July 2012

Did you miss The Gathering or just want to revisit the experience? Visit the conference website at www.ccosda.org for links to view photos and video as well as listen to John McVay’s weeknight presentations and John Nixon’s Sabbath sermons. Facebook fans can view and download photos and get conference news at www.Facebook.com/chesapeakeconference. Camp meeting attendance swelled and featured some exciting new events and favorite activities. Special thanks goes to Adventist HealthCare for providing two health experts to conduct body composition and osteoporosis screenings. Here are some highlights:
~ 52 people received health screenings
~ 112 women attended the Women’s Ministry breakfast
~ $16K was raised for Evangelism
~ 192 hot dogs were given away at the Disaster Response trailer
~ Young Adults outgrew their meeting space
~ Sabbath worship was streamed live from the gym to the campus church
~ 42 volunteers distributed more than 500 copies of The Great Hope sharing book to area residents

Save the date, and plan now to attend the 2013 camp meeting, June 11-15. Headlining camp meeting next year is sought after speaker Derek Morris, editor of Ministry magazine at the General Conference. Watch Currents, or visit ccosda.org, for updates and lodging details.

Want to be a Prayer Warrior? Elder Ron Halvorsen, evangelist and prayer revivalist, shares how in his “Prayer Warrior” series at the Middletown Valley church, July 13-15. The seminars are scheduled for July 13 at 7 p.m., July 14 at 11 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., and July 15 at 7 p.m. The church is located at 1811 Arnold Road in Jefferson, Maryland. Register before July 12 by calling (240) 415-8268, or email mvsdaevents@gmail.com.

Women—register now for the “Mind, Body, Soul” conference-wide women’s retreat. Prices increase $20 on August 1. The 2012 retreat will be held at the beautiful Rock Gap Resort in western Maryland. Heather Quintana, editor of Vibrant Life, America’s oldest health magazine, is the keynote speaker for the English-language meetings. Susana Schulz, managing editor of Dialogue magazine, a publication of the General Conference Office of Education, is the featured speaker for the Spanish-language sessions. Shulz was the South American Division’s first Women’s Ministry director. Women are encouraged to spend a weekend away from daily responsibilities to commune with nature, renew their connection with God and enjoy friendship. Register online at ccosda.org. Have
August 19 is registration day at Highland View Academy. For more information, contact Renee Williams by phone at (301) 739-8480, by email at rwilliams@highlandviewacademy.com, or visit the school website at hva-edu.com.

“Crisis Care” and “Community Development and Urban Ministry” are specialty tracks offered at the REACH OUT SYMPOSIUM sponsored by the North American Division, September 8-9, at the Chesapeake Conference office located at 6600 Martin Road in Columbia, Maryland. Learn how to spread the gospel using a hands-on approach. Steve Willsey, Spencerville pastor emeritus, teaches the crisis care track. Sung Kwon, NAD Adventist Community Services director and also a Spencerville member, provides instruction for community development and urban ministry. The modest $30 registration fee covers materials and lunch each day. Register by August 28 by contacting Evelyn Gates at (410) 995-1910, or email egates@ccosda.org. Don’t miss this practical training opportunity.

“Thou Art the Man” is the theme for the 2012 Maryland Men of Faith Conference, October 6, at Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland. Last year, more than 175 men (25 of them youth) came together to grow spiritually and encourage each other. Justin Kim, director of Public Campus Ministries for the Michigan Conference will explore the topics of accountability and responsibility through study of 2 Samuel 12:7. Seminars on addiction, end time events, spiritual health, a Christian home, and programming for youth (ages 14-19), round out the day. Get full details and register online at mmof.org.

Youth and Children’s Ministry leaders are invited to participate a weekend of training covering topics such as Pathfinder and Adventurer leadership, children’s Sabbath School, outreach and creative ministry ideas. Frank Bondurant, Columbia Union vice president for Ministries Development, is the featured speaker. The event takes place September 7-9 at Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland. New leaders and directors, especially, will benefit from this smorgasbord of workshops. For more information and to register, contact Ann Reynolds at (410) 995-1910, or email areynolds@ccosda.org.

Vacation Bible School programs are in full swing this summer. Consider donating your time and/or money to support this child evangelism endeavor in your church and community—or a church nearby if yours doesn’t host VBS. Volunteers of all ages and skill sets are needed to have a successful program. VBS leaders are encouraged to share stories, ideas, and photos with the conference Children’s Ministries department by emailing syoung@ccosda.org.

The Chesapeake Conference operates 15 schools including Spencerville Adventist Academy, a PreK-12 grade day school in Silver Spring, Maryland, and Highland View Academy a day/boarding high school in Hagerstown, Maryland. This year, a new satellite school for Pre-K and kindergarten debuts at the Dover First church in Delaware. All schools—elementary, junior academy, and high school—are accepting students for the 2012-2013 academic year. For registration dates, contact your local Adventist school, call the conference office at (410) 995-1910, or find links to schools at www.ccosda.org. Classes begin Monday, August 20. Following is a list of Chesapeake Conference schools:

Atholton Adventist Academy, Columbia, Md.
Baltimore White Marsh School, White Marsh, Md.
Crest Lane School, Westminster, Md.
Crossroads School, Ellicott City, Md.
Dover First Satellite, Dover, Del.
Eastern Shore Junior Academy, Sudlersville, Md.
Frederick School, Frederick, Md.
Friendship School, Linthicum, Md.
Highland View Academy, Hagerstown, Md.
Martin Barr School, Gambrills, Md.
Mount Aetna Elementary School, Hagerstown, Md.
Rocky Knoll School, Martinsburg, W.Va.
Spencerville Adventist Academy, Silver Spring, Md.
Susquehanna School, Perryville, Md.
Wilmington Junior Academy, Wilmington, Del.

**A Summer/Fall Pathfinder Classoree** takes place September 21-23 at Mount Aetna Retreat Center. Pathfinders—Friend through Guide—can earn a variety honors (choose from 40 honors and class requirements offered) in First Aid and Safety, Nature Appreciation, Church Heritage, and Arts & Crafts in a single weekend by attending. For a class schedule, contact Ann Reynolds at (410) 995-1910 or email areynolds@ccosda.org.

At their June 6 meeting, the Chesapeake Conference Association Board reelected its officers—Rick Remmers, president; Charles Griffin, secretary; and Eduardo Muñoz, treasurer.

A special evangelism offering was collected June 16 at camp meeting and in local churches on Sabbath, June 23. The numbers for the June 23 offering are not in yet, but $16,000 in cash and pledges was raised at camp meeting (compared to just $1,800 last year). This offering enables the Conference to reach its territory through the use of media, Internet, literature, Bible workers, evangelistic meetings, church planting, and much more. Please prayerfully consider how you can help spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our mission field in these last days. If you’d like to contribute to Chesapeake Conference evangelism, you can mark a tithe envelope accordingly, or give online through your church’s website.

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