: O. J. McKinney  
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Publishing: Bill Beckworth  
Publishing Associates: G. R. Bietz,  
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## 1992

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Church Ministries Associates:  
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Communication Associates:  
Martin Butler, Olson Perry  
Education: James Epperson  
Education Associates:  
Norwida Marshall, D. L. Weatherall  
Health: \_\_\_\_  
Health Associates: Joe S. Cruise, J. Glen Linebarger  
Health Assistant:  
Robert Addison, Harold W. Moody, Charsetta Shelton  
Ministerial: O. J. McKinney  
Public Affairs and Religious Liberty:  
Lewis A. Stout  
Publishing: Bill Beckworth  
Publishing Associates: G. R. Bietz, T. R. Smith  
Temperance: Allan Williamson

## 1993

President: Malcolm D. Gordon  
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*Department Secretaries:*  
Church Ministries: W. M. Abbott  
Church Ministries Associates:  
O. J. McKinney, Allan Williamson  
Communication:  
Martin Butler (Marketing), Olson

Perry (Publications)  
Education: James Epperson  
Education Associates:  
Norwida Marshall, D. L. Weatherall  
Health and Temperance:  
Allan Williamson  
Medical: Maurice Abbott  
Medical Associates: Joe S. Cruise, J. Glen Linebarger  
Medical Assistant:  
Robert Addison, Harold W. Moody, Charsetta Shelton  
Ministerial: O. J. McKinney  
Public Affairs and Religious Liberty:  
Lewis A. Stout  
Publishing: Bill Beckworth  
Publishing Associates: G. R. Bietz, T. R. Smith

## 1994

President: Malcolm D. Gordon  
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*Department Secretaries:*  
Church Ministries: W. M. Abbott  
Church Ministries Associates: O. J. McKinney, Allan Williamson  
Communication:  
Martin Butler (Marketing), Olson Perry (Publications)  
Education: James Epperson  
Education Associates:  
Norwida Marshall, D. L. Weatherall  
Health and Temperance:  
Allan Williamson  
Medical: Maurice Abbott  
Medical Associates: Joe S. Cruise, J. Glen Linebarger  
Medical Assistant: Robert Addison, Harold W. Moody  
Ministerial: O. J. McKinney

Public Affairs and Religious Liberty:  
Lewis A. Stout  
Publishing: Bill Beckworth  
Publishing Associates: G. R. Bietz,  
T. R. Smith

## 1995

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*Department Secretaries:*  
Church Ministries: W. M. Abbott  
Church Ministries Associates: O. J.  
McKinney, Allan Williamson  
Communication: Martin Butler  
(Marketing), Olson Perry (Publica-  
tions)  
Education: James Epperson  
Education Associates: Norwida  
Marshall, D. L. Weatherall  
Health and Temperance: Allan  
Williamson  
Medical: Maurice Abbott  
Medical Associates: Joe S. Cruise, J.  
Glen Linebarger  
Medical Assistant: Robert Addison,  
Harold W. Moody  
Ministerial: O. J. McKinney  
Public Affairs and Religious Liberty:  
Lewis A. Stout  
Publishing: Bill Beckworth  
Publishing Associates: G. R. Bietz,  
T. R. Smith

## 1996

President: Malcolm D. Gordon  
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*Department Secretaries:*

Church Ministries: W. M. Abbott  
Church Ministries Associates: O. J.  
McKinney, Allan Williamson  
Communication:  
Martin Butler (Marketing), Olson  
Perry (Publications)  
Education: James Epperson  
Education Associates:  
Norwida Marshall, D. L. Weatherall  
Health and Temperance:  
Allan Williamson  
Medical: Maurice Abbott  
Medical Associates: Joe S. Cruise, J.  
Glen Linebarger  
Medical Assistant: Robert Addison,  
Harold W. Moody  
Ministerial: O. J. McKinney  
Public Affairs and Religious Liberty:  
Lewis A. Stout  
Publishing: Bill Beckworth  
Publishing Associates: G. R. Bietz,  
T. R. Smith  
Women's Ministries:  
Evelyn VandeVere  
Women's Ministries Advisor:  
Hazel Marie Gordon

## 1997

President: Malcolm D. Gordon  
Secretary: Ward D. Sumpter  
Treasurer: Richard P. Center  
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*Department Secretaries:*  
Church Ministries: W. M. Abbott  
Church Ministries Associates: O. J.  
McKinney, Allan Williamson  
Communication:  
Martin Butler (Marketing), Olson  
Perry (Publications)  
Education: James Epperson  
Education Associates:  
Norwida Marshall, D. L. Weatherall

Health and Temperance:  
Allan Williamson  
Medical: Maurice Abbott  
Medical Associates:  
Robert Addison, Harold W. Moody  
Ministerial: O. J. McKinney  
Public Affairs and Religious Liberty:  
Lewis A. Stout  
Publishing: Bill Beckworth  
Publishing Associates: G. R. Bietz,  
T. R. Smith  
Women's Ministries:  
Evelyn VandeVere  
Women's Ministries Advisor:  
Hazel Marie Gordon

## 1998

President: Malcolm D. Gordon  
Secretary: Ward D. Sumpter  
Treasurer: Richard P. Center  
Undertreasurer: Lee Beers  
*Department Secretaries:*  
Church Ministries: W. M. Abbott  
Church Ministries Associates:  
O. J. McKinney, Allan Williamson  
Communication:  
Martin Butler (Marketing), Olson  
Perry (Publications)  
Education: James Epperson  
Education Associates:  
Gerald Kovalski, Norwida Marshall,  
D. L. Weatherall  
Health and Temperance:  
Allan Williamson  
Medical: Maurice Abbott  
Medical Associates:  
Robert Addison, Harold W. Moody  
Ministerial: O. J. McKinney  
Public Affairs and Religious Liberty:  
Nathaniel Higgs  
Publishing: Bill Beckworth  
Publishing Associates: G. R. Bietz,

T. R. Smith  
Women's Ministries:  
Evelyn VandeVere  
Women's Ministries Advisor:  
Hazel Marie Gordon

## 1999

President: Malcolm D. Gordon  
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Treasurer: Richard P. Center  
Undertreasurer: Lee Beers  
Department Secretaries:  
Communication:  
Martin Butler (Marketing), Olson  
Perry (Publications)  
Education: James Epperson  
Education Associates: Conrad C.  
Gill, Gerald Kovalski, Rita Roark  
Green, Norwida Marshall  
Health and Temperance:  
Allan Williamson  
Medical: Maurice Abbott  
Medical Associates:  
Robert Addison, Harold W. Moody  
Ministerial: O. J. McKinney  
Personal Ministries: W. M. Abbott  
Personal Ministries Associates:  
O. J. McKinney, Allan Williamson  
Public Affairs and Religious Liberty:  
Nathaniel Higgs  
PARL Assistant: Amireh Al-Haddad  
Publishing: Bill Beckworth  
Publishing Associate: T. R. Smith  
Women's Ministries: Ann Pendleton  
Women's Ministries Advisor:  
Hazel Marie Gordon

## 2000

President: Malcolm D. Gordon  
Secretary: Ward D. Sumpter  
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Undertreasurer: Lee Beers

*Departments:*

Church Ministries / Stewardship: O. J. McKinney

Communication:

Martin Butler (Marketing), Olson Perry (Publications)

Education: Gerald Kovalski

Education Associates:

Debra Fryson, Conrad Gill, Norwida Marshall

Family Ministries and Youth:

Allan Williamson

Public Affairs and Religious Liberty:

Nathaniel Higgs

PARL Assistant: Amireh Al-Haddad

Publishing: Bill Beckworth

Publishing Associate: Robert Smith

Sabbath School / Personal Ministries:

Maurice Abbott

Trust Services: Chris Hankins

Women's Ministries: Ann Pendleton

WM Advisor / Shepherdess:

Hazel Marie Gordon

*Services:*

ASI / Community Services:

W. Maurice Abbott

Church Growth: Ron Halvorsen

Computer Services:

Quentin Schander

Computer Services Associate:

Melvin Frank, David Sydnor

Inner City: Ward D. Sumpter

Medical-Dental Services: W. Maurice Abbott

Medical Secretary:

Harold W. Moody

Dental Secretary:

Robert W. Addison

NSO Area Representative / Civilian

Chaplain: Lester Rilea

Southern Union Special Services: O.

L. Heinrich

## 2001

President: Malcolm D. Gordon

Secretary: Ward D. Sumpter

Treasurer: Richard P. Center

Undertreasurer: Lee Beers

*Departments:*

Church Ministries / Stewardship:

Oliver. J. McKinney

Communication:

Martin Butler (Marketing), Olson

Perry (Publications)

Education: Gerald Kovalski

Education Associates:

Debra Fryson, Conrad Gill, Norwida Marshall

Family Ministries and Youth:

Allan Williamson

Public Affairs and Religious Liberty:

Nathaniel Higgs

PARL Assistant: Amireh Al-Haddad

Publishing: Bill Beckworth

Publishing Associate: Robert Smith

Sabbath School / Personal Ministries:

Maurice Abbott

Trust Services: Chris Hankins

Women's Ministries: Ann Pendleton

WM Advisor / Shepherdess:

Hazel Marie Gordon

*Services:*

ASI / Community Services:

W. Maurice Abbott

Church Growth: Ron Halvorsen

Computer Services:

Quentin Schander

Computer Services Associate:

David Sydnor

Medical-Dental Services:

W. Maurice Abbott

Medical Secretary:

Harold W. Moody

Dental Secretary:

Robert W. Addison

NSO Area Representative / Civilian  
Chaplain: Lester Rilea  
Southern Union Special Services: O.  
L. Heinrich

## 2002

President: Malcolm D. Gordon  
Secretary: Ward D. Sumpter  
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### *Departments:*

Church Ministries / Stewardship:  
Oliver. J. McKinney

### Communication:

Martin Butler (Marketing), Olson  
Perry (Publications), Ron Quick  
(Photography / Videography)

Education: Gerald N. Kovalski

### Education Associates:

Debra Fryson, Conrad Gill, Tamara  
Lopez Gregg

### Health Ministries / Youth:

Allan Williamson

### Public Affairs and Religious Liberty:

Nathaniel Higgs

PARL Assistant: Amireh Al-Haddad

Publishing: Bill Beckworth

Publishing Associate: Peter

DeVries, Robert Smith

### Sabbath School / Personal Ministries:

Allan R. Williamson

SS / PM Associate: Jorge Mayer

Trust Services: Tom Kapusta

Women's Ministries: Ann Pendleton

WM Advisor / Shepherdess:

Hazel Marie Gordon

### Services:

ASI: Allan R. Williamson

Church Growth: Ron Halvorsen

Computer Services:

Quentin Schander

Computer Services Associate:

Rick Dickerson

Hispanic Coordinator:

Jorge R. Mayer

Medical-Dental Services:

Allan R. Williamson

Native American Ministries:

Fred L. Rogers

NSO Area Representative / Civilian

Chaplain: Lester Rilea

Southern Union Special Services:

O. L. Heinrich

## 2003

President: Malcolm D. Gordon

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Church Ministries / Stewardship:

Oliver. J. McKinney

### Communication:

Martin Butler (Marketing), Olson

Perry (Publications), Ron Quick

(Photography / Videography)

Communication Assistant:

Sheila Elwin

Education: Conrad Gill

Education Associates:

Debra Fryson, Tamara Lopez Gregg

Health Ministries / Youth:

Allan Williamson

Public Affairs and Religious Liberty:

Nathaniel Higgs

PARL Associate:

Amireh Al-Haddad

Publishing: Bill Beckworth

Publishing Associate: Peter

DeVries, Robert Smith

Sabbath School / Personal Minis-

tries: Allan R. Williamson

SS / PM Associate: Jorge Mayer  
 Trust Services: Tom Kapusta  
 Women's Ministries: Ann Pendleton  
 Women's Ministries Advisor:  
 Hazel Marie Gordon  
*Services:*  
 ASI: Allan R. Williamson  
 Church Growth: Ron Halvorsen  
 Computer Services:  
 Quentin Schander  
 Computer Services Associate:  
 Rick Dickerson  
 Evangelism: Dennis Ross  
 Hispanic Coordinator:  
 Jorge R. Mayer  
 Human Resources: Sherri Leland  
 Medical-Dental Services:  
 Allan R. Williamson  
 Native American Ministries:  
 Fred L. Rogers  
 NSO Area Representative / Civilian  
 Chaplain: Lester Rilea  
 Shepherdess International:  
 Hazel Marie Gordon

## 2004

President: Gordon L. Retzer



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*Departments:*  
 Church Ministries / Stewardship:  
 Oliver. J. McKinney  
 Communication: Olson Perry, Ron  
 Quick (Photography / Videography)  
 Communication Assistant:  
 Sheila Elwin  
 Education: Conrad Gill  
 Education Associates:  
 Debra Fryson, James Ingersoll,  
 Tamara Lopez Libonati  
 Family Ministries / Health Ministries /  
 Sabbath School / Personal Minis-  
 tries / Youth: Allan Williamson  
 Public Affairs and Religious Liberty:  
 Nathaniel Higgs  
 PARL Associate:  
 Amireh Al-Haddad  
 Publishing: Bill Beckworth  
 Publishing Associate:  
 Robert T. Smith  
 Trust Services: Tom Kapusta  
 Women's Ministries: Laura Smith  
 Women's Ministries Advisor:  
 Cheryl Retzer  
*Ministries and Services:*  
 ASI: Allen Williamson  
 Church Growth: Ron Halvorsen  
 Computer Services:  
 Quentin Schander  
 Computer Services Associate:  
 Rick Dickerson  
 Evangelism: Dennis Ross  
 Hispanic Coordinator:  
 Jorge R. Mayer  
 Human Resources: Sherri Leland  
 Medical-Dental Services:  
 Allan R. Williamson  
 Native American Ministries:

Fred L. Rogers  
NSO Area Representative / Civilian  
Chaplain: Lester Rilea  
Shepherdess International:  
Cheryl Retzer

## 2005

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Church Ministries / Stewardship:  
Oliver. J. McKinney  
Communication:  
Olson Perry, Ron Quick (Photography / Videography)  
Communication Assistant:  
Sheila Elwin  
Education: Conrad Gill  
Education Associates:  
Debra Fryson, James Ingersoll,  
Tamara Lopez Libonati  
Family Ministries / Health Ministries / Sabbath School / Personal Ministries / Youth: Allan Williamson  
Public Affairs and Religious Liberty:  
Nathaniel Higgs  
PARL Associate:  
Amireh Al-Haddad  
Publishing: Bill Beckworth  
Publishing Associate:  
Robert T. Smith  
Trust Services: Tom Kapusta  
Women's Ministries: Laura Smith  
Women's Ministries Advisor:  
Cheryl Retzer  
*Ministries and Services:*  
ASI: Tom Kapusta  
Church Growth: Ralph Ringer  
Computer Services:

Quentin Schander  
Computer Services Associates:  
Rick Dickerson, Brian Halley  
Evangelism: Dennis Ross  
Hispanic Coordinator:  
Jorge R. Mayer  
Human Resources: Sherri Leland  
Medical-Dental Services:  
Allan R. Williamson  
Native American Ministries:  
Fred L. Rogers  
NSO Area Representative / Civilian  
Chaplain: Lester Rilea  
Shepherdess International:  
Cheryl Retzer

## 2006

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Association/ Southern Union Revolving Fund: Carlos Salazar  
*Departments:*  
Church Ministries / Stewardship:  
Oliver. J. McKinney  
Communication:  
Olson Perry, Ron Quick (Photography / Videography)  
Education: Conrad Gill  
Education Associates:  
Debra Fryson, James Ingersoll,  
Tamara Lopez Libonati  
Family Ministries / Health Ministries / Sabbath School / Personal Ministries / Youth: Allan Williamson  
Public Affairs and Religious Liberty:  
Nathaniel Higgs  
PARL Associate:  
Amireh Al-Haddad  
Publishing Ministries: Bill Beckworth



Publishing Associate:  
Robert T. Smith  
Trust Services: Tom Kapusta  
Women's Ministries: Laura Smith  
Women's Ministries Advisor:  
Cheryl Retzer  
Ministries and Services:  
ASI: Tom Kapusta  
Church Growth: Ralph Ringer  
Computer Services:  
Quentin Schander  
Computer Services Associates:  
Rick Dickerson, Brian Halley  
Evangelism: Dennis Ross  
Hispanic Coordinator:  
Jorge R. Mayer  
Human Resources: Diana Gunter  
Medical-Dental Services:  
Allan R. Williamson  
Native American Ministries:  
Fred L. Rogers  
NSO Area Representative / Civilian  
Chaplain: Lester Rilea  
Shepherdess International:  
Cheryl Retzer

## 2007

President: Gordon L. Retzer  
Secretary (Interim):  
Ward D. Sumpter  
Treasurer: G. Thomas Evans  
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volving Fund: Carlos Salazar  
*Departments:*  
Church Ministries / Stewardship:  
Oliver. J. McKinney  
Communication:  
Ron Quick (Interim)  
Education: Conrad L. Gill  
Education Associates:

James Ingersoll, Tamara Lopez  
Libonati, Diane Ruff  
Family Ministries / Health Ministries /  
Sabbath School / Personal Minis-  
tries / Youth: Allan Williamson  
Public Affairs and Religious Liberty:  
Amireh Al-Haddad  
Publishing Ministries: Bill Beckworth  
Publishing Associate: William Smith  
Trust Services: \_\_\_\_  
Women's Ministries: Laura Smith  
Women's Ministries Advisor:  
Cheryl Retzer  
*Ministries and Services:*  
ASI: \_\_\_\_  
Church Growth: Ralph Ringer  
Computer Services:  
Quentin Schander  
Computer Services Associates:  
Rick Dickerson, Brian Halley  
Evangelism / Ministerial:  
Dennis Ross  
Hispanic Coordinator:  
Jorge R. Mayer  
Human Resources: Diana Gunter  
Medical-Dental Services:  
Allan R. Williamson  
Native American Ministries:  
Fred L. Rogers  
NSO Area Representative / Civilian  
Chaplain: Lester Rilea  
Prayer Ministry:  
Oliver J. McKinney Jr.  
Shepherdess International:  
Cheryl Retzer

## 2008

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volving Fund: Carlos Salazar  
*Departments:*  
Church Ministries / Stewardship:  
Oliver. J. McKinney  
Communication:  
R. Steven Norman III  
Education: Conrad L. Gill  
Education Associates:  
James Ingersoll, Tamara Lopez  
Libonati, V. Diane Ruff  
Family Ministries / Health Ministries /  
Sabbath School / Personal Minis-  
tries / Youth: Allan Williamson  
Public Affairs and Religious Liberty:  
Amireh Al-Haddad  
PARL Associate: Kevin James  
Publishing Ministries: Bill Beckworth  
Publishing Associate: William Smith  
Women's Ministries: Laura Smith  
Women's Ministries Advisor:  
Cheryl Retzer  
*Ministries and Services:*  
ASI: Oliver J. McKinney Jr.  
Church Growth: Ralph Ringer  
Communication Videography and  
Photography: Ron Quick  
Computer Services:  
Dennis S. Millburn (Interim)  
Computer Services Associates:  
Rick Dickerson, Brian Halley  
Evangelism / Ministerial:  
Dennis Ross  
Hispanic Coordinator:  
Jorge R. Mayer  
Human Resources: Diana Gunter  
Medical-Dental Services:  
Allan R. Williamson  
Native American Ministries:  
Fred L. Rogers  
NSO Area Representative / Civilian  
Chaplain: Lester Rilea

Prayer Ministry:  
Oliver J. McKinney Jr.  
Shepherdess International:  
Cheryl Retzer  
Trust Services: Jose LeGrand

## 2009

President: Gordon L. Retzer  
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volving Fund: Carlos Salazar  
*Departments:*  
Church Ministries / Stewardship:  
Oliver. J. McKinney  
Communication:  
R. Steven Norman III  
Education: Conrad L. Gill  
Education Associates: James  
Ingersoll, Tamara Lopez Libonati,  
V. Diane Ruff  
Family Ministries / Health Ministries /  
Sabbath School / Personal Minis-  
tries / Youth: Allan Williamson  
Public Affairs and Religious Liberty:  
Amireh Al-Haddad  
PARL Associate: Kevin James  
Publishing Ministries: Bill Beckworth  
Publishing Associate: William Smith  
Women's Ministries: Laura Smith  
Women's Ministries Advisor:  
Cheryl Retzer  
*Ministries and Services:*  
ASI: Oliver J. McKinney Jr.  
Church Growth: Ralph Ringer  
Communication Videography and  
Photography: Ron Quick  
Computer Services:  
Dennis S. Millburn (Interim)

Computer Services Associates:  
Rick Dickerson, Brian Halley  
Evangelism / Ministerial:  
Dennis Ross  
Hispanic Coordinator:  
Jorge R. Mayer  
Human Resources: Diana Gunter  
Medical-Dental Services:  
Allan R. Williamson  
Native American Ministries:  
Fred L. Rogers  
NSO Area Representative / Civilian  
Chaplain: Lester Rilea  
Prayer Ministry:  
Oliver J. McKinney Jr.  
Shepherdess International:  
Cheryl Retzer  
Trust Services: Jose LeGrand

## 2010

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Secretary: Ron C. Smith  
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volving Fund: Carlos Salazar  
*Departments:*  
Church Ministries / Stewardship:  
Oliver J. McKinney  
Communication:  
R. Steven Norman III  
Education: Conrad L. Gill  
Education Associates: James  
Ingersoll, Tamara Lopez Libonati,  
V. Diane Ruff  
Family Ministries / Health Ministries  
/ Sabbath School / Personal Minis-  
tries / Youth: Allan Williamson  
Public Affairs and Religious Liberty:  
Amireh Al-Haddad

PARL Associate: Kevin James  
Publishing Ministries: Bill Beckworth  
Publishing Associate: William Smith  
Women's Ministries: Laura J. Smith  
Women's Ministries Advisor:  
Cheryl Retzer  
*Ministries and Services:*  
ASL: Oliver J. McKinney Jr.  
Church Growth: Ralph Ringer  
Communication Videography and  
Photography: Ron Quick  
Evangelism / Ministerial:  
Dennis Ross  
Hispanic Coordinator:  
Jorge R. Mayer  
Human Resources: Diana Gunter  
Information Services: Todd Mace  
Information Services Associate:  
Richard Stephenson  
Medical-Dental Services:  
Allan R. Williamson  
Native American Ministries:  
Fred L. Rogers  
NSO Area Representative / Civilian  
Chaplain: Lester Rilea  
Prayer Ministry:  
Oliver J. McKinney Jr.  
Shepherdess International:  
Cheryl Retzer  
Trust Services: G. Tom Carter

## 2011

President: Gordon L. Retzer  
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Associate Treasurer: Merkita Wil-  
liams-Mosley  
Association/ Southern Union Re-  
volving Fund: Carlos Salazar  
*Departments:*  
Church Ministries / Stewardship:

Oliver J. McKinney  
 Communication:  
 R. Steven Norman III  
 Education: Debra Fryson  
 Education Associates:  
 James Ingersoll, Tamara Lopez  
 Libonati, V. Diane Ruff  
 Family Ministries / Health Ministries /  
 Sabbath School / Personal Minis-  
 tries / Youth: Allan Williamson  
 Public Affairs and Religious Liberty:  
 Amireh Al-Haddad  
 PARL Associate: Kevin James  
 Publishing Ministries: William Smith  
 Publishing Associate: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Women's Ministries: Laura J. Smith  
 Women's Ministries Advisor:  
 Cheryl Retzer  
*Ministries and Services:*  
 ASI: Oliver J. McKinney Jr.  
 Church Growth: Ralph Ringer  
 Communication Videography and  
 Photography: Ron Quick  
 Evangelism / Ministerial:  
 Dennis Ross  
 Hispanic Coordinator:  
 Jorge R. Mayer  
 Human Resources: Diana Gunter  
 Information Services: Todd Mace  
 Information Services Associate:  
 Richard Stephenson  
 Medical-Dental Services:  
 Allan R. Williamson  
 Native American Ministries:  
 Fred L. Rogers  
 NSO Area Representative / Civilian  
 Chaplain: Lester Rilea  
 Prayer Ministry:  
 Oliver J. McKinney Jr.  
 Shepherdess International:  
 Cheryl Retzer  
 Trust Services and Planned Giving:  
 G. Tom Carter

## 2012

President: Ron C. Smith



Secretary: James R. Davidson  
 Treasurer: Randy Robinson  
 Undertreasurer: Dennis S. Millburn  
 Association/ Southern Union Re-  
 volving Fund: Carlos Salazar  
*Departments:*  
 Church Ministries / Stewardship  
 Ministries: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Communication:  
 R. Steven Norman III  
 Education: Debra Fryson  
 Education Associates: W. Eugene  
 Brewer, James Ingersoll, Tamara  
 Lopez Libonati, V. Diane Ruff  
 Family Ministries / Health Ministries  
 / Sabbath School / Personal Minis-  
 tries / Youth Ministries:  
 Allan Williamson  
 Public Affairs and Religious Liberty:  
 Amireh Al-Haddad  
 PARL Associate: Kevin James  
 Publishing Ministries: William Smith  
 Publishing Associate: Keith Reid  
 Women's Ministries: Laura J. Smith

Women's Ministries Advisor:  
Yolanda D. Smith  
*Ministries and Services:*  
ASI: \_\_\_\_\_  
Church Growth: Ralph Ringer  
Evangelism / Ministerial:  
Dennis Ross  
Hispanic Ministries: Jorge R. Mayer  
Human Resources: Diana Gunter  
Information Services: Todd Mace  
Information Services Associate:  
Richard Stephenson  
Medical-Dental Services:  
Allan R. Williamson  
Native American Ministries:  
Fred L. Rogers  
NSO Area Representative / Civilian  
Chaplain: Lester Rilea  
Prayer Ministry:  
Shepherdess International:  
Yolanda D. Smith  
Trust Services and Planned Giving:  
G. Tom Carter

## 2013

President: Ron C. Smith  
Secretary: James R. Davidson  
Treasurer: Randy Robinson  
Undertreasurer: Dennis S. Millburn  
Association/ Southern Union Re-  
volving Fund: Carlos Salazar  
*Departments:*  
Church Ministries / Stewardship  
Ministries: Ken Rogers  
Communication:  
R. Steven Norman III  
Education: Debra Fryson  
Education Associates: W. Eugene  
Brewer, James Ingersoll, Tamara  
Lopez Libonati, V. Diane Ruff  
Family Ministries: Ron C. Smith  
Health Ministries / Sabbath School /

Personal Ministries / Stewardship  
Ministries: David Long  
Public Affairs and Religious Liberty:  
Amireh Al-Haddad  
PARL Associate: Kevin James  
Publishing Ministries: William Smith  
Publishing Associate: Keith Reid  
Women's Ministries: Laura J. Smith  
Women's Ministries Advisor:  
Yolanda D. Smith  
Women's Ministries Associate Advi-  
sor: Bonnie Davidson  
*Ministries and Services:*  
ASI: Dennis S. Millburn  
Church Growth: Ralph Ringer  
Evangelism / Ministerial:  
Roger Hernandez  
Hispanic Ministries: Jorge R. Mayer  
Human Resources: Diana Gunter  
Information Services: Todd Mace  
Information Services Associate:  
Richard Stephenson  
Medical-Dental Services:  
James R. Davidson  
Ministerial Spouses Association:  
Yolanda D. Smith  
MSA Associate: Bonnie Davidson  
Native American Ministries:  
Robert Burnette  
NSO Area Representative / Civilian  
Chaplain: Arthur M. Slagle  
Prayer Ministry: David Long  
Trust Services and Planned Giving:  
G. Tom Carter  
Young Adult Ministries: Ken Rogers

## 2014

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“Many who are now dwelling in the shadow of sin and death, as they see in God’s faithful servants a reflection of the Light of the world, will realize that they have a hope of salvation, and they will open their hearts to receive the healing beams, and will in turn become light bearers to others yet in darkness.”

- Ellen G. White

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