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Advent House is the campus ministry center for Adventist students at UTK



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**Advent House Spring Semester Retreat, January 24-25**— This year the retreat took place at the home of Dick and Doris Denney and featured community building activities, a dessert social with church members and the history of the Advent House told by Harold Duckett.

Twenty or so church members and students gathered together in the Denney's living room to hear the story of the ministry's beginnings. "How many of you are 25?" Harold began, "and how many of you college students think that you could start something like Advent House?"

Evidently both he and his wife Beverly were

in their mid-twenties and, according to Harold, had little money in the beginning.

"Don't think that you aren't able to do something like this. You can! All you need to do is try."

Throughout his talk, Harold emphasized the need to continue moving forward even though a situation may seem insurmountable; especially when attempting something that hasn't quite been done before.

Harold then shared how back then many college students would walk from campus to the Duckett's downtown business for weekly fellowship and Bible study. After some time, Harold began thinking that students should have a place on campus to gather instead of walking the city late at night.

Through his connections at the University, he and Beverly learned of a house owned by a former English professor who had passed away. The location of the house was perfect; as it

was in the center of campus.

Harold testified to the miracles that continually occurred during their faith journey in purchasing the Terrace Avenue property. God always seemed to provide just at the nick of time! They received assistance from both the local church and the conference and were able to pay off the mortgage, never missing one single payment.

Brandon Cathey, an Advent House resident and Physics PhD student at UT, commented that this was his favorite part of the retreat and that he especially appreciated listening to the story of how Advent House came to be.

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*Many alumni have been instrumental in supporting this ministry. Whether it has been through the contribution of their time, energy and resources to improve and maintain the ministry's property; by recruiting and mentoring students, or spending significant time in prayer. To all of you, we want to thank you and pray that God continues to bless your efforts!*

