September 2014

Congratulations and good wishes are extended to:
~ Amudha and Joe Mullikan on the birth of their son Quinn late Tuesday, August 26. Baby Quinn weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces and measured 20.5 inches. Amudha teaches middle school math at Spencerville Adventist Academy. The couple also has a daughter Abby. The family attends Spencerville church in Silver Spring, Maryland.
~ E. Albert Reece, also a Spencerville church member, who was recently appointed honorary associate director of Health Ministries for the Seventh-day Adventist world church. Dr. Reece will consult for the department on chronic diseases, which he said consume nearly 80 percent of healthcare funds. Reece is a distinguished professor and dean of the University of Maryland School of Medicine.
~ Tyrone King, pastor of the Prince Frederick, Maryland, church as he embarks on new opportunities to serve the Lord. Best wishes and appreciation are offered to Pastor King and his wife Dianne for their ministry in the Chesapeake Conference.

The Northeast church has relocated to 1100 E. Northern Parkway in Baltimore, Maryland (Northside Baptist Church). Have a question? Call (410) 928-4223, or visit northeastadventist.com.

At 1,124 students, opening enrollment in Chesapeake Conference schools has increased over previous years. The conference operates 13 schools—nine in Maryland, two in Delaware (including the new school in Dover), and one in West Virginia. Please pray for students and staff as they embark on a new school year. Explore the benefits of an Adventist Education at adventisteducation.org.

Some 800 Chesapeake Conference Pathfinders and staff were among 46,000 who attended the Forever Faithful International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, last month. Twenty young people from Chesapeake Conference clubs were baptized during the camporee. View photos and video online at the conference’s Facebook page at facebook.com/chesapeakeconference.

Here is updated information about the Growing Dynamic Churches and SEEDs Church Planting Conference planned for September 12-14—Friday evening and Sabbath. The Chesapeake Conference is pleased to bring high-caliber presentations by innovative, seasoned ministry experts to leaders and lay members interested in seeing their church flourish...
and grow. You can make a difference in the effectiveness of your church! All fees have been waived, but registration is requested in order to plan for seating and materials. Bring food to share and join the Sabbath potluck luncheon. The training takes place at the Atholton church located at 6520 Martin Road in Columbia, Maryland. Can’t attend on Sabbath morning? Come in the afternoon and learn key ministry skills. Register and view the schedule at ccosda.org. Some seminars are offered in multiple time slots. Here’s a sneak peak at presentations:

~ Tom Evans, SEEDS Conference director for the NAD Evangelism Institute (NADEI), is an expert in using demographic data to spur church growth. He opens the conference on Friday evening and on Sabbath presents seminars and the closing message.

~ Dan Serns, senior pastor of the Richardson, Texas, church, speaks during the morning worship service. Serns has planted five churches in 14 years.

~ Seminars offered on Sabbath (see schedule online for times):
  - Hospitality Greeting Ministry That Keeps ‘Em Coming—Tim Madding, Ministerial director, Pennsylvania Conference
  - Small Groups for Big Results—Eli Rojas, Ministerial and Family Ministries director, Chesapeake Conference
  - Creative Prayer Ministries to Reach Your Community—Marla Ilona and Elizabeth Jaqrup, Prayer Ministries experts
  - #1 Growth Factor for Adventist Churches—Tom Evans, NAD SEEDS director
  - Marketing Your Church Events for Results—Celeste Ryan Blyden, Columbia Union vice president for Communication
  - Using Demographics to Grow Your Church—Tom Evans, NAD SEEDS director
  - Planting From a Mother Church—Dan Serns, seasoned church planter
  - Multi-ethnic Church Planting—Henoc Paulicin, Florida Conference field secretary
  - Leadership Traits of the Church Planter—Victor Jeager, church planting expert
  - Building a Church Plant Core Team—Steve Leddy, Chesapeake Conference church planter
  - Using Technology to Reach Non-Members and Members—Chip Dizard, technology expert, Chesapeake member
  - How to Do Successful Evangelistic Meetings—Bill McClendon, Chesapeake Conference pastor and church growth expert

The General Conference sponsors a Fun & Fit Health Fair, Sunday, September 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Monday, September 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the headquarters building located at 12501 Old Columbia Pike in Silver Spring, Maryland. This free event has something for everyone, including special activities for students. Come enjoy an obstacle course, relays, health screenings by Adventist HealthCare, health and family resources, vegetarian cooking demonstrations and more. Visit adventist.org/healthfair for more details.

Happenings at Highland View Academy:
The campus is located at 10100 Academy Drive, Hagerstown, Maryland, 21042; Question? Contact Kim Brown at kbrown@highlandviewacademy.com

~ A dedication service for the Class of 2015 is planned for Friday, September 12, 7:30 p.m., on campus at the Highland View church.

~ Students will lead out in the 11 a.m. worship service on Sabbath, September 13.

~ The Music department is sponsoring a Music/Mission trip to Brazil, March 19-29, 2015. Students will share their musical talents in performances as well as do mission work. To sponsor a student or make a donation, contact Joseph Choi at (301) 739-8480, ext. 258.

Let’s Move Day is September 21. The North American Division sponsors the initiative with goals to get as many people as possible involved in physical activity on that day, create community awareness for childhood obesity, and motivate people to adopt an active lifestyle. Join an existing community event or consider what kind of event your church, school, university or hospital can sponsor and/or promote. Sign up to join the effort to reach a collective one million miles walked in one day! Learn more at adventistsinstepforlife.org.

Upcoming Youth Ministries Events:
For more information and to register, contact Ann Reynolds at (410) 995-1910, or emailareynolds@ccosda.org.

~ The Pathfinder Classoree takes place September 19-21 at Mount Aetna Retreat Center, 21905 Mount Aetna Road, in
Hagerstown, Maryland. Spiritual Discovery, First Aid, Cacti and Kites are among the more than 40 honors classes offered.

~ September 28 is Adventurer Family Fun Day at the National Zoo (a Smithsonian institution) in Washington, D.C.

Celebrate the grand opening of the Dover First Christian School in a special service to praise God for His abundant blessings, Friday, October 4, at 6 p.m., at the new school building adjacent to the Dover First church located at 847 Wyoming Avenue in Dover. For more information, email Pastor Phil Hamman at pah44@comcast.net, or call (302) 674-3680.

Join the Northeast church and evangelist Dudley Husin of the Jamaica Union Conference for the fall evangelistic series “Win Wellness,” September 19 through October 4 at 7 p.m. nightly—no meeting on Monday, September 22. The Northeast congregation meets at the Northside Baptist Church located at 1100 E. Northern Parkway in Baltimore, Maryland. For more information, visit www.northeastadventist.com, or call (410) 928-4223.

The Eastern Shore Gathering (a.k.a. Convocation) is planned for Sabbath, October 4, at Governors Hall at Sailwinds Park, 200 Byrn Street in Cambridge, Maryland. Speaker Bill Knott, editor and publisher of Adventist Review and Adventist World magazines, brings fresh insights about God’s incredible grace and love for His people. Conference ministerial director Eli Rojas teaches the adult Sabbath School lesson, and Highland View Academy's Highlanders choir performs Sabbath morning and afternoon. Programs for children and youth are planned and include a morning and afternoon boat trip for earliteens and youth. Those going on the boat trip must meet the morning bus by 10:15 or the afternoon bus by 1:30. Bring an entrée and side dish to share and participate in what may be the best potluck on the east coast. For more details, visit the conference website at ccosda.org.

A Fall Retreat for Single Adults is planned for October 10-12 at Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland. Featured weekend speaker Eli Rojas, conference ministerial and Family Ministries director, will explore the book of Romans. Get the details at ccosda.org, phone Fred Thomas at (410) 992-9731, or email fmthomas1950@yahoo.com.

“Grow-Reach-Thrive” is the theme for the annual conference-wide women’s retreat. The 2014 retreat is an abbreviated version of the usual weekend getaway to enable women to use their funds this year to attend the NAD Women’s Convention in Orlando, Florida.

~ Chesapeake Conference’s retreat begins with an evening concert that is open to everyone (not just women) at Spencerville church on Friday, October 17. Among the concert musicians are Highland View Academy’s Highlanders Choir, and Spencerville Adventist Academy’s orchestra, high school choir and bell choir. Although there is no charge for the concert, a free will offering will be collected.

~ Women and teen girls age 15 and up are invited to register for the Sabbath event planned exclusively for them. Worship services and seminars in both English and Spanish languages will take place on Sabbath, October 18, at Spencerville Adventist Academy. Raquel Arrais, associate Women’s Ministries director for the Seventh-day Adventist world church, is the speaker for both English and Spanish tracks. Seminar presenters include Shirley Benton, Heather Quintana, Susana Schulz, Maria DiFranscico, Janet Lutz and Evelyn Sullivan.

~ A seminar track just for teens will be offered (in English) this year.

The $35 registration fee covers lunch and materials. Space is limited, so register soon! See new details and register online at ccosda.org. Questions? Call (410) 995-1910, or email jstefan@ccosda.org.

Those who are making hats for cancer patients to be distributed at the NAD Women’s Convention need to have them at the conference office by Monday, September 8. Sincere appreciation is extended to those who are participating in this worthy project. Donations of manicure items to be used during the convention for the God in Shoes outreach project also need to be at the conference office by September 8. Help brighten the day for women experiencing challenging circumstances.

Register now for the 2014 Maryland Men of Faith (MMOF) Conference, themed, “What Will it Profit a Man?” planned for Sabbath, October 4, at Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland. Jerry Page, Ministerial Association secretary for the Seventh-day Adventist world church, is the keynote speaker. Afternoon seminar topics include health, devotional life, marriage, overcoming addictions, integrity, family life, end-time events, leadership, and a Christian dating seminar for youth. Visit the MMOF website at mmofo.org to learn more and register to attend.
Save the Date! The Generation Rain High School Spiritual Retreat takes place February 27-March 1, 2015, at Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown, Maryland. Gilbert Cangy, General Conference Youth Ministries director, is the featured speaker. Registration is open and $40 covers meals and lodging. Visit generationrain.com for more details.

Pastors in transition:
~ Ken Coleman and his wife, Joy, bid farewell to the Annapolis/Bell Branch district where they have served many years. Elder Coleman begins work this month as pastor for the Blythedale/Rising Sun district in the northern territory of Chesapeake Conference.
~ Geoffrey Crowley has recently returned from the seminary and succeeds Ken Coleman as pastor in the Annapolis/Bell Branch district beginning this month. A hearty welcome is offered to Pastor Crowley and his wife Amy, a graphic designer.
~ Rick Christman, who has most recently served as conference Publishing director, has accepted the invitation to serve as pastor of the Providence church in Elkton, Maryland, and as associate pastor at the W. Wilmington church in Delaware.

Enditnow: Break the Silence on Abuse—The Grasonville and Spencerville churches were recently among many churches throughout North America to host special Sabbath services with a focus on ending domestic violence. Studies show that family and dating violence happens as frequently in faith communities as it does in the general population. Consider having a frank conversation about abuse within your congregation. The North American Division offers downloadable resources for use by churches that are planning an abuse prevention emphasis day. Download the packet at nadwm.org by clicking on the enditnow logo. You could save a life.

Tired of being a spectator? Chesapeake Conference is looking for local missionary volunteers who want to help revitalize churches. Areas of need are musicians, adult and children’s Sabbath School teachers, greeters, speakers, outreach coordinators and participants. If you are willing to commit a year to helping a struggling church, contact Gary Gibbs at garyg@ccosda.org, or call (410) 995-1910.

Bring a Friend to Church! The Atholton church in Columbia, Maryland, is hosting a “Bring a Friend to Church Sabbath” on the first Sabbath of the month September through November, with services sensitive to the interests and needs of those attending an Adventist church for the first time. What a great idea! The church is located at 6520 Martin Road. More details are found online at atholton.org.

The Chesapeake Conference hosts a prayer line conference call each Wednesday morning from 6:30 to 7:30. Everyone is invited to participate in this time of praise and intercessory prayer. To join, call toll free (605) 475-4000, and use code 721521#.

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